

## Letter from Leadership - NWBA Director of Officials

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# NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Officials and Team Representatives:

Now that we are off and running on another NWBA season, I wanted to update everyone with some general information.

I think every good newsletter starts with positive information. I want to give a giant shout out to Rocco LaMacchia Jr. and Rachel Kimball who were nominated by the NWBA to attend the IWBF competition in Peru last week. I am proud to announce that Rocco and Rachel received their IWBF zone license. I want to thank Darrell Hargreaves for his guidance and leadership in this process. This gives the NWBA more representation on the international stage.

Currently the NWBA National Tournament Committee has been working diligently to make sure that all the bases are covered for The 2019 National Tournament Series. We are in the evaluation process for all officials eligible for Nationals. Our goal is to have official invitations sent out 45 days in advance of Nationals.

The NWBA Rules Committee will be meeting soon to start reviewing all aspects of rules and testing. We will be working to develop a more comprehensive rule book for next year, as well.

Recently a few questions have arisen regarding granting of timeouts in the NWBA. When Adult Division I, Adult Division II, and Adult Division III went to 4 - ten minute quarters instead of 2 twenty minute halves 2 years ago, the NWBA decided allow each team 3 - full (75 second) timeouts and 2 - 30 timeouts per game.

Another clarification - it is a requirement by the NWBA to have 3 man officiating crews for all Adult Division I games at the NWBA Nationals only. **During the regular season, teams are highly encouraged to use 3-man crews, but it is NOT a requirement.**

I want to thank all the officials who have registered with the NWBA. We have 165 registered officials this season. Many of you have also introduced new officials to our sport. This season, we have 26 new officials registered with the NWBA, and many veteran officials who are helping to train them. To the new officials, WELCOME!

We are currently compiling the NWBA Officials' survey results and we will disseminate the results soon. Thank you for your support and you can contact me at [officials@nwba.org](mailto:officials@nwba.org) if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas!

Lastly, we want to give a shout out to Dave Reiter (long-time NWBA official) and wish him well for a speedy recovery. We need you on the court!

Happy Holidays,

Mike Woodard  
NWBA Director of Officials