



FIBA AMERICUP 2029 CARIBBEAN PRE-QUALIFIERS REFEREE WORKSHOP REPORT

Date: Monday, July 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: Guyana National Bureau of Standards - Training Room 1 (Flat 15, Track MB, Block B, National Exhibition Centre, Sophia, Georgetown)

Instructor: Mr. Felipe Valenzuela (CHI)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On July 5, 2026, the FIBA Americas and the Guyana Basketball Federation (GBF) hosted a comprehensive referee workshop in preparation for the FIBA AmeriCup 2029 Caribbean Pre-Qualifiers. Conducted by esteemed FIBA Instructor Mr. Felipe Valenzuela of Chile, the one-day clinic was designed to enhance the officiating capabilities of basketball referees from across Guyana. The workshop utilized a blend of theoretical presentations, video analysis, and live demonstrations to cover critical officiating mechanics and protocols.

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

The workshop was organized to standardize officiating knowledge and skills among referees representing various regional associations and leagues. Written invitations were extended to members of the following organizations:

- Guyana Basketball Officials Council (GBOC)
- Linden Amateur Basketball Association (LABA)
- Berbice Amateur Basketball Association (BABA)
- Bartica Amateur Basketball Association (BARBA)
- East Coast Basketball League (EBL)
- Schools Basketball League (SBL)
- Youth Basketball Guyana (YBG)

The primary objective was to equip participants with a unified understanding of international officiating standards, ensuring consistency and professionalism in the lead-up to the Pre-Qualifiers.

WORKSHOP CONTENT & METHODOLOGY

The workshop curriculum was focused on the foundational mechanics of modern basketball officiating. Key topics included:

- Technical Mechanics: Types of whistles and their appropriate usage.
- Game Management: Processing the play and shot, including timing and judgment.
- Court Coverage: Principles of primary and secondary coverage and basic static coverage.
- Operational Protocols: Standard officiating protocols, principles, and techniques.

The delivery format was dynamic and interactive, incorporating:

- Presentations: Theoretical instruction on officiating principles.
- Video Analysis: Review of game footage to illustrate best practices and common errors.
- Live Demonstrations: On-court simulations to practice positioning and mechanics.

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PARTICIPANTS



The workshop was attended by a dedicated cohort of referees representing the breadth of Guyanese basketball.

Front Row (L–R): Rezia Retemyer, Calix Bernard, Shanna Chester, Leona Kyte, Ronaldo Teixeira, Zian Gray, Warren Wilson.

Back Row (L–R): Patrick Clarke, Treyon Grenville, Felipe Valenzuela (Instructor), Dexter Douglas, Shayne Joseph, Dennis Clarke, Kelvin Simon.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To maximize accessibility and participation in future clinics, the following recommendation is proposed:

- **Implement a Hybrid Format:** The workshop faced challenges with attendance from individuals who were unable to travel from overseas or hinterland regions due to prior commitments. For future sessions, it is recommended that a hybrid model (combining in-person and virtual participation) be considered to ensure inclusivity and wider reach.

CONCLUDING REMARKS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The successful execution of this clinic was made possible through the collaborative support of several key stakeholders. Sincere gratitude is extended to:

- FIBA Americas Regional Office for granting Guyana the opportunity to host this vital clinic.
- GBF for their logistical support (Instructor's accommodation, meals and ground transportation)
- Guyana National Bureau of Standards for providing the training venue and refreshments.
- GBOC for providing meals and beverages.

The knowledge imparted by Instructor Valenzuela and the engagement of the participants mark a significant step forward in the preparation for the FIBA AmeriCup 2029 Caribbean Pre-Qualifiers and the future of refereeing in Guyana.

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APPENDIX: PHOTOS



