



**Metropolitan
Montreal Basketball
Referee Association**

2026-2027 MMBRA BY LAW AND APPENDIX UPDATES

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Process

Each year MMBRA will update the organization By Laws and Appendix. As per our association directives, any changes to MMBRA By-Laws need to be voted on by the membership, with a majority ruling.

A change to a MMBRA appendix is an operational directive that the membership does not need to vote on, but does need to be notified. The Board of Directors at their discretion may ask for a vote of the membership if they feel needed to ratify a MMBRA appendix.



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1. By Law 1 - Membership

Section 4 Definition of a member



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1. By Law 1 - Membership Section 4 Definition of a member

Additions and Corrections to: **CBOC Exam / FIBA Exam**

Following the closing of the 2025 CBOC exam period a large number of officials had not written the exam.

Numerous members felt that with MMBRA being the standard of officiating in Basketball in Quebec that a review of the exam process needed to be revisited.



1. By Law 1 - Membership Section 4 Definition of a member - Current

Article # 1
By Law: Membership

Section # 4
Section Definition of a member

1-4-1 To be a member in good standing, a member needs to meet the following requirements

1-4-2 A member must meet all the requirements as stated in section 1 of By Law 1 Membership

1-4-3 Members must write the CBOC exam and obtain a score of 60% or more by the end of the examination period as decided by CBOC.

1-4-4 Those who fail to write the exam are suspended until the exam is successfully completed.

1-4-5 Members must participate in 10 MMBRA assigned games, tasks or MMBRA designated events. Can be solely or combined. This must be completed by April 30th of each year.

1-4-6 Members must sign, agree and adhere to the MMBRA Code of Ethics at the start of each season in September (appendix 2 - code of ethics) before they officiate their first game.

1-4-7 A member who is under suspension is still considered to be a member, but not in good standing. When the suspension term has been completed, the member will return to the status of a member in good standing, as long as they continue to follow the By-Laws and MMBRA Code of Ethics

1-4-8 Any current MMBRA member who wishes to be an associate member of another CPA approved board in Quebec, must inform in a written email the President of MMBRA, The Committee Chairperson of MMBRA and the President of the CPA board they wish to join.

1-4-9 Any member who wishes to be an associate member of another CPA approved board in Quebec, must agree to the terms as written in Appendix #5 of the MMBRA By-Laws. Members must agree to the terms in Appendix #5 and understand that the agreement will expire each year on April 30.



1. By Law 1 - Membership Section 4 Definition of a member - Proposed

- 1-4-1 To be a member in good standing, a member needs to meet the following requirements
- 1-4-2 A member must meet all the requirements as stated in section 1 of By Law 1 Membership
- 1-4-3 All members must write any exam required by the MMBRA Board of Directors within the window indicated.
- 1-4-4 failure to write any required exam in the exam window as described will result in the following penalties:
 - 1-4-4-1 The member cannot officiate in any MBL, RSEQ D1 or D2 games high school games*.
 - 1-4-4-2 The member cannot officiate in all playoff games.
 - 1-4-4-3 A financial penalty of \$100 will be administered for those who do not write the exam during the window as stated by the CBOC
 - 1-4-4-4 A 10% penalty will be applied to all games until the exam is taken the following year.
 - 1-4-4-5 The member may be limited in assignments. Certain clients require a level of officiating.
 - 1-4-4-6 The member is placed on probation until the exam is written.
 - 1-4-4-7 Failure to write the exam for two consecutive years without a valid excuse will lead to a review from the Discipline chair. The Discipline chair, working within the by-laws, may suspend the member until their exam is written.
 - 1-4-4-8 Members who fail the exam, a mandatory workshop with exam to be retaken afterwards. If they do not attend the workshop or fail the retake exam - probation on top of restricting assignments.
 - 1-4-4-9 Members who fail the exam 2 year in a row, will be required to attend MMBRA assigned education session as well may need to attend a Rookie Session. All other penalties apply and 10% of all game fees will be removed from total earnings.
 - 1-4-4-10 Members are allowed to appeal any of the above sanctions by following the appeal process as stated in Appendix 7-3.

* Note the CEGEP D1 and D2 panel along with USport are regulated by the Quebec CPA. Please refer to their regulations for failure to write required exam(s)

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1. By Law 1 - Membership Section 4 Definition of a member - Proposed

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- 1-4-4-11 MMBRA will not supply any funding or reimbursement for educational opportunities such as a camp until they are removed from the probation list for not writing all required exam(s)

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1. By Law 1 - Membership Section 4

Definition of a member

Action to be taken:

1. Must be approved by the current Board of Directors
2. If approved, the item will be placed in the agenda of the AGM and voted upon by the membership.
3. Added to the MMBRA By-laws, following the AGM

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2. By Law 2 - Committees



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Addition to By Law 2, Executive Committee:

- Addition of a line that would give power to the Executive board to create, suspend (vacant) or terminate (remove) a position on the Executive Committee, if the action is in best interest of MMBRA.

This would allow the Executive Board to add positions to help MMBRA complete their goals.



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3. By Law 3, Section 7 - Assignors



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3. By Law 3, Section 7 - Assignors

Current Assignors section in By Law Section 7:

3-7-1	The Executive Board shall appoint the Assigner(s) for a period of one year.
3-7-2	The Executive Officers can determine the number of assignors prior to the initial meeting (Bull Session) in September.
3-7-3	Assignors will be assigned their game load by the President, with input by the Executive Board.
3-7-4	Assignors shall be responsible for the appropriate assignment of officials to all leagues they are assigned to.
3-7-5	Assignors shall act as the point of contact for the convenors/athletic directors for these games and shall be responsible for any complaints or potential discipline matters arising from the games assigned. All matters must be reported to the Executive Board.
3-7-6	Assignors shall work with the Executive Board to resolve any matters that arise.
3-7-7	Assignors shall be responsible for recording the assignments made and when necessary, prepare billing reports for payment by the leagues where assignments were made.
3-7-8	All Assignors shall support each other. Assignors can be replaced by another assigner when they are unable to do their duties, as decided by the Executive Board.



3. By Law 3, Section 7 - Assignors

Addition to Assignors section in By Law Section 7:

3-7-9 Assignors are not allowed to self-assign games in the leagues they assign unless approved by the President or Vice President.

3-7-10 Assignors may be limited to less than 150 regular season MMBRA assigned games in the period they assign for. Example High School Assignors in the period of Sept 1 to March 1, maybe limited to the number of games they do. Only the President may allow an assigner to officiate in more games.

3-7-11 An Assignor who coaches in a league they serve, cannot assign any games of the level they coach in. Example, coach BB 4.2 Boys in GMAA, cannot assign that level in the same league.

3-7-12 An assignor is to ensure that all assignments are shared equally amongst available members.

3-7-13 Assignors who are not actively officiating or supervising for MMBRA do not need to take the CBOC exam or any exam as designated by MMBRA.



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4. Appendix 1 Dues and Fees, Section 1



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UPDATE

MMBRA Board of Directors are proposing that the membership fees is raised annually by \$10 each September for the next 3 years.

CURRENT	SEPT 26	SEPT 27	SEPT 28
\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100



4. Appendix 1 Dues and Fees, Section 1

UPDATE

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5. Appendix 1 Dues and fees, Section 7 *NEW*



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5. Appendix 1 Dues and fees, Section 7

NEW

MMBRA Board of Directors are proposing a new annual on-boarding process for members. This will also coincide with the new process of paying annual CBOC fees.

This would be a new section in the MMBRA appendix.

Of note: CBOC is considering having members pay their annual NOCP level directly to the CBOC. MMBRA will no longer be paying these fees to the CPA that would then pay the CBOC, members would be responsible to ensure their dues are paid on time.



5. Appendix 1 Dues and fees, Section 7

NEW

- The following is a suggestion that would be put in place for the 2026-2027 season.
- - On August 1st of each year, every official in Arbitrator is placed in active, not ready to be assigned.
- - August 2nd: MMBRA members would register themselves for 2026-2027 season by paying the following fees and signing the following documents:
 - A) Membership fee: as described in **Appendix 1, Section 1 (A-1-1-1)**
 - B) NOCP fee they have obtained as of July 30 of each year. **Pending notification from CPA for rates see (A-1-3-2)**
 - C) Sign the MMBRA Code of Ethics as described in **Appendix 2**
 - D) Declare and or request permission to officiate in other Quebec CPAs as described in **Appendix 5**

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5. Appendix 1 Dues and fees, Section 7

NEW

- A. Once a member follows the above-mentioned steps, they are considered a member for the upcoming season and can be assigned to games.
- B. Members would have the option of paying their fees upfront or using summer account money by Sept 1st. After Sept 1st, members can only pay via transfer to the treasurer.
- C. For an associated member, they would need to follow the above-mentioned steps, except for point B and D.
- D. Any member who wishes to transfer from another board within Canada or Quebec would need to do the following once the reference letter is confirmed. For anyone in Canada who is transferring to MMBRA, the NOCP fee would need to be applied, even if they paid the amount in their home province.
- E. **Anyone** who pays after November 1st will pay the same amount but may not be able to take the CBOC exam, therefore they will need to fall under the regulations of a member who has not taken the exam for the season.
- F. The registration period will be from August 2nd to February 1st of each year. After February 1st of each year, members may be required to pay a prorated fee.
- G. Rookies are not subjected to the registration process until they are welcomed as full members of MMBRA. They may have their membership fees, if required, taken of their paycheck.

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5. Appendix 1 Dues and fees, Section 7

NEW

The reason we need to consider this is the following:

- 1. That MMBRA knows the real number of officials we have that are active
- 2. That MMBRA is not paying for Arbiter licenses that we are not using for members who are not doing games
- 3. That we have members that should not be registered for the CBOC exam that will not be taking it.
- 4. That MMBRA is not paying CPA fees for officials who are not doing games.
- This rule would apply to anyone wishing to be an active official in MMBRA as according to our by-laws and described in By law 1 – Membership.
- To note: retired or honorary members are not subject to the above process. If they wish to become an active member, they will need to follow the same process as stated.



5. Appendix 1 Dues and fees, Section 7

NEW

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6. Appendix 3 – Appeal Process



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Current appendix

A-3	If, after a ruling by the Discipline Committee, the official wishes to appeal the process, the process must follow these steps:
A-3-1	The appeal must be made in writing no more than 72 hours after the notice and sent to the President of MMBRA and the Discipline Chair.
A-3-2	The Discipline chair will forward any and all information to the elected members of the Executive Board (president, vice president, and directors).
A-3-3	The Executive Board members will review all information and vote on whether or not to support the Discipline Committee.
A-3-4	If there is a reversal of the decision, the member is contacted by email, and the Discipline Chair and all members of the Executive Board are copied. The matter is considered closed and entered into the minutes at the beginning of the next meeting.
A-3-5	If required, the member is granted a hearing at the next meeting to be heard by the Executive Board where explanations and questions may be asked. Final decision will be communicated by email to the official within 5 days after meeting.
A-3-6	Original sanction(s) by the Discipline Committee will stay in effect during the appeal process.
A-3-7	After the appeal process is closed, the final decision, if required, will be transmitted to CPA Quebec.



6. Appendix 3 – Appeal Process

Updated by laws

- The appeal must be sent to the Discipline Chairperson and the Vice-President within 72 hours of the notice.
- In case of a suspension, a date of no more than 5 days will be indicated on the letter to when the suspension is to start
- If the notice is related to a suspension, the member is suspended starting the date mentioned on the notice. If the member appeals the suspension, the days suspended are counted towards the penalty until the appeal is sent.
- The member will be informed once the appeal is received.
- If in the judgement of the Vice-President, the member who has appealed can continue to officiate during the appeal process, they will be informed along with the assignors.
- If in the judgement of the Vice-President, the official cannot officiate during the appeal process, the member, MMBRA Board of Directors along with the Assignors will be informed of the decision. This will be used in circumstances where in judgement of the Vice-President that the official should be removed in the best interest of MMBRA, MMBRA members and clients.
- No financial reimbursement will be provided to a member who lost revenue during the appeal process.
- It is MMBRA intention to hear all appeals within an appropriate amount of time, without delay. It does happen that delays may occur to gather information to ensure that proper decisions are made.



6. Appendix 3 – Appeal Process

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7. Appendix 12 Assignments – League Playoffs



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- A suggested application process should be created where members need to apply to work playoff games.
- A member who applies for playoffs does not mean they will be assigned games. This is more a way for members to understand the criteria and requirement to officiate playoff games.
- The board of directors can limit the number of games assigned to an official in one day during the playoffs, ex: no double headers.



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8. Appendix 2 Code of Ethics



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8. Code of Ethics

MMBRA board of Directors has changed the date for officials to work non MMBRA assigned games from May 1st to April 15th or the First Monday after Easter of each calendar year.

The current date in A-2-1-5 Indicates Mat 1st to August 31st (inclusive)

The new line will be:

Officials must not solicit nor accept games from any coach, league or representative thereof unless games occur between April 15th or the first Monday after Easter of a calendar year until August 31st(inclusive)

This date will be updated in the new version of the by laws when the new version is released in September 2026.



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9. 10 Game Rule



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9. 10-Game Rule

MMBRA board of Directors has clarified what qualifies as part of the 10-game rule as pertaining to games assigned by MMBRA.

The following games do not count as games assigned by MMBRA and cannot be counted towards the 10-game rule.

USports

Cegep D1,D2 andD3

RSEQ D1 Men

If he Quebec CPA adds other levels or divisions that MMBRA had assigned, these games will not count towards 10 game rule.



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