

IAABO Board 208

New Candidate Introduction - 2006

Congratulations on passing the rules exam! Here is a quick summary of our Executive Board and what you can anticipate. Your next step is to get some floor work before you take the floor test in a few weeks. More about that later.

Who is Board 208?

We currently have about 110 members covering South Central Massachusetts. Our current board of officers is:

President	Ron Martel	(508) 966-3676
Vice-President	Babe Grady	(508) 478-6366
Secretary/Treasurer	Rich Vitali	(508) 473-6413
Interpreter	Emilio Diotalevi	(508) 478-4131

Meetings

We currently have five (5) meetings per season, one per month from October to February. These meetings include a business portion as well as rules interpretations, "real-life" situations, and educational clinics. Due to their importance, **ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT FOUR (4) OUT OF THE FIVE (5) MEETINGS.** Any miss after that will be a \$5 fine, and subsequent misses a \$10 fine. If there is a special circumstance that prevents you from making these meetings you need to advise Rich Vitali in writing of the circumstances. It will be his decision whether to credit you or not. There is a list of the remaining meetings below.

Our November meeting is our annual interpretation meeting. This meeting covers all the upcoming rules and mechanical changes that will take place for the upcoming season. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT MEMBERS ATTEND AN INTERPRETATION MEETING.** If you are unable to make our board's interpretation meeting, it is your responsibility to attend another board's meeting. You should contact either Rich Vitali or Emilio Diotalevi for dates, times and locations of the other meetings. Failure to attend an interpretation meeting will result in your not being allowed to work games during the coming year.

Another requirement is that all members **MUST** take the annual exam that you recently completed by the February meeting. We allocate time during our December meeting to take the test and review. Obviously, you don't have to repeat the test this December. If you are not able to make the meeting it is your responsibility to get a copy from Rich V. and return it to him before the February meeting. Failure to take the test is a \$25 fine.

Our final meeting in February is our social night, and includes food and raffles.

2006 - 2007 Remaining Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, November 19th	8:00 am	Bellingham H.S., (Fox Clinic)
Sunday, December 10th	6:45 pm	Draper Gym, Hopedale
Sunday, January 14th	6:45 pm	Draper Gym, Hopedale
Sunday, February 11th	6:45 pm	Marchegiano Club, Milford

Dues

Dues are payable each year and are **DUE BY THE FEBRUARY MEETING** and set at \$100 per season. There will be a \$5 fine for any dues received after the February meeting. Your payment for the class covers your dues for the 2006 - 2007 season, thus you need to pay \$100 by February of 2008 for next season. Checks should be made out to "IAABO Board #208".

Also included in your dues is the cost of our annual banquet. This year's banquet will be March 16th, 2007 at the Marchegiano Club in Milford. During the banquet we honor two student-athletes from an area high school as well as other special honorees. You'll be hearing more about it at the upcoming meetings.

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Floor Work

Now that the bookwork is over, it's time to get into the fun part of officiating - getting on the floor and applying all those rules you just learned!

It has been our board's philosophy that it is our duty to ensure that when our floor-training process is complete our new officials are fully prepared to handle games up to the junior high level. The most important ingredient needed to make this happen is actual floor work.

Your floor work this year will consist of working with a group of veteran officials from our board at youth level games in the area. The coordinators for this portion of your training are Larry Machione (508-634-1251) and Babe Grady (508-478-6366). As a prerequisite, you should read the mechanics portion of the rulebook for two person mechanics (pages 1 – 78).

At the end of your training there will be a floor test. This is a mandatory test at a predetermined date (anticipate this will be the weekend of November 18th). You will not be able to work until you have completed the floor test. It is also imperative that you make as many of the training games as absolutely possible. Any floor work missed will diminish your ability to be able to get a passing grade on the floor test. Attached is the Evaluation Sheet that will be used. It covers all aspects of your work and will be graded by our core group of veteran officials. You will then meet with the evaluators themselves to discuss your work, including some points you need to work on to get to the next level of officiating.

When you have passed the floor test you will be eligible to work any youth basketball games up to the junior high level. We will provide you with the names of individuals from the local area youth leagues you can contact to get some dates for this season. Your level of progress will then determine when and if you are able to move up to the Junior Varsity, Varsity Levels etc.

Equipment

For the floor work training, the only required equipment is a "pea-less" whistle. It should be a black whistle only and is available at most sports stores. The most popular whistle is the "Fox 40" pea-less whistle. Also, during the floor work you should wear a solid black T-Shirt and sneakers. Shorts or sweat pants are allowable during these floor-training sessions.

After you pass the floor test you will be expected to be in the standard uniform, which includes:

Black Officials Shoes (All Black)

Black socks

Black pants (no pleats) you can usually get those at Sears, Target, etc. Get the stretchable polyester

Black belt (no large buckle)

Standard IAABO Shirt with IAABO AND Massachusetts State patch. These can be ordered through Honig's 1-800-351-5474 (You must request Massachusetts State patch.)

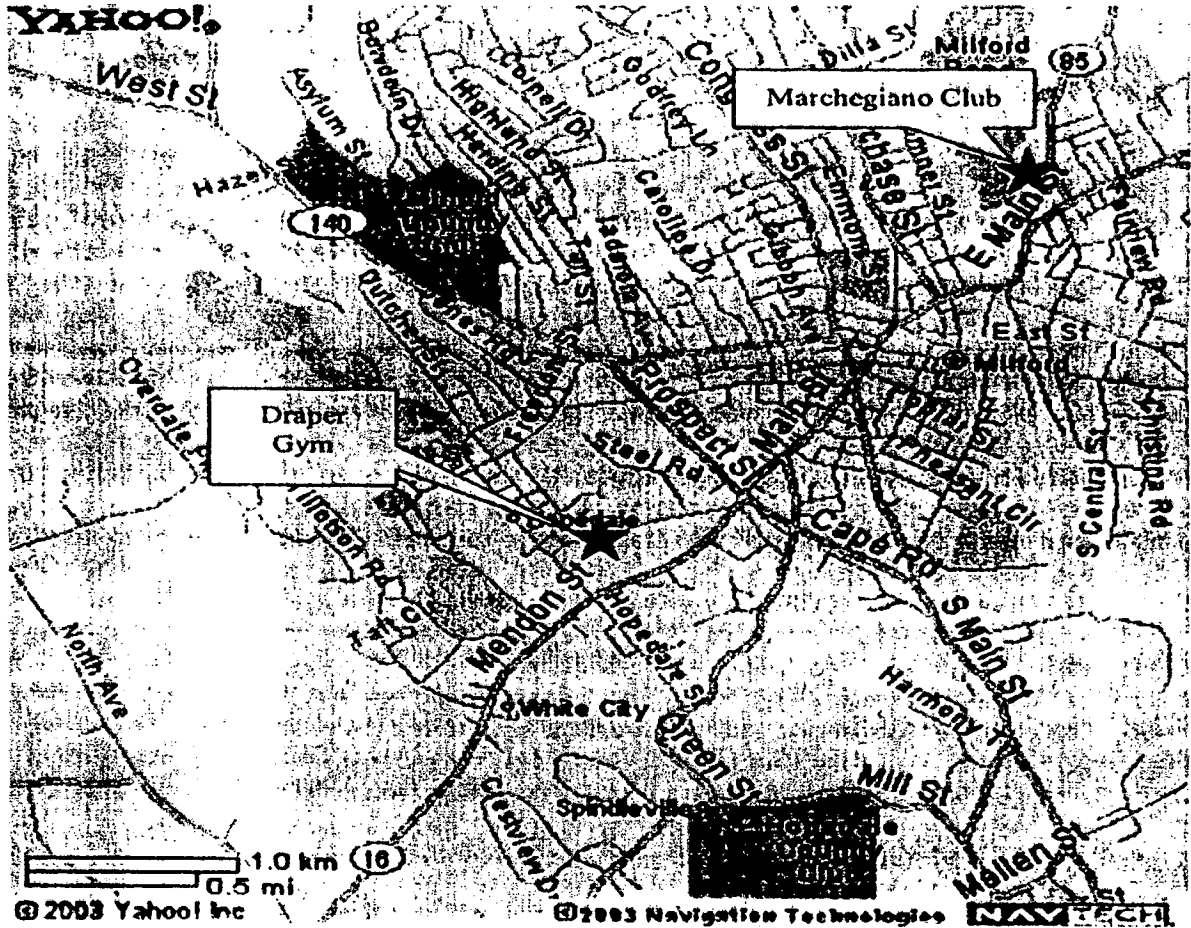
You should hold off ordering this equipment until you have passed the floor test. You should also carry with you both an extra whistle and an inflatable needle. This is handy to have when the ball is not at the correct pressure.

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Meeting Locations: Below is a map of the location of Draper Gym in Hopedale where we hold our regular meetings.



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