

# In the Pursuit of Excellence



Should I go to an IAABO camp? If you were to ask some of the officials pictured above, they would share the following: "The benefits are significant," "I feel more confident about my ability," "I've received a better schedule and more assignments," "My assignor can't believe the improvement I have made," "I was able to ask rules and mechanics questions freely and cleared up a lot of loose ends." These are just a few of the testimonials that we receive each year following a summer at the IAABO Officials' Schools.

## **Developing as an Official**

If you want to develop as an official and learn the tools of the trade the correct way, the IAABO camps are for you. The official learns complex rules, the meaning behind the definitions, and proper mechanics from a professional and knowledgeable training staff, a staff trained and skilled in the most advanced teaching techniques.

## **Stations**

The official learns proper mechanics and has the opportunity to practice these techniques in games and staged videotaped situations. Through stations, the officials learn positioning of the trail and lead officials, (center) line responsibilities, off-the-ball coverage, foul reporting, and game management principles. Other areas covered include: disqualification procedures, rebounding, communication techniques, last-second shot, help situations, and

officiating the arc.

## **Approachable Training Staff**

As always, the most significant asset at the IAABO camps is the staff. The clinicians are unquestionably the most knowledgeable and informed in the country. They are approachable and they never stop talking basketball.

## **DVD Format Becomes a Reality**

A new feature of the 2004 camps is the conversion to a DVD format in filming the officials. Besides the enhanced images of new cameras, each official will be given a copy of his/her game on DVD shortly after game completion. IAABO's ability to reproduce each DVD quickly will be an added benefit for officials to view his/her game on a laptop computer.

## **New Camps Added This Year**

Take advantage of the exciting new sites for this camp season. The Kutztown University team camp in Pennsylvania is an hour drive from New York City. The team camp at Northeastern University in Massachusetts is convenient for all of our New England members. *(See p. 15 for application.)*

Regardless of the school you choose, it will prove to be a benefit to the beginning official, the official wanting to learn 3-person mechanics, as well as those seeking refinement in their skills.