

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Between

Alberta Schools' Athletic Association'

and

Alberta Basketball Officials Association

The intent of this agreement is that the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association (ASAA) will contract the Alberta Basketball Officials Association (ABOA) to provide for the officiating needs of the ASAA at each ASAA Provincial Basketball Championship for 2009/2010, 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

Conditions:

Date of cost estimate

By December 1 each year of this agreement the ABOA will provide the ASAA with a reasonable estimate of total costs anticipated for the coming championship as agreed to below so that the ASAA can inform Provincial Championship hosts what to include as the entry fee in the registration packages they publish on their championship website and send to ASAA zone secretaries. It is understood by both parties that this figure may go up or down based on flexibility included in the wording of this agreement.

Payment by ASAA

Approximately 3 weeks prior to each Provincial Basketball Championship, the ASAA will pay the ABOA 50% of the estimated total cost of providing officials at ASAA Provincials. A bill will need to be provided to the ASAA office. Following the championships, and upon receipt of a detailed breakdown of expenses incurred by the ABOA, and following satisfactory responses to questions posed by the ASAA about "additional" costs incurred over and above the initial estimate, the ASAA will pay the outstanding amount to the ABOA

Game fees per official

- 2010 @ \$40.00 per official per game
- 2011 @ \$41.50 per official per game
- 2012 @ \$43.00 per official per game

Per Diem Rates

- Local official (an official living in the centre the games are being played in)- \$20 per day
- Non-local officials – based upon the following, as required:
 - Breakfast \$9
 - Lunch \$11
 - Supper \$15

Transport*

- 2010 @ \$5,500
- 2011 @ \$5,500
- 2012 @ \$5,500

* The ASAA will keep the door open to discuss extenuating circumstances that may involve the ABOA asking to exceed the dollar amounts allocated. The ASAA also understands that when costs do not reach the noted amounts it will be rebated accordingly.

When provincial championships are held in rural centers where local accommodations are not readily available, the reasonable cost (based upon \$0.25 per km) of transporting officials from the nearest centre with hotels to the venue would be in addition to this mileage allowance.

Also when 4A Tournaments are held in large centres such as Calgary and Edmonton that require excessive local travel between venues, that the reasonable cost (based upon \$0.25 per km) of transporting officials from the hotels to the venue would be in addition to this mileage allowance. Prior approval will be obtained from the ASAA with the submission of the December 1st Cost Estimate submission.

Accommodation:

To be based on double occupancy for officials traveling 100km+ one way at a rate provided by the host hotel including taxes or reasonable hotel cost for the area in which the championships will occur if there is not a “host” hotel or if such a hotel is fully booked. The ABOA should consult the ASAA Accommodation Guide for the best rates, and the ABOA is responsible for booking their own rooms. It is expected that the ABOA will make every effort to book rooms in advance of the tournament.

Regionalization & Neutrality:

The ASAA would like the ABOA to work to the best of its ability to optimize the utilization of local officials to make up the majority of officials at each ASAA Provincial Championship event with the understanding that this may not always be possible. The ASAA trusts in the ability of officials within your association to remain neutral regardless of where they come from, and we appreciate the ABOA’s understanding that the main

reason for our request of more local officials is to keep the cost of participating in provincial championships as reasonable for participating teams as possible.

Maximum Number of Games

Both parties recognize that, in order for the officials to perform at an optimal level, no official will be required to work in excess of 2 games per day. For this reason, the minimum number of officials required at any tournament is the greater of:

- a) 8 officials; or
- b) the maximum number of games on any given day

At the 4A level many facilities have courts that are at or near the maximum length permitted by the existing rules. Therefore and in order to provide proper floor coverage the ABOA will use 3 officials per game in the championship side quarter and semi finals games. 3 officials will also be assigned to the bronze medal and gold medal games. Cost estimates will be provided with the submission of the December 1st cost estimate.

Assignor/Evaluator:

We understand that the ABOA includes assignor/evaluator personnel at each championship at their cost and that the only communication that will take place between evaluator and officials during a match will be if the evaluator feels “. . . it is necessary and important in the interests of fair play” (ABOA correspondence to ASAA, Feb. 7, 2000).

Communication with ASAA Hosts

The ASAA will forward a list of tournament contacts to the ABOA a minimum of one month prior to the commencement of the provincial championships. Once the contact list is received, the ABOA will contact the ASAA Provincial Championship hosts and forward the name and contact information of a designated person with whom the hosts can communicate regarding provincial championship officiating matters.

Miscellaneous

While the ASAA cannot require provincial championship hosts to comply with all requests that may involve decisions made at the school level, we will request the following of each host in respect to ABOA officials:

- Event passes to all facilities used during the tournament or a reasonable supply of ASAA “All events passes”, if those passes are not provided to the ABOA by the ASAA.
- Lockable change rooms, separate from those of players. Different change rooms for men & women
- Safety and security of officials during tournament play, especially post-game
- Invitation to the opening ceremony for a representative from your association to say a few words of welcome on behalf of the officials
- Parking needs to be accommodated as best as possible at each location

- Access to hospitality room provided for coaches
- ASAA Hosts must monitor and have qualified and trained local table officials in accordance with FIBA guidelines prior to the start of the tournament. Sufficient training and experience should be expected by the local host prior to the start of the tournament.

Rule Changes

The ASAA will make every effort to keep the ABOA and Basketball Alberta informed of any proposed rule changes (Notice of Motion) that will be voted upon at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the ASAA. However, if such Notices are not provided to the ABOA, it will be incumbent upon the ABOA to obtain the Notices of Motion from the ASAA website three weeks prior to the AGM of the ASAA. It is anticipated these Notices will be available on the ASAA website by mid-April each year. As any school zone or ASAA Commissioner can submit a Notice of Motion to change policy as late as April 1, it is not possible to involve the ABOA in discussions regarding those motions. However, if the ASAA considers significant changes to the basketball rules it follows, the ABOA will be involved in discussions regarding those rule changes.

Handshake Policy

Sportsmanship is a high priority for the ASAA and a post-game sportsmanship initiative will continue to be a goal of the ASAA. This initiative will continue to be discussed at both ASAA and ABOA levels.

AGREED TO BY:

Perry Stothart, President, ABOA

John Paton, Executive Director, ASAA

Date: _____

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