



“Changing the Landscape of Officiating”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING MAGBO’S **WOMEN’S BASKETBALL OFFICIATING PROFICIENCY COURSE**

1. Why is MAGBO offering this course?

Following the success of MAGBO’s Basketball Officiating Basics course last spring, numerous stakeholders of the game, including coaches, officials, assignors, and league personnel, approached MAGBO administrators about the possibility of our facilitating a higher-level course that will better prepare officials for games. The MAGBO educational model has a proven track record that can be seen in our In Position Camps, Study Sessions, and Test Reviews. The partnership that we have forged with the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) has strengthened our resolve to be a leader in the development of basketball officials in the metropolitan area and has afforded us access to numerous instructional resources that will make the **Women’s Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** a unique experience for our participants.

Assignors are eager to expand their pool of officials and hire new officials that are proficient in NCAA Women’s Basketball Rules and Mechanics. League administrators across all levels of basketball have made the commitment to ensure the quality of officiating is commensurate with the level of play, necessitating opportunities such as the **Women’s Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course**.

2. What will this course cover? Who will teach it?

MAGBO’s **Women’s Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** will cover the most up-to-date NCAA Women’s Basketball Rules and Mechanics, and will be taught by esteemed instructors who each have decades of experience. In addition to the rules and mechanics, officiating philosophy and best practices will be discussed throughout each session. Participation in this course will include a subscription to REFEREE Magazine and access to other educational materials from NASO. NASO’s Liability Insurance is built into the course and will cover all course participants with “premium membership” in MAGBO.

Our talented and experienced instructors are committed to ensuring the best learning environment for aspiring officials. MAGBO’s instructional staff and guest lecturers, all of whom are trained and experienced educators, includes its CEO, **Kerry Donohue** (25+ seasons of experience, including 10 at the Division I level), **Sue Shepherd** (Athletic Director of St. John Villa Academy, former CHSAA assignor and official), **Pat DeForte** (Respected clinician and NCAA referee), and **Helene Hamilton** (recently retired NCAA Women’s Basketball Official and current Division II Observer of Officials).

3. Who should take this course?

Anyone who is interested in officiating games played under NCAA Women’s Rules would clearly benefit from this course. All girls’ high school games in New York State are played under NCAA Women’s Rules, as are numerous CYO, AAU, and Rec League games. In addition any active official can use the **Women’s Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** to refresh their rules knowledge as there have recently been

numerous changes to the NCAA rules. The changes are reflected in the recently released 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 NCAA Women's Basketball Rule Book and Casebook.

4. Does this course lead to NYS Certification?

MAGBO has formed a relationship with the New York State Girls Basketball Officials Association as an education partner. MAGBO is not a local board, and therefore cannot administer the NYS Closed Book Rules Exam. The assessments at the conclusion of the **Women's Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** are designed to allow participants to demonstrate their proficiency with NCAA Women's Basketball Rules and Mechanics in practical settings. Having successfully completed the **Women's Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course**, participants will be approved to work games in various leagues.

For many leagues in the metropolitan area, the only requirements that an official must meet prior to being hired include a demonstration of proficiency in officiating and having personal officiating liability insurance. Participants in the **Women's Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** have the opportunity to attain both requirements.

5. Will participants in the Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course be guaranteed games?

All officials- and assignors - are independent contractors. Following completion of the **Women's Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course**, MAGBO will give all course participants an opportunity to meet and officiate in front of various assignors. Assignors will offer contracts to officials at their discretion, based on the parameters set by the leagues they represent. MAGBO's goal is to ensure that all officials are put in a position of optimal success.

6. What sets this course apart from other basketball officials' classes?

MAGBO's **Women's Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** boasts a structure that is condensed and focused to give participants the most bang for their buck. Emphasis will be placed on mechanics and rule application. The access that MAGBO members have to the educational resources of NASO, coupled with the practical curriculum taught by veteran officials who are experienced educators make the **Women's Basketball Officiating Proficiency Course** unlike any other opportunity in the metropolitan area. Additionally, assignors have the ability to hire officials directly out of this course. All of MAGBO's course participants immediately obtain NASO personal liability insurance upon registration, making them eligible to officiate upon a demonstration of proficiency.