

Also need to put that we adopted the functional classification system since we are one of the only 2 that have so far. It is not in the NWBA by-laws yet for that reason. Once it gets adopted by all divisions, it should become part of the NWBA's overall by-laws.

Also, the commissioner's position is no longer an elected position by the Division. it is now an appointed position by the NWBA President.

I think that is all now.

## NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS (Adopted February 27, 2008)

### Article I - Purposes

#### Section 1: Mission

The mission of the WD shall be "The NWBA Women's Division provides women with physical disabilities the opportunity to play, learn and compete in the sport of wheelchair basketball."

#### Section 2: Purposes

- (a) To promulgate and develop women's wheelchair basketball teams and players
- (b) To advance the interests of women's teams and women players within the Constitution, Bylaws and Executive Regulations of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA)
- (c) To coordinate the efforts of member teams for the benefit of women's wheelchair basketball and to encourage the formation of new teams
- (d) To provide opportunities for women not rostered on women's teams to play on women's teams against other women's teams
- (e) To serve the purposes of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association

### Article II - Membership

#### Section 1: Eligibility for Membership

- (a) Any National Wheelchair Basketball Association team which only rosters women players is eligible for membership in this Division.
- (b) In order to play within the Women's Division, a female wheelchair basketball player must have an objective and measurable permanent lower extremity disability that can be verified through various acceptable medical and /or paramedical investigations, such as soft tissue contracture, ligamentous instability, edema or disuse atrophy, symptoms such as pain and numbness, shall not be considered permanent lower extremity disabilities without other objective findings.

#### Section 2: Conditions and Obligations of Membership

- (a) The members of this Division agree to administer their women's wheelchair basketball program in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws and other legislation of the NWBA and regulations of the Women's Division.
- (b) International Teams (eligibility in NWBA)\*\*\*\*\*

Section 3: Annual Dues

- (a) The annual dues for each member team shall be \$200.00. Dues are payable on September 1st of each year and are delinquent on September 30th. An additional penalty of \$25.00 will be assessed to delinquent teams.
- (b) To be eligible for post season play at the annual NWWBT, the NWBA dues and late fees must be paid prior to Oct. 31st, and the Women's division dues and late fees must be paid prior to Jan. 31st.

Section 4: Team Roster (Adopted June 1, 2011)

- (a) Team rosters are limited to 15 accredited players. No additions of veteran players may be made after December 31st unless a same season transfer has been granted. Novices may be added to rosters at any time during the season. Novices shall not be considered part of the 15 accredited players.
- (b) Teams will be allowed to ship in seven (7) classification points. Players who are rostered with their most proximal team will not be considered a ship in.
- (c) All women's teams have adopted the functional classification system

Section 5: Rules of Play

The Women's Division of the National Wheelchair basketball Association (NWBA) shall play according to Official Rules of the NWBA except wherein modifications, deletions and/or additions have been made, as follows:

Rule (1) Court & Equipment

14 b & d... The ball used for play in the NWBA's Women's Division shall conform to the specifications in the NCAA's Women's Rules

Rule (2) Fouls & Penalties

12...Except during the final five minutes of play, any fouled player may have the option to shoot free throws (if the foul warrants the award of free throws), or be awarded the ball out of bounds. If, however, the foul is committed during a successful field goal attempt, the fouled player must attempt the awarded free throw.

In the final five minutes of any game, free throws on any foul (on which free throws would be awarded to the fouled player) must be attempted,

unless the foul is on a player who is not in possession of the basketball.  
This rule is carried over into overtime play.

Rule (3) Uniforms (Adopted March 6, 2004)

Women's Division Team uniform pants will be of the same color, either short or long, and of the same design but do not have to be of the same material.

(Example: Pants if blue must all be the same shade of blue. Pants may or may not have stripes, etc., but must all be the same. Pants may be made of cotton, nylon, or other material.)

Article III - Organization

Section 1: Executive Committee

The establishment and direction of the general policy of the Division in the interim between annual meetings is committed to the Women's Division Executive Committee of five members, and Division Commissioner, and shall be elected at the Division's annual meeting as prescribed in this article.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be constituted as follows:
  - (1) The Chairperson
  - (2) The First Vice-Chairperson
  - (3) The Secretary
  - (4) The Treasurer
  - (5) Committee Chairperson for Division Development (Appointed)
- (b) Any individual, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, and physical or mental disability may be eligible for office in the Women's Division.
- (c) For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of members of the Executive Committee. Each Executive Committee member will make every effort to attend all three meetings yearly, held at the NWWBT, NWBT, and mid-year meeting of the Women's Division. Each member shall be responsible for the expense if there are not funds available in the Women's Division budget.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall:
  - (1) Transact the business and administer the affairs for the Division in accordance with the regulations of the Division
  - (2) Adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year to present to the NWBA Executive Committee
  - (3) Adopt regulations providing for conduct of Division playoffs and tournaments
  - (4) Report its proceedings to the business session of the annual meeting

- (5) Review proposed Association legislation for its impact on the Division; make recommendations at the annual meeting.
  - (6) Name a replacement for any vacancy on the Executive Committee to fulfill the obligation of that office until the next Division meeting when an individual is elected by the delegates to serve the remaining part of the term of the vacated office.
- (e) The Division's Executive Committee may transact part of its business by correspondence, as it may deem appropriate.
- (f) Election of Division's Executive Committee
- (1) Each officer shall be elected for a term of 3 years. The terms shall be staggered.
  - (2) The following pattern shall be used as a means of initiating the stagger:
    - i. Chairperson - elected for a 3 year term in 1997
    - ii. Vice-Chairperson - elected for a 3 year term in 1996
    - iii. Secretary - elected for a 3 year term in 1998
    - iv. Treasurer - elected for a 1 year term in 1998
- (g) Duties of the Officers
- (1) The Chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the Division and the Division's Executive Committee. He/she shall serve as a member of the Associations' Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chair, or in the case he/she is incapacitated, the First Vice Chairperson shall take the Chair's place and perform those duties.
    - i. First Vice Chairperson shall perform such duties, as the Chairperson shall elect. He/she will chair the outreach committee.
    - iii. The Treasurer is responsible for all funds of the Women's Division and submitting, at the annual meeting, a report of receipts and disbursements during the preceding fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the end of any fiscal year, he/she shall be responsible for presenting to the Women's Division Executive Committee a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year.
    - iv. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of the meetings of the Women's Division meetings and of the Executive Committee, and reporting to the Division at each annual meeting the minutes of the Division meetings of the preceding year. He/she will send updated materials in to the Secretary of the NWBA, as needed, to be included in the Rules and Regulations book. The Secretary, with another member of the Executive Committee,

will be responsible for tabulating the results of the team ballots for All National Tournament Team, MVP, Sportsmanship, and Most Improved Player awards.

- (h) Termination of Office
  - (1) Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the Division's annual meeting
  - (2) Charges of misconduct or ineffective performance of duty must be presented in a similar manner to the NWBA Constitution

## Section 2: Commissioner of the Women's Division

The Commissioner of the Women's Division shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Women's Division. The Commissioner of the Women's Division shall have executive authority and be responsible to the executive committee only. It is an appointed position by the NWBA President.

- (a) The Commissioner of the Women's Division shall serve the role and fulfill the duties as outlined below:
  - (1) Have an understanding of the Women's Division Rules and Regulations and the NWBA Constitution and Bylaws to insure that action taken by the Women's Division is in accord with those documents
  - (2) Maintain and update National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament records and Team USA Wheelchair Basketball Team records.
  - (3) Maintain a listing of women players, their classifications, and date of their last National Tournament classification.
  - (4) Receive Women's Division rosters and distribute to each Women's Division team by December 1 of that same year. The roster should include team name, as well as addresses, home and work telephone numbers for each team representative and player classification ( if known) for each team member.
  - (5) Maintain a register of women wheelchair basketball players who do not play or compete with women's teams and distribute to all teams
  - (6) Attend the National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament and collect classification documentation, game records, score books, and statistics.
  - (7) Assist in the assignment of officials to NWWBT Championship Round Play

- (8) Make and interpret all decisions of the Women's Division Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, including protests. (Refer to NWBA Constitution and Bylaws, Article Fifteen, Grievance Process.) Any decision made by the Commissioner of the Women's Division must be sent to all teams in writing within (1) one week of the receipt of the original protest. If a protest is lodged at the NWWBT, the decision made by the Commissioner of the Women's Division must be received by all teams in writing prior to the first game of the following day. The decision is effective immediately upon receipt by all member teams unless an appeal is made to the Executive Committee. Any decision made by the Commissioner of the Women's Division may be appealed to the Executive Committee of the women's Division. Decisions can be reversed with a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Women's Division. All decisions of the Executive Committee of the Women's Division must be circulated to all member teams in writing within 1 week after a decision has been rendered. If the decision is rendered at the NWWBT, the decision must be received by all teams by noon of the following day. The decision is effective immediately upon receipt by all member teams unless an appeal is made. Any decision reversed may be appealed by any member team to the delegate's meeting at the NWWBT. Appeals must be received with a majority vote of the delegates present at the NWWBT. The decision is effective upon registration of the final vote into the minutes of the annual meeting.
- (9) Review, whenever possible, any matters not covered by the Women's Division Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations with the Executive Committee before rendering any decisions
- (10) Serve as a professional advisor, consultant, and resource person between the Women's Division and the NWBA Executive Committee (re: international competitions, USA Basketball competition)
- (11) Prepare an annual written report for submission at the delegate's meeting at the NWWBT.
- (12) The Commissioner shall be elected for a three-year term, at the annual delegates' meeting at the NWWBT. The Commissioner was elected for a three-year term in 1999.
- (13) The Commissioner of the NWBA Women's Division may identify an advisory person or committee to assist with his/her duties. This person will serve at the discretion of the Women's Division Commissioner

### Section 3: Committees

- (a) The following are general committees established by the Women's Division:
  - 1. Fund raising
  - 2. Outreach
  - 3. Nominations
- (b) The Fundraising Chairperson and Committee will coordinate all fundraising activities with the Executive Director of the NWBA.
- (c) The Outreach Chairperson and Committee will plan and develop events, which will encourage and promote new teams and develop new player skills.
- (d) The Nominations Chairperson and Committee shall notify the member teams of any vacancy on the WD Executive Committee by **Jan 1** of each year. The Committee shall notify the membership with the list of possible candidates by **Feb. 15**.

#### Article IV - Meetings

##### Section 1: Annual Meeting

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Division during the dates set aside for the conduct of the Association's National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

- (a) The Nominations Committee shall report immediately following the approval of the minutes and Treasurer's report
- (b) In the event that only one candidate is running for any given office, that candidate must receive a vote of confidence by a majority of delegates present and voting. No candidates may be declared the winner by default.
- (c) Election of Officers will be conducted as the last order of business during the Annual Meeting.

##### Section 2: Voting Privileges

- (a) Each Division member team shall be entitled to two votes and may be represented at the Annual Meeting by one or two accredited delegates
- (b) Member teams are authorized to send visiting delegates who shall be without voting power and shall not actively participate in the business proceedings of the Association.
- (c) The certification and voting of delegates shall be conducted as follows:

- (1) Delegates shall be certified to the Secretary as entitled to represent the member team in question by the proper Executive Officers of their team
- (2) No delegate shall represent a member team unless he or she is actually identified with such member team.
- (3) When the Division votes by roll call, either written or via voice, on any question, on demand of any delegate, the names of delegates as they vote shall be checked by the Secretary in order to verify the authority of the voter.
- (4) Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

## Article V - National Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

### Section 1: Eligibility

- (a) All member teams having played in one women's invitational tournament, or four games against any Association team and in good standing, shall be eligible to enter the NWWBT.
- (b) A NWBA team in good standing with a sufficient number of women rostered to field a legal team shall be eligible to enter those as a team into the NWWBT.

### Section 2: Structure

- (a) The NWWBT may vary from year to year to year depending upon:
  - (1) Number of teams entered.
  - (2) Opportunity to participate in the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.
  - (3) Resources of NWWBT host.
- (b) The following NWWBT tournament structures will be used when the following number of teams are entered:
 

(1) 8 or fewer teams:	seeded round robin - double split tournament (Pool play with cross over games)
(2) 9-15 teams:	seeded double-elimination tournament
(3) 16 or more:	regional playoffs resulting with a final four
- (c) 8 or fewer teams:
  - (1) The tournament shall be organized in two pools of four teams. The eight highest ranked teams will be seeded into the pools according to the results of the preceding National Tournament. A new team



which did not participate in the previous National Tournament will be ranked last. If there is more than one new team, which did not participate in the NWWBT their rank will be assigned by the Women's Executive Committee based on their season record and added to the bottom of the rankings.

POOL A  
seed  
1 = 1A  
3 = 2A  
5 = 3A  
7 = 4A

POOL B  
seed  
2 = 1B  
4 = 2B  
6 = 3B  
8 = 4B

(2) Schedule of Games:

Game Number	Teams
1	1A vs. 3A
2	1B vs. 3B
3	2A vs. 4A
4	2B vs. 4B
5	1A vs. 4A
6	1B vs. 4B
7	2A vs. 3A
8	2B vs. 3B
9	1A vs. 2A
10	1B vs. 2B
11	3A vs. 4A
12	3B vs. 4B

Standings are made in each pool

POOL A  
1 = 1A  
2 = 2A  
3 = 3A  
4 = 4A

POOL B  
1 = 1B  
2 = 2B  
3 = 3B  
4 = 4B

Game Number	Teams
13	3A vs. 4B
14	3B vs. 4A
15	1A vs. 2B
16	1B vs. 2A
17	L13 vs. L14 = 7th & 8th

18	W13 vs. W 14 = 5th & 6th
19	L15 vs. L16 = 3rd & 4th
20	15 vs W 16 = Championship Game

(d) 9-15 Teams

A seeded, double-elimination tournament shall be organized. The highest ranked teams will be seeded according to the results of the previous National Tournament. Those teams which did not participate in the previous National Tournament will be assigned their rank by the Division Executive Committee based on their season record and added to the bottom of the rankings.

(e) Alternate structures for 16 or more teams include:

- (1) Pool play and consolation brackets played at a separate site and on dates preceding the NWBT; or
- (2) Four post-season Regional Tournaments, each advancing one team to the final four at the NWWBT or the NWBT; o
  - (a) Regional Tournaments may be two, three or four - teams
  - (b) Four or fewer teams shall play a single round robin, four or more teams shall play single elimination.
  - (c) The results of a round robin ending in identical win/loss records shall be determined by:
    - (1) record between the tied teams
    - (2) difference between point and opponents = points only for games played between the tied teams; or
    - (3) Selection committee selects the final four, six weeks prior to the Championship bracket play. A team not selected may petition to challenge any of the four selected teams. The challenge game must be played at least three weeks before the Championship. If more than one team challenges the same selected team, those teams play off for the right to challenge. The selected team hosts the challenge game.

(f) The National Tournament dates for women shall avoid religious holidays.

(g) The priority is that the NWWBT be scheduled prior to, or in conjunction with, the NWBT.

(h) **Most Valuable Player and All-Tournament awards will be voted on and awarded by NWWBA Commissioner and 2 others. Sportmanship and Most Improved Award will be voted on by the teams. (Adopted March 24, 2012)**

#### Section 1:

These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Division four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

#### Section 2:

The Secretary shall mail a copy of the proposed amendment to all members of the Division not later than two weeks before an Annual Meeting.

#### Section 3:

A proposed amendment to the Rules and regulations may be amended at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that the amendment to the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to one o'clock in the afternoon on the day preceding the final business session.

#### Section 4:

The WD Executive Committee may propose amendments to amendments at the time of the Annual Meeting without the procedural requirement described in Section Three for this Article, provided that in each instance, the proposed amendment has been approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

#### Section 5:

Unless otherwise specified, all amendments shall become effective on the first day of September following adoption by the Annual Meeting.

### Article VII - U.S. Representation in International Competition

#### Section 1: Selection of U.S. Teams

- (a) The selection of any women's team to represent the U. S. in international wheelchair basketball competition shall be conducted as set forth in Article Eight of the NWBA bylaws.
- (b) Following the tryout camp, the coach , together with the NWBA, will hold a training camp prior to the international competition. The training camp will be restricted to those player appointed to the National Team.

Section 2: Post Competition

- (a) Upon completion of the international competition, the coach shall submit a copy of the written report to the WD Executive Committee within sixty days. The coach will deliver the classification cards to IWBF within thirty days from the completion of the competition.

Article II - Regular Season Tournament Play

Section 1: Fees

Teams may charge no more than \$100 entrance fee for regular season tournament play, which they keep to cover tournament expenses (i.e. gyms, referees).

Article IX - Autonomy

The Women's Division has the responsibility and authority to govern its affairs, draft legislation, and conduct business specific to the Women's Division. No legislation shall be passed that is incongruent with the NWBA Constitution and Bylaws.

RESOLUTIONS