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What's New for the MBA in 2016



We hope you've enjoyed reading our Fast Break newsletters over the year. There's been much activity over the summer from our Board of Directors and many of our tournament players that you'll read about in this newsletter.

In my section I'll touch on the Board of Directors meeting updates. This summer the board approved a new senior staffing structure and made a couple of important administrative changes (read about this below).

First, we are making the Team Organizer meeting on Tuesday morning mandatory. The meeting will take place prior to the first set of games. Each team will be required to have a representative at the meeting. Finalized rosters will be submitted at the end of the meeting. If a roster is not submitted at the meeting, the most recent roster provided will be recognized as the official team roster. All additions or deletions to team rosters will need to be made prior to leaving the meeting. Once reviewed and signed off, rosters will be frozen.

Secondly, the board made a change to the penalty for forfeiting a game. The new policy will be the immediate forfeiture of the forfeiting team's Uniform Deposit. Half of the deposit will be given to the team that was left without a game. Although forfeits are rare, they are not acceptable and the board felt this was a very fair way to handle such situations.



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We look forward to seeing you again next May 2-7 at the Coral Springs Gymnasium.

Dave Hulett

Chief Operating Officer

MBA SPOTLIGHT: GORDY POPE

We are fortunate to have so many special people involved with Masters Basketball Association - National Masters Championships.

This month, we are sad to report the passing of Gordy Pope of Greenfield, Indiana. Gordy played in the very first Masters Tournament in South Florida and continued to play each year from

his 40's to his 70's with the Indiana Masters, one of the tournament's most successful teams. Gordy was named to All Tournament teams a number of times over the years.

In addition, Gordy through his affiliation with Jostens, supplied the MBA with the Jostens MVP rings.

To recognize Gordy's contribution to the tournament, the MBA Board of Directors has announced that the MVP rings shall now be known as the **Gordon D. Pope MVP Ring** by Jostens.



NEW MBA STAFFING PLAN ANNOUNCED

The Board of Directors approved revisions to the MBA Senior Staff at its recent annual meeting. Dave Hulett was named as Chief Operating Officer with overall management responsibility for the MBA and the National Masters Championships.

Steve Nelson has been promoted to Tournament Director. Steve will be responsible for preparing all operational and administrative functions leading to tournament week and will supervise all tournament week operations.



Steve Nelson

Jerry Hauck and **Abbe Tepe** have enhanced duties in support of Steve. Hauck is now the Assistant Tournament Director - Gym Operations and Tepe will be the Assistant Tournament Director - Administration.

Pete Battaglia will continue in his position as the Supervisor of Officials.

The board believes this is a very strong Senior Staff and bodes well for the future operation of the tournament.

MBA SHINES AT FIMBA TOURNAMENT

In August there were a number of MBA players that participated with great success at the FIMBA Tournament held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

We want to thank those of you who shared your team results, feedback and of course the great photos.

MBA Board Member Mike Phelps used the MBA logo on his 65+ team and proudly represented our organization as his team won the division championship. A 50+ team was comprised of MBA alums and they also won its division.





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