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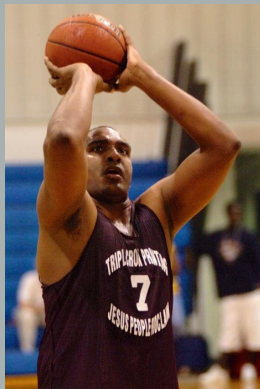
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The October COO Report



The process of finding ways to enhance our tournament is never-ending and October has been a busy month for the senior staff.

We initiated the process of renewing and recruiting sponsors for the 2016 tournament, plus had our annual recap and planning meeting with the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. The CVB has been very supportive of this event for decades and we are working together to find additional partners and special offers to make your stay in our area for the tournament a memorable one.

By the way...if you or your company is interested in a sponsorship or you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a sponsor, we encourage you to contact us. Additional sponsors will enable us to keep our Team Entry fees at current levels and can make future reductions possible.

The MBA board has approved changes to both our Uniform Deposit and Forfeit policy. Note the discussion below regarding this information that will be in the updated "Team Organizer Handbook".

Finally, I want to congratulate all the MBA players who recently competed in the FIMBA tournament in August. MBA Director Mike Phelps entered his 65+ team under the MBA logo and did us proud! Your play and results reinforces the idea that the MBA - National Masters Championship is the premier tournament, with teams that can compete and dominate on a worldwide basis.

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MBA MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

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How many years have you been an official?

43 years. 25 of those years on the NCAA level. I have officiated everything from CYO & AAU to high school to Division 1.

What's your best memory/highlight as an official?

From an officiating point of view, my biggest game was an NCAA Div. II Regional Final. But...being able to officiate last year's Broward County High School Championship will be my best memory not only because of the quality of the game, (featuring two undefeated and top 10 nationally ranked teams) but because it was also my last "official" game and first game my entire family, including my 13 month old granddaughter, EVER attended.



How do you recruit officials for the MBA Tournament?

I have met with and worked with hundreds of officials who have worked every level of officiating from high school to the NBA. Last week I was at a meeting with a longtime friend who is the Director of Scouting for the NBA, where we discussed what he does to recognize and follow potential NBA officials. Ironically, he and I have used the same identification process on the high school and collegiate level.

Who are some of the top officials who are working this year's tournament?

- Freddie Williams, NAIA Supervisor, Officiated Div II Championship, former ACC, Conference USA, MEAC, & FHSAA Director of State Evaluations
- Frankie Raposo, NCAA Division 1- 20 yrs-including officiated N.I.T. ACC, Conference USA, Atlantic Sun, MEAC and several league Championships.
- Danny Eberly, Worked the NAIA Final Four 2014 & 2015

What do you tell your officials about calling MBA games?

I make a very simple statement to ALL officials"THIS IS THEIR FINAL FOUR" Officiate these games as if you were being observed by your supervisor to determine whether or not he will be recommending you to work the NCAA tournament.

Are there any new points of emphasis the officials will look for this year at our tournament?

One of the most pertinent point of emphasis will be "freedom of

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movement." Particularly "post play" and handchecking by the guards.

TEAM ORGANIZER HANDBOOK/ENTER YOUR TEAM

We are currently in the process of updating the "Team Organizer Handbook" and the "Enter Your Team" tabs on the MBA website for the 2016 Tournament. The updated material will be available on our website in early November.

There are changes to the Uniform Deposit, the Uniform Deposit Fine and a new Forfeit policy. All Team Organizers need to review the new information and should also be familiar with all the information contained in the "Handbook".

Also...We are always looking for new team organizers, so if you are interested in becoming a team organizer, please contact us and we can help you get started.

MBA SHINES AT FIMBA TOURNAMENT - Pt. 2

Thanks to Robert Scotlan for letting us know how Ancient Regime performed at the FIMBA tournament in August. Congrats to Robert and his team on winning the Gold in the 70+ division.

The team consisted of Vic Diehl, Bob Rossin, John Wagg, Tom Demo, Danny Rodriguez, Roy Mcneely, Freddie Jackson, Floyd Harris and coached by Robert Scotlan. Patrick Weinstein sponsored the team.



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