



ABBTO Conference Report 2007

Saturday 8th September

Welcome

Chairman of Officiating Alan Richardson (AR) welcomed all officials to Newcastle and conference. He outlined new emphases for refereeing regarding Unsportsmanlike fouls and 'Flopping'.

Unsportsmanlike

During a dead ball situation

Any foul with other than minimal contact shall be unsportsmanlike

Last seconds of the game

Any unreasonable contact is an unsportsmanlike foul

Technical foul

Flopping or faking

1 warning to player plus 1 warning per team to coach immediately after the situation.

Thereafter, a technical foul should be administered.

FIBA Technical wording will be placed on EB website.

35 Table Officials (TO) then followed their own programme in another room, until the plenary session on Sunday.

Rules and Mechanics - quiz and discussion / best practice

This interactive session was much appreciated. The main reminders to ALL table officials are:

Scorer

Rule through any unused player spaces, just before tip-off (best practice)

ALL unused time-out boxes should be ruled through with a DOUBLE line (FIBA rule)

Rule around player personal fouls at the end of EVERY quarter (FIBA rule)

On a held ball situation, if there is a foul before the ball is 'in bounded', do not turn the arrow (FIBA rule)

Timekeeper

After a foul, raise hand only when all table officials are ready (best practice)

After a free throw, raise hand when player releases the ball (best practice)

Clock is running just short of last 2 minutes and a basket is scored. If team conceded against is slow to inbound the ball, DO NOT stop clock at 2 minutes (FIBA rule)

During a charged time-out, sound signal at 50 seconds AND again at 1 minute (FIBA rule)

During interval of play before 2nd/4th/extra time, sound device at 30 seconds before interval expires (FIBA rule)

24 Seconds

Shot clock should only display 24 when a team has GAINED CONTROL on the court (not just touch) (FIBA)

Blank the clock as the ball hits the ring on a shot or the ball enters the ring (FIBA rule)

Don't blank the clock if a double foul is called or if the ball jams against the basket support (FIBA rule)

REMEMBER – Don't sound the horn if you think it's a 24 seconds violation (that's the referee's job!) (FIBA rule)

Scorer / 24 secs /Asst. Scorer

4th team foul – put foul marker up when player has hands on the ball or referee puts ball at the disposal of player (FIBA rule) DO NOT waggle foul marker at referee / DO NOT pass foul marker along table.

Feed back to Referees

Referees have been instructed by AR/FIBA to RUN after signalling foul. Reminder: Don't forget to check back with the table officials to ensure the scorer has raised foul marker and timekeeper is ready before putting the ball into play

Time-out / substitution request. Once scorer has sounded horn, the coach CANNOT cancel the request (FIBA rule)

EB Licenses. It is the responsibility of the referee to check ALL team licenses, not the table officials (EB rule)

5th team foul. If the floor officials fail to observe that the team foul marker has been raised, the TO will endeavour to inform the referees discreetly before resorting to sounding the horn (best practice)

Please be aware of body language if you think that one of the officials has made an error. Discuss after the game.



(Best practice)

Workshops

We looked at the processes for promoting and sustaining table officials' development through motivation, mentoring, observation and assessment.

Outcome: suggestions and slogans for full committee to create a vision statement for ABBTO

ABBTO AGM

Following elections at AGM the new executive committee consists of:

Chairperson	Patricia Fairclough
Secretary	Elaine Anderson
Assistant Secretary	Claire Ormandy
Treasurer	Joan Himpson
Membership Representatives	Laura Tomlinson
	Austin Grant
	Representative Basketball Wales
	Representative Basketball Scotland

Full committee consists of:

Executive Committee

RMC representatives

Representatives from GB Wheelchair Basketball Association and Combined Services

Please find ABBTO annual report as a separate document on this website.

+ ABBTO held a full committee meeting after the AGM. Dates for future meetings were agreed.

+ Conference Dinner / Awards: Mary Clark Award went to Jeff Booton; Carol Henderson was awarded the Bill Taylor award.

Sunday, 9th September

ABBTO Tutor Training

A refresher course for existing tutors with a Child Protection workshop took place during the early session (All tutors who have not attended tutor training in the last 3 years are reminded that they should update their qualification in order to renew their tutoring status).

Feedback and General Discussion Session (alternate workshop to above)

The points for discussion were: feedback on the current Conference and suggestions for next year's programme.

Current Conference

Delegates reviewed hospitality on arrival, content of programme, evening meal and socialising.

Everyone thought the quiz was excellent especially with using the zappers and gave positive feedback for future progress.

The assembled company also agreed that the feedback session was very beneficial and most enjoyable.

Programme for Next year's Conference

The following suggestions were made:

Another similar quiz, using the zappers if possible

24 second shot clock clips

'A perfect scoresheet' covering the three possible levels of scoresheets (common errors to be noted)

A session covering the current signals



Mixed session with the referees

Rule(s) or Mechanics changes – if any rule changes initially it should be covered with the referees and then, depending on the nature of the changes, a breakout session to discuss the implications on the table
General discussion / feedback time similar to this session

General suggestions

The programme should be firmed up earlier and should reflect exactly what we actually do.

Any rule or mechanics changes should go on our web pages

Business cards should be distributed containing the website address for handing out at different venues

Request a tick box on the licence card application which allows EB to pass table official details to ABBTO

ABBTO newsletter via email

Draft Minutes of the AGM by email as soon as possible

Plenary (with referees)

Discussion was held re the suitability of conference venues and proposals for hosting 2008 conference.
Officials were asked to submit suggestions to Simon Unsworth a.s.a.p.