



National Officials Certification Program

Preamble

The National Officials Certification Program (“NOCP”) is a cooperative effort between Canada Basketball and the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials (“CABO”) and aimed to assist in the education, development and standardization of evaluation criteria used to measure with consistency across Canada the proficiency expected for each level within the program.

ABOA, as a member of CABO, is supportive of the NOCP and will adhere to its framework. Although certification is not a requirement to officiate at the entry level, it is a requirement at the intermediate, senior and elite levels and officials are strongly encouraged to become certified.

Program

The following table outlines the program levels, responsible administrative body, objective, process and requirements.

Level	Administered By	Objective	Evaluation Process	Annual Exam Requirement	Evaluation Requirement		Resources	Level of Game	Pre-requisite
					#	Evaluator			
1	ABOA - delegated to Local Board	Entry level	Annual Exam Evaluation Course	70%	1	Local 1 Evaluator	FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations 2-Person Mechanics Manual Course Presentations Evaluation Form	Community Junior High School	None
2	ABOA - delegated to Local Board	Intermediate level	Annual Exam Evaluation Course	80%	2	Local or Provincial Evaluator 1 Evaluator	FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations 2-Person Mechanics Manual Course Presentations Evaluation Form	Senior High School	Level 1 Minimum 1 year experience
3	ABOA	Senior	Annual Exam Evaluation Course	86%	2	Provincial Evaluator 2 Separate Evaluators	FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations 3-Person Mechanics Manual Course Presentations Evaluation Form	Junior College / Varsity / University	Level 2 Minimum 3 years experience
4	CABO	Elite	Annual Exam Evaluation	86%	2	National Evaluator 2 Separate Evaluators	FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations 3-Person Mechanics Manual Evaluation Form	Competitive / Playoff University / Junior College	Level 3 Minimum 5 years experience
5	FIBA	International	FIBA Process						

Officials who do not meet the exam requirement in two consecutive years will be moved to the appropriate level and will need to re-qualify for the next level. Level 2 and 3 officials who stop refereeing for more than two years and then return will need to be re-certified to determine their appropriate program level if wanting to be considered for Provincial or National appointments. Level 4 officials who stop officiating and return after more than one year will be reviewed by CABO on a case by case basis together with input from ABOA.

ABOA will maintain accurate records of all Level 3-5 officials and Local Boards will maintain records for all unrated, Level 1 and 2 officials. Local educators and evaluators are expected to review the specific skill and knowledge outcomes for each level and to be reasonable and judicious when placing officials at the various levels in the program.

Proficiency

The proficiency for each Level is centered on the following core elements:

- Rule Knowledge
- Floor Mechanics
- Game Management
- Court Presence

For each Level the individual will have the skills, knowledge, mechanics, and game awareness appropriate to referee basketball at the level of game indicated in the above table meeting the minimum on-court evaluation requirement.

Application Requirements for Provincial and National Appointments

Officials must have attained the Minimum Level required prior to commencement of the competition as outlined in the table below.

Game Type	Minimum Level
1A and 2A Girls/Boys ASAA Provincials	1
3A and 4A Girls/Boys ASAA Provincials	2
U15 Girls/Boys Nationals	2
ACAC Women's/Men's Regular Season	2
U17 Girls/Boys Nationals	3
ACAC Women's/Men's Playoff Season	3*
CW Women's/Men's Regular/Playoff Season	3^
CCAA Women's/Men's Nationals	4**
U Sports Women's/Men's Nationals	4

* Level 2 Officials may be considered for ACAC Women's/Men's Playoff games for training and development and evaluation assessment opportunities to obtain a Level 3 designation.

^ CW Officials may be hired by Canada West prior to attaining a Level 3. These officials should take an active role in following the NOCP process and make the necessary efforts and take actions to endeavor to complete a minimum Level 3.

** Officials who are currently a Level 3 may be nominated to CCAA Women's/Men's Nationals with the expectation that there is a very high probability the official will obtain a Level 4 designation at the tournament.

Assessment Requests

ABOA members at all levels are encouraged to contact their local board and draw upon the resources, expertise and support available.

Level 1

ABOA members who wish to be considered for Level 1 should read the current FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations, read the 2-Person mechanics manual, complete the review of the Level 1 Course Presentations available on the ABOA website at <http://www.refalberta.ca/> or attend a Level 1 clinic if available, and then contact their local board to arrange the on-court evaluation component of the NOCP requirements.

Level 2

ABOA members who wish to be considered for Level 2 should read the current FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations, read the 2-Person mechanics manual, complete the review of the Level 2 Course Presentations available on the ABOA website at <http://www.refalberta.ca/> or attend a Level 2 clinic if available, and then contact their local board to arrange the on-court evaluation component of the NOCP requirements.

Level 3

ABOA members who wish to be considered for Level 3 should read the current FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations, read the 3-Person mechanics manual, complete the review of the Level 3 Course Presentations available on the ABOA website at <http://www.refalberta.ca/> or attend a Level 3 clinic if available, and then following recommendation by their local board evaluation chair (or other appropriate representative) and one Provincial evaluator, contact the ABOA Evaluation Chair at aboa.performance@gmail.com to arrange the on-court evaluation component of the NOCP requirement.

Level 4

ABOA members who wish to be considered for Level 4 should read the current FIBA Rule Book and Interpretations, read the 3-Person mechanics manual, and then following recommendation by their local board evaluation chair (or other appropriate representative) and one Provincial evaluator, contact the ABOA Evaluation Chair at aboa.performance@gmail.com who will work with CABO to arrange the on-court evaluation component of the NOCP requirement.

For all Levels the FIBA National exam is administered electronically annually through CABO and typically held in November/December.

Re-evaluation

The NOCP establishes the initial program requirements for each Level and sets the minimum standards for exam and on-court evaluation that must be achieved. However, ongoing education, training and assessment are essential components to the accreditation of officials. It is the member's responsibility to ensure they are maintaining or improving their proficiency on a regular basis. Achievement of a certain NOCP Level is no guarantee that the Level will be grandfathered in perpetuity by the Local Board, ABOA or CABO. Not only will officials be required to meet annually the minimum exam requirement but should expect from time to time additional on-court referee assessments that must demonstrate they are officiating at a performance standard as expected or above their NOCP Level rating.

NOCP Review

The NOCP Program is subject to review and amendment from time to time.