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Junior Division Bylaws and Regulations

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NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR DIVISION

BYLAWS
Adopted April 16, 1994
Crystal lake, IL

Article I. Purposes

The purposes of this division of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association are:

1) To promulgate and develop junior wheelchair basketball clubs and players.
2) To protect the rights of junior clubs and junior players within the constitution, bylaws, and executive regulations of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.
3) To coordinate the efforts of member clubs for the benefit of junior wheelchair basketball and to encourage the formation of new teams.
4) To serve the purpose of the National Wheelchair basketball Association.

Article II. Membership

Section 2.01 Eligibility for Membership

1. Team Eligibility
    a. Any National Wheelchair Basketball Association junior club which only rosters junior players is eligible for membership in this division.
2. Individual Player Eligibility
    a. Any athlete 21 years or under as of September 30, currently enrolled in high school. Junior Division eligibility ends with high school graduation/completion of a high school program.
    b. Eligible players are required to play with the nearest geographical, age appropriate team.
        i. In rare instances a player may petition the Junior Division Executive Committee to play for a team other than his/her nearest geographical team. Petitions will only be considered:
            1. If the player has moved away from the original team and wants to finish his/her last year of Junior Division eligibility with the original team (similar to a grandfather clause).
            2. The player has a minimum of two or more years of Junior Division eligibility remaining.
    c. A Prep eligible player may be rostered with a Varsity level team provided it is the nearest geographical Varsity level team.

d. A player is eligible for Prep play, beginning in the 2009-2010 season if they meet the following requirements:

   i. Males **12** years and under as of September 30th

   ii. Females **12** years and under as of September 30th

   iii. Class I, **13** years and under as of September 30th

e. All roster additions as well as final post season rosters must be submitted to the Commissioner no later than January 15th.

   i. A new/novice player that meets all other eligibility requirements may be added to a Junior Division roster at any point during the season provided that player has never been rostered on any NWBA team in the past.

   ii. Teams may not roster the same player on two 10' teams in the same tournament at any time. Coaches/players must choose which team the player will play for and that player can only play for the one 10 foot team that he/she is rostered for in that event.

f. An NWBA Official Player Application and Certification Form is not utilized for Junior Division play. For a player to be eligible for play within the Junior Division, the player must have a Junior Division Minimal Disability Certification Form completed by Physician or NWBA Certified Classifier on file with the Junior Division Commissioner and NWBA Commissioner. The Junior Division Minimal Disability Certification Form is attached as Addendum 1.

3. Coach and Staff Eligibility

   a. As of the 2006 - 2007 season, all NWBA youth coaches, representatives and team chaperones (non-athletes) must have a mandatory background check completed and on file with the NWBA. Background checks can be done through Wheelchair Sports, USA. All background checks must be completed before the coach, team representative, volunteer, chaperone (non-athlete) is permitted to associate with children. The background check must be done annually, regardless of the position held or number of years the individual has been involved with the team/NWBA program. Each team representative is responsible for insuring that all non-athletes have successfully completed the background check. Each conference commissioner is responsible for insuring that all teams comply with this regulation. Completed background checks may be submitted with team rosters at the beginning of the year.

Article III. Organization

Section 3.01 Executive Committee

The establishment and direction of the general policy of the division in the interim between annual meetings is committed to an Executive Committee of five members, and a commissioner, and shall be elected at the Division's Annual Meeting as prescribed in this article.

1) The Executive Committee shall be constituted as follows:
   a) President
   b) 1st Vice-President
   c) 2nd Vice-President
   d) Secretary
   e) Treasurer
2) Any individual, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, and physical or mental disability, may be eligible for office in the junior division.
3) For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the executive committee. The executive committee shall meet as follows: (1) prior to the business sessions of the annual meeting, (2) at such other times as the President may direct.
4) The Executive Committee shall:
   a) Transact the business and administer the affairs of the Division in accordance with the policies of the Association and Division.
   b) Adopt a budget for the ensuing fiscal year to present to the NWBA executive committee.
   c) Report its proceedings to the business section of the annual meeting.
   d) Review the proposed Association legislation for its impact on the Division and make recommendations at annual meeting.
   e) 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.
5) The Division's Executive Committee may transact part of its business by correspondence, as it may deem advisable.

6) Election of the Division's Executive Committee

   a) Each officer shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The terms shall be staggered.

   b) The following pattern shall be used as a means of staggering the elections:

      i) 1st Vice President and Secretary will be elected in the same year beginning in 2005.

      ii) 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and President Elect will be elected in the same year beginning in 2006.

      iii) President Elect Assumes Position in 2007.

      iv) The cycle will repeat with elections for the 1st Vice President and Secretary in 2008.

7) Duties of the Officers

   a) The President shall:

      i) Preside at the meetings of the Division and the Division's Executive Committee.

      ii) Provide ongoing direction for the Junior Division.

   b) The 1st Vice-President shall perform the duties as the chair may elect, including:

      i) In the absence of the President, takes the place of the president and serves those duties.

      ii) Commissioner of the Prep Division

      iii) Responsible for elite player development.

      iv) Oversees international trips.

      v) Coordinates activities/camps with the CIC.

   c) The 2nd Vice-President shall perform the duties as the chair may elect, including:

      i) Develops grass roots efforts for:

         (1) Fast Start Program

         (2) Talent Identification

         (3) League Exposure

d) The Secretary shall perform the duties as the chair may elect, including:

   i) Keep records of the meetings of the division and the division's Executive Committee.

   ii) Report to the division the annual meeting minutes of the previous year and the NJWBT.

   iii) Collect all proposed amendments to by-laws prior to February 15th and mail copies to the membership no later than March 1st preceding the annual meeting.

   iv) Bob Szyman Award

      (1) Collect names of nominees

      (2) Select committee to make award with the presentation at the NJWBT

e) The Treasurer shall perform the duties as the chair may elect, including:

   i) Track and collect registration fees for the Junior Division

   ii) Send dues to the NWBA

   iii) Present budget report at the annual meeting

f) The President-Elect will serve as an unofficial member of the executive committee. He or she shall learn the operations of the NWBA and the Junior Division to assume the position of the President following the next year's annual Division meeting.

g) The Commissioner of the Junior Division is appointed to the office by the Commissioner upon the recommendation of the Division. The Commissioner of the NWBA for the Junior Division serves and fulfills the duties and the responsibilities of the Commissioner outlined in Article IV of the NWBA Bylaws.

8) Termination of Office

a) Any officer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at a Division's annual meeting.

b) Charges of misconduct or ineffective performance of duty must be presented in a similar manner to Article VI - Organization, Section 2(d) of the NWBA Constitution.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 4.01 Annual Meeting

There shall be an annual meeting of the division during the dates set aside for the conduct of the Association's National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NJWBT).

Section 4.02 Voting Privileges

1) Each registered team shall be entitled to one (1) vote and represented by one or two accredited delegates.
2) 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.
3) The certification and voting of delegates shall be conducted as follows:
    a) Delegates shall be certified to the Secretary as entitled to represent the member team in question by the proper executive officers of their teams.
    b) No delegate shall represent a member team unless he or she is actually identified with such member.
    c) Whenever the Division votes by roll call, either written or viva voce, on any questions, on demand of any delegate, the names of the delegates as they vote shall be checked by the Secretary in order to verify the authority of the voter.
    d) Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Article V. National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

Section 5.01 National Tournaments

1) The Junior Division shall sanction three national tournaments.
    a. National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NJWBT)
        i. Top 16 teams as determined by qualification as described in Section 2: Eligibility, Qualification.
    b. National Junior Invitational Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NJIWBT)
        i. Teams 17-32 as of second Monday following the second Sunday of February as determined by the top 40 standings as published by the Junior Division Executive Committee. If teams ranked 17-32 decline the invitation to the NJIWBT, invitations will be extended in order of the rankings.
    c. National Prep Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NPWBT)
        i. Top 16 teams as determined by the top 25 standings as published by the Junior Division Executive Committee. If teams ranked in the top 16 decline the invitation to the NPWBT, invitations will be extended in order of the rankings.

Section 5.02 Eligibility, Qualification

1) To be eligible for the Junior Division National Tournament (NJWBT) a team must be in good standing and compete in at least one Regional Qualifying Tournament which precedes the National Tournament by at least three weeks during the season.
2) A Junior Division team in good standing may qualify for a Junior Division National Tournament through:
    a. A Regional Qualifying Tournament by:
        i. A Regional Tournament in which no entered team has previously qualified for the National Tournament qualifies the first and second place teams.
        ii. A Regional Tournament in which one or more teams have already qualified for the National Tournament qualifies the two highest finishing teams **to attend one of the national tournaments either the NJWBT (teams ranked 1-16) or NJIT (teams 17-32) determined by the standings as of the second Monday following the second Sunday of February as determined by the top 40 standings as published by the Junior Division Executive Committee. [2012]**
    b. Conference Championship by:
        iii. A Conference Championship Tournament in which no entered team has previously qualified for the National Tournament qualifies the first place team.
        iv. A Conference Championship Tournament in which one or more teams have already qualified for the National Tournament qualifies the highest finishing team not already qualified **to attend the NJWBT (teams 1-16) or NJIT (teams 17-32) as determined by rankings as of the second Monday following the second Sunday of February as determined by the top 40 standings as published by the Junior Division Executive Committee. [2012]**

Section 5.03 Conferences

1) Conferences will be announced by September 1st in order to receive an automatic bid through a conference Championship Tournament.
2) Conferences will consist of a minimum of 5 teams
3) A team must compete in a minimum six (6) conference games and an additional four (4) non-conference OR conference games for a total of ten (10) games to be eligible for the conference tournament and the automatic bid to the NJWBT for winning the conference tournament.
4) Each Conference shall receive an automatic bid for the National Tournament. The bid shall be awarded according to Article V, Section 1(b)(i-ii).

Section 5.04 Structure

1) The national Tournament structure is based on a sixteen (16) team, single elimination tournament which determines first through sixteenth places. See attachment A, National Tournament Bracket.
2) Recommended schedule of games, see attachment B, Recommended Schedule of Games.
3) National Tournaments for the Junior Division shall avoid religious holidays.

Article VI. Regional Tournaments

Section 6.01 Number of Tournaments

1) Each Conference shall receive one bid to the National Tournament. The remaining bids will be awarded through the conduct of Regional Qualifying Tournaments. Regional Qualifying Tournament will receive qualifying bids per the following criteria:

   5 Teams or less = 1 Bid

   6 Teams or more = 2 bids

   Any surplus qualifying bids will be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee to a team that meets all qualifying criteria.. The total number of qualifying teams will not exceed sixteen. The number of Regional Qualifying Tournaments will be adjusted relative to the number of conferences in order to insure a sixteen team field for the National Tournament.

Section 6.02 Eligibility

1) Teams – only teams in good standing with the NWBA may qualify for the National Tournament in a Regional or Conference Championship Tournament.
2) Players – Each player competing in the Regional or Conference Championship Tournament as a member of a team in good standing with the NWBA must have a Junior Division Minimal Disability Certification Form completed by Physician or NWBA Certified Classifier on file with the Junior Division Commissioner and NWBA Commissioner. The Junior Division Minimal Disability Certification Form is attached as Addendum 1.
3) A Player who is 17 years old or older on August 30 of the season must also have a Verification of Enrollment in a High School Program on file in the Junior Division Commissioner's Office.
   [1998 TC-3]

Section 6.03 Sanctioning Fees

1) Regional and Conference Championship Tournaments may only include teams in good standing with the NWBA and must be conducted in accordance with the NWBA Junior Division playing rules.
2) Hosts of National Qualifying Tournaments must pay a $50 sanctioning fee to the NWBA Junior Division for one level of play and $75 for two or more levels (Prep and 10') of play.

Section 6.04 Submission of Results

1) Regional and Conference Championship Tournament directors are responsible for submitting results of the tournament to the Division's Commissioner and the NWBA Commissioner within ten days of the last day of the tournament.

Section 6.05 Tournament Structure

1) Regional and Conference Championship Tournament structure must provide for a final standing, which will result in the ranking of all entered teams based on games outcomes.

Section 6.06 Regional Tournament Bid Dates

1) Bids for Regional Tournaments shall be completed and emailed (or postmarked) to the President of the Junior Division Executive Committee no later than August 1st.

Article VII. Bylaw Amendments

Section 7.01 Proposes Amendment Due Date

These bylaws 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 by February 15 preceding the annual meeting.

Section 7.02 Notification of Proposed Amendments

The Secretary shall email a copy of the proposed amendment to all members of the Division not later than March 1 before an annual meeting.

Section 7.03 Procedure to Amend Bylaws

A proposed amendment to the bylaws may be amended at an annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present 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 7.04 EC Proposed Amendments

The Executive Committee may propose amendments to amendments at the time of the annual meeting without the procedural requirements described by Article VII, Section 7.03, provided that in each instance, the proposed amendment has been approved by majority vote of the Executive Committee and copies distributed before or during the business session.

Section 7.05 New Bylaw Amendment Effective Date

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

Article VIII. U.S. Representation in International Competition

Section 8.01 Selection of U.S. Teams

The selection of a Junior team to represent the U.S. in international wheelchair basketball competition is the responsibility of the NWBA International Selection Committee and will be conducted under their rules and regulations.

Article IX. Executive Regulations of the NWBA Junior Division

Section 9.01 Conduct of the Annual NJWBT

(a) Responsibilities of the Sponsor of the National Tournament

1) Arrange for and underwrite the expense involved in the provision of a suitable gymnasium facility and equipment for all games.
2) Promote the tournament to the best of its ability.
3) Arrange for a photographer from Sports N Spokes to shoot the tournament.
4) Provide round trip travel, lodging and meals for an official appointed by the Commissioner of the Junior Division to serve as Head Referee, Assignor and Assessor for the tournament.
5) Provide lodging and meals for members of the Junior Division Executive Committee and the Junior Division Commissioner who are not present with a competing team
6) Arrange for the housing of all official team members, delegates and NWBA dignitaries attending the National Tournaments and the annual meeting.
7) Arrange for suitable and adequate meeting space for the conduct of the annual Junior Division meeting.
8) Arrange for suitable transportation services at tournament expense for all participants in the tournament and Junior Division meetings where required.
9) Provide information on rental of cars, vans and trucks.
10) Arrange for the purchase and engraving of the following trophies and awards at tournament expense:
    a) Approved National Championship Trophy, QTY (1)
    b) Individual Awards to National Champions, Qty (15)
    c) 2nd Place Team Trophy, QTY (1)
    d) Individual Awards for 2nd Place, QTY (15)
    e) 3rd Place Team Trophy, QTY (1)
    f) Individual Awards for 3rd Place, QTY (15)
    g) 4th Place Team Trophy, QTY (1)
    h) Individual Awards for 4th Place, QTY (15)
    i) Neal Rabdel Award for Sportsmanship, QTY (1)
    j) Most Valuable Player Award, QTY (1)
    k) First Team All-National Tournament, QTY (5)
    l) Second Team All-National Tournament, QTY (5)
    m) Player of the Game for the Championship Game QTY (1)
11) Print a tournament program, which shall include a photograph of each of the competing teams in the tournament and a brief biography of all the players along with their positions, jersey numbers, classifications and high schools. The program shall contain a history of

the NWBA, the records of past NJWBTs, Junior division Standings for the immediate past season and other information pertinent to wheelchair basketball and wheelchair sports, which would have general interest and educational value.

12) Provide two official NWBA basketballs, Mikasa BD2000, for all games of the tournament. The national championship team will be awarded the game ball.

13) Provide an official, current NCAA Basketball scorebook for each court, which shall become part of the archives of the Junior Division at the conclusion of the tournament.

14) Provide for certified personnel to perform the duties of the official scorer, official timer, shot clock operator, spotter and public address announcer.

15) Arrange for an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the National Championship game for the presentation of the tournament trophies and awards and the NWBA High School All-Academic Team awards.

(b) Responsibilities of Team Qualifying for the National Tournament

The responsibilities of all teams qualifying for the national tournament shall be to:

1) Furnish the sponsor, at the time of qualification for the National Tournament, a team photograph, short biographies of all players and photographs of outstanding players along with any additional materials suitable for promotion of the tournament.

2) Furnish the sponsor with a roster of all team personnel planning to attend the tournament, indicating the numbers in wheelchairs, the number that are ambulatory or semi-ambulatory and whether any specific arrangements need to be made in housing accommodations or meals.

3) Furnish the sponsor with a team roster indicating team players, positions, jersey numbers and classification.

4) Pay the travel, to and from the site of the tournament and housing and meal expense of all team personnel.

(c) Regional Qualifier, Conference and National Championship All-Tournament Teams, MVP and Player of the Game

The following process shall be used to name players to the Regional Qualifier, Conference and National Championship All-Tournament teams:

1) There is a first and second team. Each team consists of 5 players.

2) There is an MVP. The MVP will not be named to either All-Tournament Team.

3) Each team must vote for 10 players, i.e. it must have a name for each line on the ballot (10 lines), a Sportsmanship Award and an MVP of the tournament.

   a) There will be a slot for a Class I player.

   b) There will be a slot for a Class II player.

   c) There will be a slot for a female player.

4) A team may not vote for a player on its own team.

5) The tournament director receives one ballot.

6) The referees as a group receive one ballot.

7) The votes will be weighed so that a 1st choice receives 10 points and a 10th choice receives 1 point. An MVP choice will receive 11 points.

8) The top five (5) vote getters, including the top vote getting Class I, Class II and Female will be named to the First Team.

9) Vote getters 6-10, including the Class I, Class II and Female with the most votes in places 6-10 will be named to the Second Team.

10) The award will be called First Team All-Tournament or Second Team All-Tournament.

11) The Junior Division Commissioner will provide the ballots and tally sheets for the NJWBT.

12) The Conference Director will provide the ballots and tally sheets for the Conference Championship.

13) The Tournament Director will provide the ballots and tally sheets for the Regional Qualifier.

14) The Player of the Game will be awarded to an athlete in the championship game. The player will be selected by the referees, tournament director and members of the EC that are not party to the championship game. In the event that no members of the EC are present for a regional qualifier or conference championship, the tournament director will select up to three additional people with no team interest in the championship game to select the Player of the Game.

Section 9.02 NWBA High School All-Academic Team

1) The NWBA will present an annual award to 12 Junior Division players during the awards ceremony following the national championship game. The player's team does not have to participate in the national tournament for him or her to be eligible for this award.
2) The players will receive a plaque and the player's school will receive a plaque with a 5 x 7 photo of the player on it.
3) To qualify for the award the player must be in grade 10, 11 or 12.
4) To qualify for the award the player must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. A principal or counselor must certify this.
5) To qualify for the award the player must not have a grade lower than a C. A principal or counselor must certify this.
6) If more than 12 players meet those criteria, the players with the top 12 grade point averages will be named to the team.
7) Applications for the award will be mailed to member clubs during the fall of the season.
8) Applications are due by January 15.

Junior Division Minimal Disability Certification Form

Name: _____ _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE NICKNAME

Address: _____ _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Age: _____ DOB: _____(Attach copy of Birth Certificate)

Gender: _____

Team: _____

I desire the opportunity to participate in wheelchair basketball. I shall abide by the rules and regulations, the purposes and principles of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association and the Junior Division. I recognize the good I can derive from fair and equitable participation in a properly administered program of wheelchair basketball. I recognize that through this medium I can be of inspiration and service to others.

_____ _____
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN PLAYER APPLICIANT SIGNATURE

Disability Certification

I certify that the above player applicant was examined by myself on this date and meets the minimal disability criteria below:

To be eligible for play in the NWBA, a player must have an irreversible lower extremity disability such as paralysis, amputation, or radiological evidence of limb shortening, partial to full ankylosis or joint replacement, which consistently interferes with mobility. Findings such as soft tissue contracture, ligamentous instability, edema or disuse atrophy, or symptoms such as pain or numbness, without objective findings shall not be considered a permanent lower extremity disability. (NWBA Bylaws Article 3.1.A.)

Diagnosis of Permanent Lower Extremity Disability: _____ _____

_____
Signature of Classifier or Physician

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Player Certification

_____ _____
Signature of Team Representative Date

_____ _____
Signature of Junior Conference Commissioner Date

_____ _____
Signature of Junior Division Commissioner Date

_____ _____
Signature of NWBA Commissioner Date

Junior Division Playing Rules

National Wheelchair Basketball Association Junior Division Playing Rules Adopted March 15, 2001, * Revised 03/15/05, ** 03/23/06, *** 2008, † 2009		
	Varsity	Prep
Age	21 and Under **AND** enrolled in a recognized high school program.	A player is eligible for Prep play if they meet the following requirements: * Male 12 years and under * Female 12 years and under * Class I, 13 years and under
Basket Height	10'	8-1/2'
Free Throw Line	15'	** 13' Regulation lane for 3 sec calls.*** Officials will line up kids for free throws to accommodate for add-on baskets for 8-1/2 foot or baskets that can be lowered.
Ball Size	** Official NWBA 29.5 (Mikasa BD 2000 Men's)	** Official NWBA 28.5 (Mikasa BDC 2000 Women's)
3-Point	Yes	* Yes
Shot Clock	NCAA - 35 Seconds	None * Game clock will stop after a made basket with 1 minute left in game.
Periods	20 Minute Halves	8 Minute Quarters. Clock stops on whistles.
Intermission	10 Minutes	1 minute Between Quarters 10 Minutes Between Halves
Overtime	5 Minute Intermission 5 Minute Overtime Period	2 Minute Intermission 2 Minute Overtime Period
Time Outs	NCAA 4 - Full 2 - 30 Second	4 - Full
Jump Ball	NCAA Alternating Possession	NCAA Alternating Possession
Fouls	NCAA - 5	NCAA - 5
Defense		No press in the backcourt for 10 seconds. If the offensive team calls a timeout in their backcourt, the defense may apply a full court press immediately after the timeout.
	A team with a 20 point lead in the second half may only apply a half court defense, i.e. no press. Defense must give the offense one chair length beyond the mid-court line before defending the opponents. If the team that is down by 20 or more points begins to press, then both teams may press. †	
Offense*		When a change of possession occurs, the offense cannot prevent the defense from crossing the mid-court line into their defensive positions, i.e. no backpicking by an offensive player on a defensive player in the offensive team's backcourt.
Classification and Points	No Point System Classification Form OR Completed Minimum Disability Form	No Point System Classification Form OR Completed Minimum Disability Form
Chair Specifications	NWBA	Chair must be safe for all players on the court. * No Power Chairs.
All other NWBA and NCAA rules as applied to the higher divisions will be applied to the Junior and Prep Divisions.		