

The IAABO Foundation

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Ask almost any IAABO Official what IAABO is all about and you'll most likely hear "IAABO is a training organization." And they'd be right, IAABO is all about training. We are a family of "One-Rule, One-Interpretation." But ask any IAABO Official what the IAABO Foundation is all about and you'll most likely hear 16,000 different answers, one for each of us! Let's change that, we want you to know about "One-Foundation, One-Interpretation."

Chartered in 1982 as a separate legal entity, the "IAABO Foundation" is a nonprofit company with our own Board of Trustees, our own Officers, our own checkbooks and our own accounting and financial statements. The Certificate of Incorporation states that "the activities to be conducted . . . shall be exclusively Charitable and Educational." So we're the "C" and "E" gang!

Exactly what does the C & E Gang do? Glad you asked. We're Junior IAABO in action, teaching 15 to 18 year olds to have "*The Best Seat in the House.*" We're the funding source



for free rules clinics teaching IAABO and non-IAABO officials alike, "*Advanced Training for Basketball Officials Seeking Advancement.*" We make scholarships available for "*Send a Ref to Camp.*" We provide the technology for "*Training the Trainer*" materials like E-Court. We're associated with causes for the lesser privileged like "Special Olympics" and various charity basketball tournaments through the "*IAABO Officials for Special Causes.*" And coming soon, we're kicking into high gear "*Promoting Sportsmanship with Coaches, Players & Fans.*"

Think of us as the IAABO organization directly involved with helping the educational process. We want to make a difference in communities we serve. We want to be an integral part of the training process for all officials, from novice to advanced. We want to make ourselves known to the communities we serve so that there's never a question of "which" officials to use; there'll be one community voice saying "Go first class, use IAABO Officials!"

We exist to build a better foundation for IAABO's future. We are the IAABO Foundation. Look for "The Foundation Corner" right here in *Sportorials* where each month we'll be spotlighting one of the programs listed above. It's a great IAABO future, come share our vision!