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Greetings to all our Alberta Basketball Association members. Whether you are a player, coach, official, organization administrator, volunteer, or wear many of these hats at once – you are all members of our ABA community, and your presence makes us greater.

Alberta Basketball and Canada Basketball are proud to serve their members by creating and delivering high quality basketball programs that foster the growth, development, and enjoyment of the game. Together we are creating pathways for all participants and their involvement in basketball. All registered participants receive access to a wide range of benefits and supports to foster a love for the game.

As we continue our commitment to be aligned with, and get support from, Canada Basketball you will notice that Canada Basketball has changed the way their fee (newly increased to \$9.00 for 2024-2025) is itemized out in the registration fees. You will also see that our ABA fee is different than it looked before, representing a modest increase as well. For more transparency the combination of the two fees is now broken out for you to be able to see where the registration fees go. Initiatives that we are working on for you include:

- The creation of an ABA Coaches Community to support the development of coaches around the province and expanding our NCCP capacity province wide.
- We are committed to supporting member clubs and organizations with competition and player development initiatives.
- Increasing our support and recognition of ABA members' achievements and accomplishments.
- We are excited to launch the ABA Blue Whistle Program for new officials this fall.

We have many exciting opportunities ahead of us in the 2024-2025 membership year and we are thrilled to have you with us for the adventure. I am highlighting a few of the events that we are looking forward to:

- The 50th Anniversary Celebration
- The inaugural ABA Hall of Fame inductions
- 2025 Alberta Summer Games
- 2025 Canada Summer Games
- 2025 Youth Provincials
- 2025 ABA Club Invitational Championship

Basketball is our passion and truly is a life-long journey where we encounter so many wonderful people and forge lasting connections. The sports world is dynamic and changing as the world around us changes. I am looking forward to working with you as we build a stronger basketball community in Alberta.

Sincerely



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Executive Director
