



## CBOC Awards Criteria



### **NOMINATION / APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Each year, CBOC shall form an **Awards and Recognition Committee** consisting of a minimum of one member of the CBOC Executive Council and two or more senior members of the general CBOC membership.

This committee will be a subcommittee of the CBOC Ad-Hoc Committee – **CABO Legacy and Awards and Recognition**.

The “committee” shall work with the Manager, Officials Development to develop nomination forms, formats, and materials as necessary that may be amended and re-used in future years.

In August of each year the **Awards and Recognition Committee** shall direct the Manager, Officials Development to seek nominations for each award as follows:

Nominations for the **Ted Earley Memorial Award** shall be sought from the members of the Awards and Recognition Committee and the CBOC Executive Council and whomever else the CBOC Executive Council identifies.

Nominations for the **John A. (Wink) Willox Award** shall be sought from each Provincial Basketball Officials Association or Provincial Basketball Officials Commission, as may be appropriate.

Nominations for the **CBOC Executive Award of Merit** will be sought from the members of the Awards and Recognition Committee and the CBOC Executive Council

Applications for the **Ritchie/Nicurity Bursary** shall be an open call to CBOC members, identifying the criteria, through Game Plan or other such CBOC membership communication vehicle. Applicants must provide support of their home province Officials organization as per the criteria.

Applications for **Warren Poncsak Memorial Camp Bursary** shall be by an open call to CBOC members, identifying the criteria, through Game Plan or other such CBOC membership communication vehicle.

All nominations shall be received by the committee by **September 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The **Awards and Recognition Committee** shall convene prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> in each year and make its recommendations for all Awards and Recognition to the CBOC Executive Council.

Prior to October 30<sup>th</sup>, the CBOC Executive Council shall either confirm the recommendations of the **Awards and Recognition Committee** or amend the recommendations at its discretion.

A public announcement of the Award winners and Recognition recipients will be made by CBOC / CB as soon as practicable thereafter, but prior to November 30<sup>th</sup> in any given year.

The **Awards and Recognition Committee** with the support of the Manager, Officials Development and the Coordinator, Officials Development shall look for suitable opportunities to present the CBOC Awards in a public setting and to celebrate the contributions of these esteemed members of the Canadian Basketball Officiating community.



**Below is the list of awards:**

**Ted Earley Memorial Award**

Ted Earley was one of CABO's founding members. Ted was a native of London, Ontario and in 1974, along with Al Rae of Ottawa, attended a meeting of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association at the invitation of Executive Director John Restivo. A follow-up meeting with representatives of each Province led to the formation of CABO. Ted Earley was appointed CABO's first Chairman and with the creation of a constitution became CABO's first President, a position he held until his death in 1978. Ted was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1992.

**Award Criteria**

A maximum of one nominee may receive the **Ted Earley Memorial Award** in any given year. The nominee must meet the following criteria, which have been established for this, CBOC's highest award:

- Recognized as a superior floor official.
- Has a considerable number of years of service as a floor official with national and international exposure, including significant FIBA involvement as a licensed floor official or administrator.
- Has performed varied forms of service to the basketball community, both provincially and nationally.
- Has served in administrative and leadership roles both provincially and nationally; and
- Has contributed to interpretive or educational capacities

**John A. (Wink) Willox Award**

Known to everyone as Wink, Wink's contributions to Canadian basketball in general and in particular British Columbia basketball were enormous. A long-time member of the executive committee of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO), Wink was one of the founding members of CABO in 1974 and represented British Columbia until his death in August 1982. Wink was the first recipient, (posthumously) of CABO's Ted Earley Memorial Award in 1984 and was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1994.

**Award Criteria**

In each year, a maximum of one candidate from each Province may receive the **John A. (Wink) Willow Award**. The candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Good floor official as determined by local standards.
- Significant length of service to the basketball community.
- Various forms of service to basketball officiating organizations.
- Contributions to basketball officiating in an administrative role.

**CBOC Executive Award of Merit**

CBOC shall maintain and continue to present the **CBOC Executive Award of Merit** as follows:

Originally awarded to Harry Hus in 1987 the name of the award (and the criteria) were changed at the 2010 AGM to the **CABO Executive Award of Merit**. With the merger of CABO into CBOC the name of the award is now the **CBOC Executive Award of Merit** and continued.

**Award Criteria**

In any given year, the **CBOC Executive Award of Merit** may be presented by the CBOC Executive Council to an individual who has made a significant contribution to CBOC.



- The award is not necessarily awarded annually.
- There could be more than one recipient in any given year: and
- The award recipient does not have to be an official but must have contributed to officiating.

A list of historic Award Recipients is maintained by CBOC / CB and will be made publicly available through the CBOC website.

### **Ritchie/Nicurity Bursary**

CBOC shall maintain and continue the **Ritchie/Nicurity Bursary** as follows:

Bill Ritchie of Fredericton, New Brunswick, was CABO's third President and served from 1979-85. He brought years of experience to the position as founder and long-time secretary treasurer of the New Brunswick Official's Association. Bill received the Ted Earley Memorial Award in 1986 and was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1996.

Brian Nicurity of Regina, Saskatchewan assumed the presidency of CABO in 1985. By this time, the role of President could not be held for more than two successive terms, thus limiting his tenure to 1985-89. Brian received the Ted Earley Memorial Award in 1990 and was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1996.

The purpose of the **Ritchie/Nicurity Bursary** program is to provide financial assistance to promising younger officials to assist in furthering their post-secondary education.

#### Award Criteria

- The recipients shall be selected from the pool of nominees based on merit, considering their officiating achievements to date, officiating potential, and academic standing.
- Recipients will be required to show the support of the Provincial Officials organization, including communication of support that provides information on the official's achievements, contributions, and potential as an official.
- Recipients are required to be enrolled full-time in a recognized university, college, technical, vocational or trade school in pursuit of higher education, either academic or job specific. Full-time meaning they are primarily a student in pursuit of knowledge or improvement.
- A maximum of six bursaries of \$750 each shall be awarded in each year. Recipients may receive a bursary in more than one year, to a maximum of 4 years and all within in a 5-year period.
- A list of historic Recipients is maintained by CBOC / CB and the list of Recipients for the current and previous 3 years will be made publicly available through the CBOC website.

### **Warren Poncsak Memorial Camp Bursary**

#### **Background**

Warren Poncsak was a long-time referee and evaluator in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

After playing for the University of Regina from 1980-85, Warren took up refereeing basketball where his basketball IQ and understanding of the game allowed him to be assigned to referee university and senior level basketball very early in his career. He refereed for 36 years, 32 of which were at the U Sport level. Warren was assigned to many U Sport Men's and Women's National Championships and as well as the U19 Men's Championship in Kelowna and the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina where he was assigned to the Boy's Gold Medal Game.



Warren served on the SABO executive as President and Provincial Interpreter and has held numerous positions on the Regina Association of Basketball Officials (RABO) executive including President and Referee in Chief. Warren's true passion was working with and instructing new and developing referees. Warren was a gifted clinician and camp instructor having worked at clinics and camps from coast to coast and even in the Northwest Territories.

Nationally Warren was a member of the National Evaluation Panel and a certified National Referee Coach. He has been assigned as a Referee Coach to numerous U15 & U17 National Championships as well as CCAA and U Sport Men's and Women's Championships.

Warren passed away July 13, 2021, at the age of 59. At the time of his death Warren was an active member of SBOC, CEBL and Canada West Officiating Panels.

#### Award Criteria

Each year, the Canada Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC) recognizes an individual who has contributed to the development of officials by mentoring an official or group of officials in their community. This recognition occurs through the Warren Poncsak Memorial Camp Bursary. The namesake for this award has set a standard of dedication to, love of, and contribution to basketball over his years of involvement as both a player and official.

- Member of CBOC.
- Has refereed at Level 4 or higher.
- Has instructed at camps/clinics.
- Has demonstrated their ability to connect with and develop young officials.
- Has served in a senior capacity on local or provincial boards, preferably as a supervisor or evaluator.

#### Selection Process

Nominations for this award can be made by any member of CBOC but must be endorsed by a provincial board or commission.