



NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Proposed NWBA Bylaw Amendment Form

*Submit to NWBA Executive Director Anthony Bartkowski no later than
March 18, 2018 by 5 p.m. Mountain Standard Time*

All Submissions Must Be Typed

Section: 4

Proposed By: Junior Rodriguez, San Diego Wolfpack

Summary of Proposed Change:

Current Bylaw:

Article 4 – Membership

Section 4.3 – Voting and Other Rights of Members

Individuals who are U.S. citizens, at least 18 years of age, and are the Team Representative for their respective NWBA Registered Team shall be entitled to one vote in all matters submitted to a vote of the membership. No other voting privileges are conferred upon these members. All voting delegates shall be a member of the NWBA at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the election or membership vote (Annual Assembly date) in order to be eligible to vote in such election and/or membership vote.

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Article 4 – Membership

Section 4.3 – Voting and Other Rights of Members

Individuals who are U.S. citizens, at least 18 years of age, and are the Team Representative for their respective NWBA Registered Team shall be entitled to one vote in all matters submitted to a vote of the membership. **The NWBOA will be represented by their elected Board of Directors, comprised of seven (7) members, allotted one vote each.** No



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Rationale for change:

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Section: Section 10.1

Proposed By: Stanley Corn/Sportable Rim Riders

Summary of Proposed Change:

Expanding the Annual Assembly participation to all teams in the NWBA.

Current Bylaw:

Annual Assembly Section 10.1:

The NWBA Annual Assembly.

There shall be an Annual Assembly at which all members and other NWBA constituencies shall gather and provide input to the Board of Directors on matters relating to the organization.
The Annual Assembly meeting may be held in conjunction with a major NWBA competition.

The NWBA Annual Assembly shall be held in conjunction with a regularly scheduled Board of Director's meeting.

At the Annual Assembly:

1. The Board of Directors shall provide a report on the "State of the NWBA;"
2. The Executive Director shall provide a managerial report;
3. Members may pose questions to the Board and Executive Director for response; The voting membership shall elect new members of the Board of Directors as provided in these Bylaws; and
4. The voting membership may amend these Bylaws as provided in these Bylaws.

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5. The annual assembly will be video-conferenced and the voting membership, not able to send a physical representative to the annual assembly, may participate electronically in real time.



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6. The annual assembly will be streamed on the website in real time so the voting membership that does not have video-conferencing capabilities, may view the annual assembly.

7. The voting membership that is participating via video-conferencing or live streaming, may vote using email to the annual assembly “voting email address” (to be established upon adoption of this change) if they wish to hear the discussions of the topics on which to be voted, prior to casting a vote.

Rationale for change:

The Annual Assembly participation will be further reduced by not scheduling the annual assembly during the National Tournament. Teams that are struggling to meet the new fee requirements of the NWBA, may not be able to afford to send a representative to another meeting in another city. That will be the beginning of an elitist organization which will have an Annual Assembly attended by only the wealthy teams. These changes will allow all teams to participate in Annual Assemblies.

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Section: Section 6.2

Proposed By: Tom Vandever/Charlottesville Cardinals

Summary of Proposed Change:

When the current NWBA Bylaws were established the office of President and the old elected office of Commissioner were combined into a single position of "President". Because the powers of the two positions were consolidated, the election of that individual by the membership was considered vital for responsiveness and transparency. A few years later the Bylaws were amended to allow the Board of Directors to select the President and that power of selection was removed from the general membership. **This amendment would redress that imbalance and once again allow the membership to elect the President directly.**

Current Bylaw:

Section 6.2: Election and Term of Office.

The Board of Directors of the NWBA shall elect the Officers of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the first Board Meeting following the Annual Assembly. The officers shall hold office for two years from being appointed until its successor are elected.

Section 5.6: Board Terms and Tenure.

- 1) The Board shall serve staggered terms in the following manner:
 - a. Each of the Board Directors shall be elected for four-year terms.

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The **Membership** ~~Board of Directors~~ of the NWBA shall elect the Officers of President. **The President shall serve for four years and take office at the first Board Meeting following the**



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1) The Board shall serve staggered terms in the following manner:

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a. Each of the Board Directors, **including the President**, shall be elected for four-year terms.

Rationale for change:

This restores a much need Board responsiveness and transparency to the general membership of the NWBA.

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Article 4: Section 1.c

Proposed By: NWBA Board of Directors

Summary of Proposed Change:

For governance improvements, organizational Bylaws should not specifically name organizations in its Bylaws specifically, unless required by the federal law of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.

The NWBA has reviewed the membership categories and recommends the change to Individual Membership Categories. This change provides a definition of an Official, in alignment with the other definitions of members within the NWBA.

Current Bylaw:

Article 4 – Membership

1. Individual Membership Categories

- a. Athlete Members. Athlete members are those individuals who register as competitive athletes and are eligible for competition in wheelchair basketball.
- b. Coach Members. Coach members are those individuals who register as active coaches and who are certified by the NWBA, or are certified as active coaches by the NWBA.



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- c. **Official Members.** Official members are those individuals who register as active officials with the National Wheelchair Basketball Officials Association (NWBOA) and are certified by the NWBOA.
- d. **Classification Members.** Classification Members are those individuals who register as NWBA Classifiers and attend at least one Classification Clinic every two years.
- e. **Team Representative Members.** These are individuals that support NWBA teams in at least one of the below categories: i. Statistician. ii. Athletic Trainer Members. iii. Team Classification Reviewer. iv. Equipment Manager. v. Administrator. vi. Volunteer
- f. **Divisional and Conference Leadership Members.** These are individuals who serve in a position on Divisional Committees and/or Conference Committees who may not have a direct affiliation with a NWBA team.
- g. **Board of Directors Members.** These are individuals who are members of the NWBA Board of Directors and/or NWBA Committees who may not have a direct affiliation with a NWBA Team.
- h. **Hall of Fame Members.** Hall of Fame Members are individuals who have been inducted into the NWBA Hall of Fame. These members, once inducted, will be considered lifetime members.
- i. **Lifetime Members.** These are individuals who pay a one-time membership dues fee.
- j. **Family Members.** Family Members are those who have at least three or more individuals who participate in the NWBA and reside in one location.
- k. **Affiliate or other members.** The Board of Directors may establish other non-voting membership categories as it deems appropriate.



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