

IAABO Board #4 Basketball Officials,

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We have seen many of you at camp(s) and on the court working on your craft, and we appreciate your efforts to improve!

As is widely known, we continue to face a shortage of officials. The past several years, we have included, "GET INVOLVED" cards in our pre-season packets. These cards have provided us a way to easily help spread the word and encourage others to become a high school official.

This summer, we would like to take this a step further and encourage each of us to "GET A FRIEND INVOLVED". The summer is a great time to recruit a friend or family member and help them become a certified high school basketball official, or an official for any other sport.

In Colorado, we currently have approximately 950 IAABO certified basketball officials. If each of us recruits one new official, we can solve our shortage crisis. Even a 10-15% increase would have a huge impact in covering games next season.

We recognize that it could take some time, even a couple years, to recruit a friend or family member to sign-up so we encourage you to start today, by simply inviting them to join our officiating fraternity.

The link for new officials to register for basketball is:

<https://www.coloradoboard4iaabo.com/registration-for-new-officials>.

If they are interested in officiating other sports, refer them to the CHSAA website:

<https://chsaanow.com/sports/2021/7/25/officials.aspx>.

Please do your part and help GET A FRIEND INVOLVED!

Thanks for all you do for high school sports and for Colorado high school basketball!

Sincerely,

IAABO Board #4 Executive Committee &

Recruitment and Retention Committee