

# **2015 -16 Helpful Hints and Highlights**

## **NCAA rule changes**

The rule changes can be found on the NWBA webpage under the Resources section. Be familiar with these changes.

- Coaches cannot call timeouts from the bench, during live play, only players on the floor during a live ball.
- Timeout restrictions are only for media timeouts – otherwise just like last year 4 full, and 2 thirty-second timeouts.
- Coaches only have 15 second for substitution on fouls outs.
- The 5 second closely guarded rule is eliminated.
- All Class B technical will be only 1 shot and back to point of interruption.

## **NWBA rule changes**

- Players are no longer required to use a foot strap.
- It is now a violation when a player throws the ball off the opponent's chair with the INTENT to gain an advantage. The previous rule stated the ball must go out of bounds before it was a violation. Now, it is a violation when the ball strikes the opponent's wheelchair or person.
- Women division players must shoot all free throws – no choice of taking it out within the last 5 minutes instead of shooting free throws.

## **Clarifications**

Restricted space on floors – the restricted area around the basket changed from 3' to 4' arc this year. To bring consistency to the sport, the rules committee made a decision NOT to use the restricted space this season based on the fact that very few floors if any had the proper markings on the floor. We did not feel that we should call it on one floor and not another. So this season we are NOT going to use the restricted area at all.

The NCAA Women's division made numerous changes this year. The NWBA Women's division will NOT be using these rules. They will be playing under the Men's rules. The NWBA Women's College division WILL be using the college women rules. If a Women's division team is playing a College Women's team, the Men's rules will be used. When 2 college women division teams are playing will the use of the women's rules be enforced.

## **Reporting issues and procedures**

All officials are required to report all ejections and unsportsmanlike technical to Mike Woodard, Director of Officials within 5 days of the infraction. Use the technical report form located on the Resources page of the NWBA or contact Mike at [m.w7591@yahoo.com](mailto:m.w7591@yahoo.com)

All coaches, team reps, or division commissioner should contact Mike Woodard to report any issues regarding official's conduct or professionalism. If coaches want a review or explanation of a call or procedures, please contact Mike and send any game video if possible.

All officials should report to Mike Woodard any issues related to conduct, professionalism, lack of resources, or fiscal problems involving coaches, team reps, or team personnel.