

THE REBOUND



REMINDERS

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MABC FOUL SHOOTING JANUARY 10TH AT SITES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. GO TO MABC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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ALL-ACADEMIC NOMINATIONS ARE DUE TO GEORGE CONANT BY JANUARY 28TH.

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THE FINAL DAY OF THE REGULAR SEASON IS FEBRUARY 4TH

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MCDONALD'S ALL-STAR WEEKEND - MARCH 11TH & 12TH

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The History of the MABC

Formation of the MABC

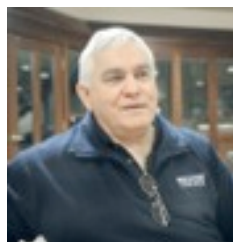
In the late 50's early 60's, the Maine High School

Coaches Association (MHSCA) was formed and each sport had a committee that met on an annual basis to discuss concerns dealing with their sport. They would then take those concerns to the SSPA (Secondary School Principals Association). The MHSCA would hold their annual spring meeting at Bowdoin College at the start of April vacation.

In April of 1977, Coach Tom Maines was voted the basketball committee chairperson and was the person to represent the MHSCA at the SSPA meetings. After several meetings, both spring and fall, it became obvious that the basketball coaches did not have a real "voice" in the affairs of the sport. Few, if any, suggestions by the coaches were ever instituted.

After some personal conversations among a small group of coaches, including Tom Maines, Dick Whitmore, Art Dyer and Bob Brown, all agreed that changes were needed and a new organization should be formed.

In the spring of 1979, a survey was sent to all coaches in the state to determine their interest in forming a new organization. It took a number of months to



secure a response from the coaches.

Late in the summer of 1979, Coach Maines approached John Schmidlin, Executive Director of the MHSCA and athletic director of Machias College and suggested the formation of a sub-committee of the MHSCA to be called the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches (MABC). Members would pay dues of \$5.00 to each organization and the MABC would hold its own meetings separate from the MHSCA. Mr. Schmidlin was receptive to this idea feeling that the number of coaches paying dues would increase and thus both organizations would benefit.

In the fall of 1979, the SSPA was informed of the formation of the MABC. The SSPA was at first reluctant to recognize this new organization. Once they realized that the MABC was in fact a sub-committee of the MHSCA, they had little recourse but to recognize the MABC as a legitimate entity. Coach Maines served as the MABC's first president with Bruce Lindberg from Ellsworth and George Stephenson from South Portland serving as East and West Vice-President respectively. Rusty Atwood and Art Dyer were also part of the first executive committee.

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MPA BASKETBALL COMMISSION

The Maine Basketball Commission was founded in 1955. It is sponsored by the Maine Principals Association (MPA). The primary function of the "Commission" is to coordinate and communicate with Maine's IAABO leaders and officials; provide for communication with MPA schools, athletic administrators, coaches; to conduct a required attendance pre-season rules clinic & points of concern/emphasis for officials and coaches; to oversee the selection, assignment and supervision of MPA State Basketball Tournament officials and officiating. The Maine Basketball Commission is represented by the Maine Basketball Commissioner.

The Maine Basketball Commission conducts two (2) meetings (April & October) annually.

The Commission membership consists of representatives from the following organizations:

Maine's International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) - 5 Representatives

Maine Principals' Association (MPA) – 3 Representatives

Maine State Superintendents Association (MSSA) – 2 Representatives

Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) - 1 Representative

Maine Association of Basketball Coaches (MABC) - 2 Representatives

MPA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

The Basketball Committee shall be composed of sixteen members representing three subcommittees:

1. Class A North/CD South: Six representing Northern and Southern Maine, three active or retired members and three athletic administrators.
2. Class A and B South: Four representing Southern Maine, two active or retired

members and two athletic administrators.

3. Class BCD North: Six representing Northern Maine, three active or retired members and three athletic administrators from each Class B, C, and D.

The full committee shall meet to determine statewide policies applying to basketball and basketball tournaments and shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to basketball except those specifically delegated to the State Basketball Commission. The full committee, as well as each of the three subcommittees, shall annually select their chair(s).

The President, after consulting with the Management Committee, shall appoint three representatives to the State Basketball Commission.

The MABC is invited to send representation to basketball committee meetings in an effort to keep the committee abreast of MABC activities as well as concerns among its coaches. It also offers the MABC an opportunity to stay abreast of matters pertaining to basketball in the state.

MPA BASKETBALL COMMITTEE & MPA BASKETBALL COMMISSION

Do You Know the Difference?



All-Star Weekend

Later in the fall of 1979, the Maine Heart Association was contacted and asked if they were interested in becoming the beneficiary of the planned MABC Senior All Star games. They agreed and provided meeting space for the committee that would be formed to begin the planning for this annual event. In March of 1980, a committee made up of Bob Fairbrother, Rusty Atwood, Bruce Lindberg, and Tom Maines began meeting.

At the May meeting of the SSPA in 1980, they were informed that the MABC planned on holding all-star games in March of 1981 at Colby College in Waterville. Initially, the SSPA did not support the concept of the all-star games threatening to declare any player or coach who participated ineligible. After lengthy and sometimes heated discussions, the SSPA was convinced that a "seniors" only all-star game could not be challenged. The SSPA also relented and allowed coaches to participate in the games. However, it should be noted that after the first games in 1981, the use of school uniforms, including warm-ups, was prohibited.

The Friday night banquet was also established in 1981. The first banquet was a catered affair held at the American Legion Hall in Waterville. Players and coaches were notified and over 450 people attended. Senator George Mitchell was the featured speaker for the evening. Governor John (Jock) McKernan spoke in year two of the event lending instant credibility to the MABC.

The MABC's planning committee met every two weeks to develop the process for selecting the teams and coaches for their all-star games. A contributor award was established and Bob Whytock was the first recipient in 1981. In subsequent years, the MABC began recognizing

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all-academic teams. The MABC began handing out its Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards in the spring of 1988, with Tim Scott and Julie Bradstreet taking home the first awards. In 2000, the addition of a Media Award was established with Bruce Ibarguen of WKTJ taking home the first award. In March of 1981, the first all-star games were held at Colby College in Waterville.

MABC Fall Clinic

The spring of 1981 saw the advent of the first MABC Coaches Clinic. With the financial support of the Pine Tree Clinic, Coach Dick Whitmore of Colby College and Coach Dick Meader of Thomas College, the MABC was able to bring in Coach Jim Valvano of NC State as the featured clinician. Coach Valvano suggested that the MABC contact Nike for future clinicians and provided the proper contact information. During the 80's and 90's, Nike would provide one speaker and the MABC was able to put on coaching clinics in Maine with national clinicians such as Gary Williams, Rollie Massimino, Hubie Brown and John Calipari. Friday night of the MABC's clinic weekend saw an awards banquet recognizing the Coaches of the Year for both boys and girls in each classification.

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It's a Lifestyle