**Dave Ruback Legacy Award**

Beginning in 2013, the Junior Division has recognized one of its members for their vision, leadership, and service with respect to the NWBA, the sport of wheelchair basketball and the development of its athletes and coaches. The Dave Ruback Legacy Award is designed to honor parents of NWBA Junior Division athletes who go “above and beyond the norm” for the betterment of the Junior Division. This parent(s) continues to be a leader in developing the sport of wheelchair basketball and the Junior Division. Dave Ruback was just such an individual. Following the graduation of his son KC Ruback in 2006 Dave stayed with the Nebraska Red Dawg program, serving as coach, leader, fundraiser, recruiter, and mentor to all Red Dawgs. His leadership led to:

* 2008 NWBA Junior Division Prep National Champions (Head Coach)
* 2008 NWBA Junior Division JV National Champions (Assistant Coach)
* 2011 NWBA Junior Division Varsity National Champions (Co-Head Coach)
* 2012 NWBA Junior Division Varsity National Champions (Co-Head Coach)

Dave Ruback did not limit himself or his energy to wheelchair basketball, an advocate of disability sport he transformed the NE Red Dawgs into the NE Junior Barons and as head coach won six (6) consecutive national championships in wheelchair softball (2007-2012).

Every year the Junior Division will honor the memory of Dave Ruback by presenting the Dave Ruback Legacy Award to an individual that best exemplifies the way Dave Ruback served the Junior Division.

In order to nominate a person for this award, simply fill out the Nomination Form and return it to the Junior Division Executive Committee Secretary, Adam Lindsay (alindsay@alphatransport.com) no later than **Wednesday, March 2**.

The Junior Division Executive Committee will review the nomination forms and vote for the recipient of the award.

**Dave Ruback Legacy Award Nomination Form**

Please review the preceding page as it summarizes the accomplishments of the award’s namesake as well as the qualities that the Executive Committee will evaluate in order to choose the recipient of the award. Please keep these qualities in mind as you answer the questions in support of your nominee. The more information that you provide, the more able the panel will be to accurately and fairly choose the most deserving recipient.

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| How do you know the nominee? |
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| How long has the nominee been involved with the NWBA Junior Division and the sport of wheelchair basketball? |
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| What impact has the nominee had on the program for which they are involved? The NWBA Junior Division? The sport as a whole? |
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| In reading over the accomplishments of the award’s namesake and the qualities that laid the foundation for that success, how does the nominee reflect those same qualities? |
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| Why do you think your nominee deserves to be the recipient of the award? |
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