COBOURG & DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME
P.O. Box 45, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 1M8

HONOURED MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION APPLICATION

Date Received

Nominee: Covert (Family Name) W. (First ~~Name~~ Initial) Bruce (Middle ~~Initial~~ Name)

Address: __

Postal Code: -

Email Addre:

Birth Place: Campbellford Date of Birth: 16 November 1951 (Day Month Year)

Place/Date of Death: -

Year Lived in Cobourg and/or District: entire life in Northumberland

If nominee is deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of next of kin.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Nomination For: Athlete ( ) Builder (✓) Athlete/Builder ( )

Sport (s): Basketball referee at all levels for 49 years

SPORT	TEAM	ROLE/CAPACITY	DATE
I have included Bruce's officiating resumé			
While attending C.D.C.I East, Bruce played both football and basketball for 5 years.			

Championship Teams: (Please provide dates):

Individual Awards/Citations: (Please provide dates):

See resumé for details

***Indicate if awards/honours are Local, Provincial, National or International**

Associations/Organizations/Clubs with whom nominee is/was associated with (local, provincial, national, international etc.)

If possible, please provide a summary/description of any other additional information that would describe the nominee's outstanding contribution to sport.

Bruce has been my mentor for many years. I have been a basketball referee for 38 years and Bruce continues to encourage me and many other referees in our board.

Newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, photos or sort memorabilia will assist in supporting the application.

SUBMISSIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN THE NOMINATION FORM BEING RETURNED TO THE NOMINATOR BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Additional Information/Comments:

Bruce has been a highly respected official throughout Northumberland and abroad. Coaches and players know that their games will be fairly officiated in a professional manner.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE, AND I ENDORSE THIS APPLICATION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE COBOURG AND DISTRICT SPORTS HALL OF FAME

NOMINATOR:

ADDRESS: _

PHONE # : (_

DATE: August 26, 2023

Please return completed form to:

Cobourg & District Sports Hall of Fame

P.O. Box 45

Cobourg, Ontario

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Officiating Resume 2023/24
Bruce Covert

NOCP •Level 4

Provincial Experience
•OABO member for 49 years
•Officiated 10 OFSAA high school provincial championships
•Officiated 4 OCAA Men's Provincial Championship tournaments
•Member of the OUA Panel for 30 years.
•Designated as an OUA crew chief - 24 years.
•Officiated more than 600 OUA league & exhibition games
•Officiated more than 75 OUA playoff games
•Officiated 12 Wilson Cup games (OUA Men's Provincial Championship game)
•OCAA official for 39 years

National Experience:
•Officiated 16 National Championship tournaments
•14 USport Men's Tournaments. 1 Premier Men. 1 Premier Woman. 4 Gold Medal Games , 2 Consolation Finals

Professional Experience
•National Basketball League of Canada 2010 to 2016

International Experience
•Officiated World Masters Game Toronto 1985
•Supervisor of Table Officials World Championships Toronto 1994
•Supervisor of Table Officials Pan Am Games Toronto 2015
•Camp staff at the IAABO three person camp in Orlando, Florida for 3 years
•Aboriginal Games - Iqaluit
•Barbados Invitational - Barbados
•Bombay Shootout - Nassau
•Officiated FIBA games in Ontario at the international level for more than 10 years including teams from Greece, Germany, Spain, Serbia, Croatia, Australia and the United States

FIBA Experience:

Evaluating Experience:

•OABO Provincial Evaluator for more than 25 years

•Evaluated numerous OFSAA Boy's and Girl's Provincial Championships as well as multiple OCAA Men's and Women's Provincial Championships

•CABO National Evaluator for 14 years. Evaluated 12 national tournaments at all levels, including two USport Men and one USport Women's tournament.

Related Experience:

•Staff member at Canada West Official's camp summer 2012

•Staff member at Quebec Elite camp summer 2013-14

•Staff member CABO Camp Halifax 2015

•Staff member at CABO Camp in Montreal for 4 years

•Member of the OABO executive for 30 years

•Member of the CABO National Council for 22 years

•OABO Provincial Supervisor for 22 years

• Director of all OABO summer camps for 25 years (trained more than 1000 OABO officials, including over 90% of the current OUA and OCAA officials in Ontario) plus numerous officials from across Canada

Awards

CABO Wink Willox Award 2016

•IAABO Life Member 2012

•OABO Life Member 2014

OABO Executive Achievement Award 2016

Administrative

2016 - 2017 OUA Panel Supervisor

2016- 2018 Manager of Official's Development Basketball Ontario

Local Involvement:

1981 - One of the four founding members of the Cobourg Board of Approved Basketball Officials

1981-2000 Member of the Cobourg Board of Approved Basketball Officials executive

1986 - Chair of the organizing committee of the OABO AGM hosted at Best Western Cobourg

2020-2023 President Cobourg Board of Approved Basketball Officials



Bruce is on the far right

Bruce Covert is the middle referee ...

Another chapter ends?

Reflection by Justin Walsh

October 29, 2016

It was a cold and rainy night in Ottawa when another CIS exhibition game was about to begin. Ottawa U was hosting Bishops and all seemed as usual. The players were anticipating another season, the coaches looked anxious to begin, the table crew was ready for the opening tip and the officials were across the floor preparing for the game.

But this was not just another game. This tilt marked the end of Bruce Covert's OUA officiating career; one that spanned a remarkable 30 years. Along with David Maxin, I had the honour to be on Bruce's crew for his last game. It was a game without incident - rather smooth from beginning to end. It was, however, another milestone for an official who has had many - IAABO life member, OABO life member and Wink Willox Award winner to name just a few. More importantly, there was a presence of respect, commitment, passion for the game and camaraderie amongst the crew.



It seems fitting that I was on Bruce's crew for his final game as he was my crew chief for my first university game. It was the 2007-2008 season and Bishops was playing Queens in the old Queens P.E.C. KDBABO member Doug Fraser was our other crew member. It was a goal of mine finally reached and I was thankful to have a mentor like Bruce. Years later, I am still thankful to have a great mentor who has tutored me throughout my OUA and CIS career.

Bruce was not a mentor to only myself, but to many. He has helped numerous officials in his role and OABO provincial supervisor through OUA camps, appointments and evaluations at OFSAA and OCAA tournaments and by being a crew chief on many games. He has always emphasized teamwork and the importance of relationships that are developed through officiating. The basketball officiating family is relatively small and the bonds created are invaluable. Bruce's approach always supported the development of officials, he provided officials with resources for improvement and he was certain to emphasize the need to enjoy yourself on and off the court. Why would you ref if you didn't enjoy it?

Thank you Bruce.

Basketball Officials Giving Back to the Community

Submitted by: David Bohnen (on behalf of the YRABO executive)

As officials we are judged by the difficult decisions we make on the floor, and our ability to manage the game and it's participants. However off the floor we have families, spend time with our friends, and are passionate about the community we live in. This could not be any more evident following an act of kindness displayed by the York Region Association of Basketball Officials (YRABO).

Every year YRABO offers to officaite free of charge for a tournament hosted by the Alexander Mackenize High School girl's team, allowing them to raise funds and donate to the York Region Food Network (YRFN). The YRFN is a local food bank that offers healthy alternative choices

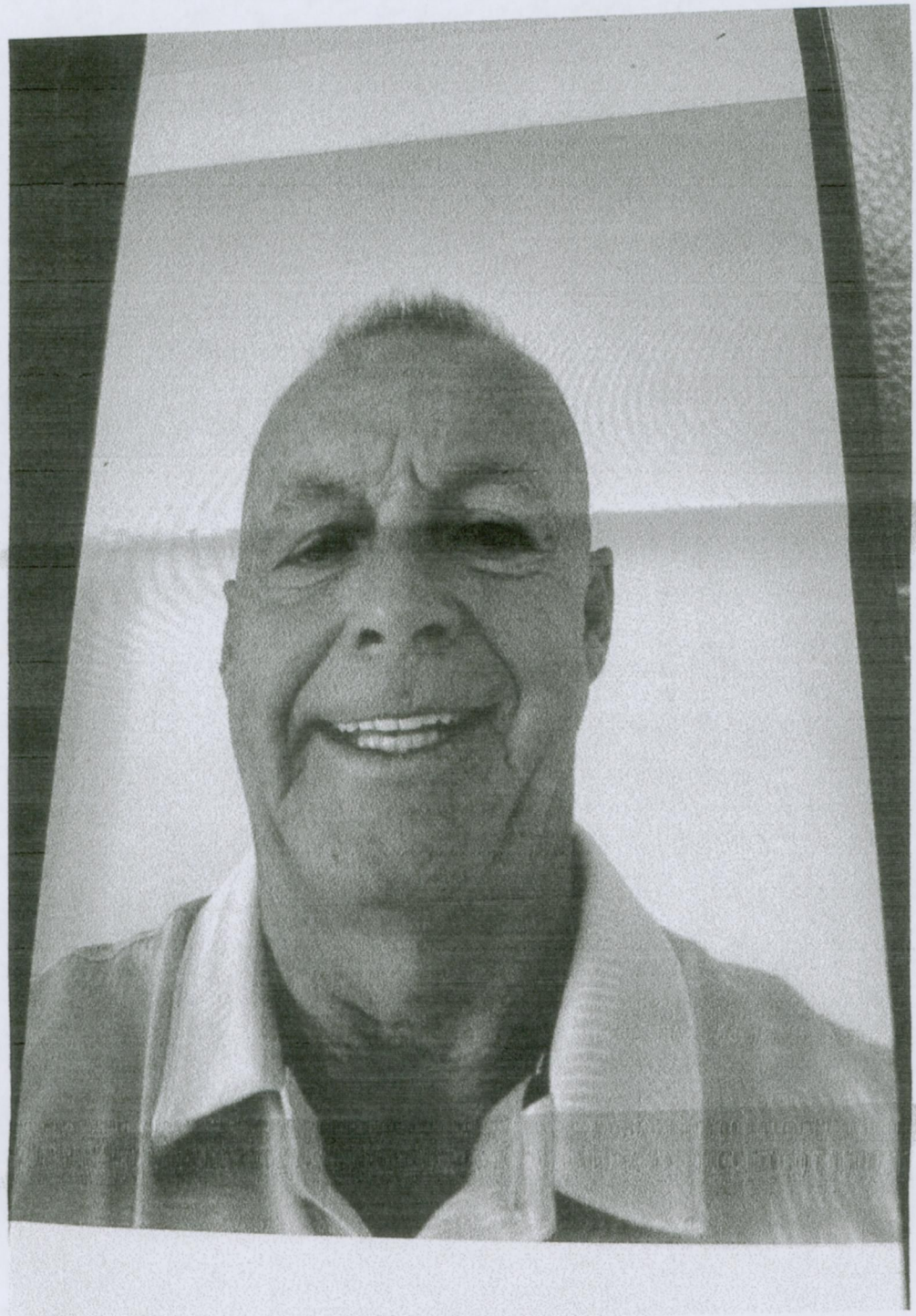
to needy families. This year's event allowed the team to raise $500. YRABO waives the nearly $1000 game fees as a donation providing rookie officials a chance to work the first high schools games of their careers, while being mentored and evaluated by veteran YRABO members. YRABO Supervisor of Development Charlie Smith feels strongly about this development opportunity for the officials saying, "This tournament allows us to observe our first year officials referee real games early in the season. That is one of the most beneficial aspects of our partnership with Alexander Mackenzie".

Even though YRABO helped the team donate $500 to the YRFN, the YRABO executive felt there was more that could be done, and thought it would be nice gesture if the board could also make some sort of donation to the organization. At its October meeting the executive asked the membership to consider making a donation that would give back to the local community. By the time the board was

having their November meeting the membership had raised a remarkable $1000. YRFN Executive Director Joan Stonehocker was in attendance to receive a cheque presented on behalf of YRABO (photo's below).

Between members donating money from game fees, and working with Alexander Mackenzie to run a tournament without paying officiating costs $1500 was donated to the YRFN. The money will help families access healthy, nutritious food options. It will also help provide programs to educate families on proper nutrition, and bring families together in community gardens and kitchens.

YRABO President Clifton Grant shared how important a role YRABO can



Bruce Covert.