

## Gerard Brien

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 2011 as an  
“Official”

Gerard Brien has been a basketball referee with the St. John’s Association of Basketball Officials and NABO for 32 years.



He is currently a nationally-certified Level Five official who refereed the highest caliber of basketball at the local, provincial, inter-collegiate and national levels. He has officiated at five National Events and three Atlantic University Championships. He was selected to officiate the semi-finals in every one of his national appearances. The highlight of his officiating career was being chosen to referee, as crew-chief, the Gold Medal game of the 1996 Senior Men’s National Championships in Nova Scotia. He also refereed the Bronze Medal game in two other National Championships. He was also proud to be the NABO representative in refereeing the 1993 Canada Summer Games in Kamloops, BC, a tournament in which the now famous 2-time NBA MVP, Steve Nash, played

for BC.

Gerard has refereed approximately 75 NLBA provincial tournaments, has officiated the championship game in approximately 40 of those tournaments and has received the NLBA top official award at several NLBA provincial championships. He has refereed numerous NL High School Federation provincial, regional and zone championships at the 4A and 3A levels in both male and female competitions. Gerard has contributed to the provincial basketball community by officiating in every Elite 8 since its inception. He has also contributed to the recruitment and development of referees through participation in various mentoring program, such as Buddy System and Hoopfest.

In addition to his on floor contributions he served as Provincial Rules Clinician and Provincial Evaluator of officials for 25 years. He served as an official for the University Panel of officials at the AUS/CIS level for approximately 25 years. At the local level he has served on the SJABO executive for 8 years and on the NABO executive for 10 years. In addition to these formal duties he has served as a mentor to new officials and as an organizer of various working committees over the years.

The Canadian Association of Basketball Officials has recently honoured Mr. Brien when he was awarded the J.A. Wink Willox Award, a national award for outstanding service to basketball and officiating in Canada.