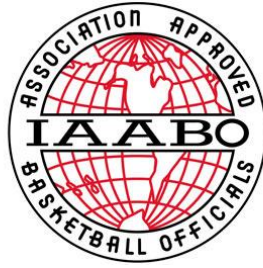


CENTRAL MAINE DISTRICT



BOARD OF BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

General Information for New Officials

Congratulations!!! You have just passed the exam and now you are on your way to becoming a certified official. Listed below are a few things that might be helpful for you to know.

- 1. Provisional Membership:** You are now a provisional member of IAABO Board #20.
There are four other boards in the State of Maine totaling approximately 550 officials. You are a member of an international association that includes over 100 other Boards with over 15,000 members worldwide.
- 2. Floor Education:** There are two steps to becoming a certified basketball official. The first is passing the written exam which you have done. The second is passing the “floor exam,” which tests your knowledge of proper floor mechanics, signals and procedures. This program is led by Board President Tawnya Clough. She will be in contact with you in the coming weeks on the specifics of the program.
- 3. Uniforms:** IAABO has its own supplier (Blow Your Whistles) of uniforms. The official uniform in Maine is a black and white striped shirt with a flag on back with gold trim. You can wear a grey uniform if all members of the crew have one and agree to wear them. They offer a “starter package” specifically for new IAABO provisional members on their website. If you wish to purchase equipment from this supplier, their phone number is 203-261-3128. The website address is <https://www.blowyourwhistles.com/>
- 4. Dues:** You have paid a fee which covered your IAABO University training. Following the end of this coming season, you will be required to pay dues this year in the amount of **\$112.00**. Dues must be received by February 26th to remain in good standing. Checks should be made payable to **Central Maine IAABO #20** and may be mailed to Board Secretary/Treasurer Chris Barstow, 73 Gleason Street, Thomaston, ME 04861. Venmo payments to @crbarstow are also accepted.

5. **Board Officers:** Officers of the Board may be found at <https://www.iaaboard20.org/executive-board/>. Any questions that you have regarding any administrative issues such as dues, uniforms, school locations, fees and meetings should be directed to Chris Barstow (207-441-7822). Any questions regarding rule interpretation and issues concerning, floor education or proper mechanics should be directed to Dan Nadeau (207-446-5730). There is also a Board website www.iaaboard20.org that you will want to check out.
6. **Assignments:** The Board presently uses an on-line assignment system. That website address is www.arbitersports.com. Dave Tourtelotte (242-1631 home, 588-0022 work) is the Board Assigner. It is your responsibility to keep him informed of your availability for games, address and phone number changes, as well as any work restrictions that you may have. Most of these changes can be done on-line in Arbitrator. You should contact him at copdat@outlook.com to arrange a time where he can set you up in arbitrator and show you how the system works.
7. **Fingerprinting & Criminal History Records Check:** By contract with the Maine Principals Association, every official in Maine needs to show proof of a CHRC certificate to officiate. However, because the process takes so long with the Department of Education (DOE), in your first year, you only need to show proof you have been fingerprinted and submitted the application to the DOE. You should have the CHRC certificate by the end of the season. To officiate next season, you will need to show a copy of this certificate to the Interpreter. A separate document is provided to you to outline that process.
8. **Meetings & Clinics:** Your attendance at meetings and clinics is required unless you have a valid excuse. The most up to date schedule for these meetings and clinics can be found at <https://www.iaaboard20.org/meeting-schedule/>. Please notify the Secretary/Treasurer if you are unable to attend any meeting.

We hope that this information is useful. Please feel free to reach out to any of us for help and assistance. Best wishes as you begin your officiating journey.

Executive Committee
Central Maine IAABO Board #20