



Northern California Basketball Officials Association

Serving the greater San Francisco Bay Area

NCBOA HISTORY

Current membership of the NCBOA consists of approximately 150 men and women ranging in age from 18 to 60+. We service youth leagues, private and public junior high and high schools, Parks and Recreation leagues, adult recreation leagues, and various select tournaments. As previously mentioned, we are an association and, therefore, governed by bylaws and an executive committee (check the "our team" page on this website for the current list). The NCBOA is accredited with the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and services the San Francisco, Central Coast, and North Coast Section member leagues.

*We have been in existence since 1947 when a number of veteran officials who had been refereeing high school, college, and recreational leagues in San Francisco came together to begin the association. Some of the "founding members" were Erv Delman, Frank McIntyre, Ernie Filliberti, Dick Murray, Bill "Tiny" Bussenius, Ray Dal Poggetto, Lou Batmale, Jim Witt, and the first president of the NCBOA, Lloyd Leith (enshrined in the Naismith Hall of Fame). Since its inception, the NCBOA has produced many outstanding men and women who have officiated numerous high school section and state finals and many others who have gone on to officiate at the junior college and major college levels. Five former members have gone on to work the NCAA Final Four (Ernie Filliberti, Tiny Bussenius, Richie Ballesteros, Ed Curzio, and Jack Ditty). And the famous "**Game of the Century**" in 1968 between Elvin Hayes' University of Houston and Lew Alcindor's (Kareem Abdul Jabaar) UCLA squads had Ernie Filiberti as one of the two officials. Needless to say, the NCBOA is considered to be one of the top basketball officiating associations in California.*