

NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE:



RULES AND REGULATIONS:

SEASON – 2008:

May 23 to 17 August:

CLUBS:

ADELAIDE THUNDER

BRISBANE SPINNING BULLETS:

DANDENONG RANGERS:

PERTH WHEELCATS:

WENTWORTHVILLE LEAGUES WHEELKINGS:

WEST SYDNEY RAZORBACKS:

WOLLONGONG HIGH LUBE ROLLER HAWKS:

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE NWBL:

- **PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR (AN) ONGOING PREMIER NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL COMPETITION(S)**
 - **POSITION THE NWBL AS A HIGH PROFILE SPORTING COMPETITION.**

SECTION ONE - GOVERNANCE OF THE NWBL

A: OWNERSHIP OF THE NWBL

- A.1. For a team to play in the NWBL, in addition to other provisions listed in this document, the team must be owned or endorsed by a Wheelchair Sports Australia Ltd. member organisation in their State.
- A.2. To be eligible to play in the NWBL, in addition to other provisions listed in this document, each player must be member of a Wheelchair Sports Australia Ltd. member organisation in their State.
- A.3: The NWBL is a Sports Section of Wheelchair Sports Australia Ltd. known as Wheelchair Basketball Australia (WBA).

B: THE COMPETITION & LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

- B.1. The competition is conducted by the National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL).
 - B.1.1. The competition is open to teams (Clubs) throughout the States and Territories of Australia subject to guidelines and standards, which the NWBL issues from time to time.
 - B.1.2. The playing composition of the NWBL shall consist of the previous years re-nominating and financial Clubs plus other Club(s) as accepted by the Council of the NWBL.
- B.2. The Council of the NWBL governs the NWBL.
- B.3. The Council consists of one delegate from each of the financial Clubs and the Executive Committee.
 - i) The Council convenes twice between seasons.
 - ii) The First Council Meeting convenes 28 days after the closing date for expressions of interest to play in the following season but no later than December the 10th.
 - iii) The purpose of the First Council meeting is to
 - (a) Set the number of minor playing rounds, the dates of the minor playing rounds and the final series dates for the coming season.
 - (b) Set the Administration Fee for the coming Season.
 - (c) To allow Clubs to foreshadow proposals for the Main Council Meeting.
 - iv) The Main Council meeting convenes after the First Council Meeting but no earlier than January 31st. The Executive Committee determines the date and venue of both Council meetings. A minimum of 45 days notice of the date and venue of the Main Council Meeting shall be given to the member Clubs. The meeting Agenda's shall be distributed to member Clubs no less than 28 days prior to the meeting.
 - v) The Agenda of Main Council Meeting shall be
 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:
 - 2. Minutes and business arising from the First Council Meeting and the previous Main Council Meeting.
 - 3. Reports
 - Commissioner
 - Secretary
 - Financial
 - 4. General Business
 - 6. Election of the Officers
 - 7. Closure
- B.3.1. Voting members of the Council Meetings shall be one delegate from each of the next seasons playing and financial Clubs.

- B 3.2 A Special Council Meeting may be called by resolution of the NWBL Executive Committee or by resolution of the NWBL Executive Committee within 28 days months of receipt of signed proposals from at least three (3) member Clubs. The request to call the meeting shall include motion(s) to be discussed and voted on. The provisions and the conduct of the Special Council Meeting will be the same as for a Main Council Meeting.
- B.4. The NWBL Executive Committee consists of five (5) members, the Commissioner, the Secretary, two (2) members and the Technical Delegate of WBA.
- B.4.1. The Council appoints the Commissioner, the Secretary and the members for two-year terms. The Commissioner and the first named executive member for odd, and the Secretary and the seconded named executive member for even, season years.
- B.4.2. The duties of the Executive Committee are to conduct the business of the NWBL between the Council Meetings, following the Rules and Regulations of the NWBL and instructions from the Council.
- B.4.3. Process for establishing the Season Playing Draw.
- i) The Executive shall produce the first draft draw, no later than by the First Council Meeting, following the Rules and Regulations of the NWBL, the instructions from the Council and noting precedents from past seasons.
 - ii) The Clubs shall finalise as much of the draw detail as possible including negotiating with other clubs on possible dates, times and venues no later than twelve weeks prior to the season commencement.
 - iii) The Executive Committee shall complete the draw taking into account the confirmed arrangements, and as much as possible, the tentative arrangements, club's requests/submissions and flight plans and any other factors which they believe are in the overall interests of the NWBL.
 - iv) The official draw will be released no later than ten weeks prior to the season commencement.
- B.5 **Member Club Names.**
- B.5.1 Each Club shall have a "core name" generally consisting of their home area (e.g. Sydney) and a "nick name" (e.g. Wheelkings).
- B.5.2. Each Club can add to the "core name" a "sponsor's" name, (e.g. Wentworthville Leagues).
- B.5.3 A Club can only change their "core name" and/or their "nick name" with the approval of the Pre Season Annual Council meeting.
- B.5.4 For the purpose of having a "sponsor's" name included in NWBL official publications notice should be received up to four weeks before the season start.

C: TEAM ENTRIES, FEES & TRAVEL EQUALISATION

- C.1. All prospective teams in the NWBL must submit the signed application form and their player team list.
- C.1.1. A Wheelchair Sports Australia Ltd. affiliated member association should endorse the teams' application and Players Team List form.
- C.1.2. The two forms in C.1. above must be submitted to the secretary no later than ten weeks prior to the season commencement. Each individual player must sign the Players Team List.
- C.2. **The Administration Fee for the next Season** is required to be with the NWBL Executive Committee no later than ten weeks prior to the season commencement. Late Administration Fee payment will only be accepted in extraordinary circumstances and then only with the approval of the Executive Committee of the NWBL.
- C.2.1. The NWBL Executive Committee recommends the Administration Fee to the Council members prior to the Council Meeting. The Administration Fee is not refundable under any circumstances.
- C.2.3. The Administration fee for 2008 is \$1,500 per Club which includes a \$200 levee fee to WBA

C.3 Equalised Travel, Accommodation and Conference Fees:

- C.3.1 The **Total Equalised Travel, Accommodation and Conference Fee** for a Season consists of three parts;
- A] Equalised Minor Round Travel and Accommodation Fee,

- B] Equalised Council Meetings Conference Fee.
- C] Equalised Final Series Travel and Accommodation Fee.

- C.3.2. **Equalised Minor Round Travel Fee:** All teams' interstate airline travel and accommodation costs, during the round robin games shall be equalised between all teams. Touring party numbers are limited to eight for equalisation purposes. Costs for numbers above eight shall be borne by the touring team.
- C.3.2.1. To be eligible for equalisation for a travel sector a team must travel with no less than seven (7) players within that sector.
- C.3.3. The Executive Committee shall establish the airfare sector costs for calculation purposes six weeks before the season commencement. The NWBL shall contact QANTAS and its main competitor to obtain suitable "14 Day Advance Fare" rates (or what is current at the time). The NWBL shall inform the Clubs of the established Airfare rates three weeks before the season commencement.
- C.3.3.4 The Executive Committee shall establish the accommodation costs per person for calculation purposes six weeks before the season commencement. The NWBL shall set a rate per bed day per person for the season based on a twin share arrangement and shall determine the number of bed nights applicable for each teams travel arrangements within the overall accommodation equalisation calculations."
- C.4. Equalised Final Series Travel and Accommodation Fees for visiting final team's travel (eight in party) costs shall be added to the Total Equalised Travel Fee, and shall be equalised between all teams.
- C.5 Equalised Annual Council Meeting Conference Fee is the costs of conducting the Annual Council meeting and shall be equalised between all teams.

D: HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

- D.1. Home teams and the final series host must appoint an NWBL approved Game Commissioner for each NWBL game. The Game Commissioner is responsible for the smooth running of the match and ensuring that NWBL rules and standards are maintained.
- D.2. The home team and the final series host is responsible for providing the playing venue, table officials and the statistics officials. All associated costs must be borne by the home team.
- D.2.1 If the designated home team fails to arrange a scheduled game then the home team is deemed to have forfeited that game and is fined.
- D.2.3 The game venue must fully comply with IWBFF/FIBA standards in terms of measurements and equipment. Equipment includes a solid floor, fully functioning warning and signaling devices, game clock, shot clock and score board.
- D.2.4 The home team and the final series host provides the game ball and at least 3 warm up balls for the opposition. Warm up balls must be of the same type, brand and similar condition as the match ball.
- D.2.5. The NWBL reserves the right to rule on the brand and model of the ball to be used in the League.
- D.3. Score table and statistic officials must be of a standard as recommended by the Chairperson of the WBA Technical Committee for NWBL games. Each game must have four qualified table officials and two statistic officials, all holding a minimum of Basketball Australia Level Two relevant qualifications.
- D.4. A game program featuring the NWBL logo on the front cover should be produced and distributed at each home and final game.
- D.5. The Home Team and the final series host is responsible to pay the referees, score table and statistic personnel the fees, which are set, each season by the NWBL.
- D.6. At the conclusion of each game, it is the responsibility of the home captain to ensure that the three referees, the visiting captain and him/herself have signed the score sheet. Each captain must ensure that the players on the score sheet actually took part in the game. Copy of the score sheet must be supplied to the visiting team.

- D.7. The home team must e-mail or FAX the Game Results Sheet to the NWBL Secretary by 6.00pm (or within two hours of Perth based, Sunday afternoon games) of the Sunday evening following the game.
- D.7.1. The home team must e-mail the stats file to the NWBL Web Master and NWBL Secretary 6.00pm (or within two hours of Perth based, Sunday afternoon games) of the Sunday evening following the game.
- D.8. The Original score sheet and the MVP votes must be mailed to the NWBL Secretary to arrive no later than the Wednesday following the game.
- D.9. Failure to comply with any provisions of Rule D (other than D.2.1) will incur the offending team a \$50.00 fine.
- D.9.1 Failure to comply with Rule D.2.1 will incur the offending team a \$500.00 fine.

E: FINAL SERIES

- E.1. At the conclusion of the round robin, the teams placed first, second, third and fourth on the NWBL table will contest a Page System Final Series.
E.1 (a) The 2008 Final Series shall be held on Friday the 15th to Sunday the 17th of August in Dandenong.
- E.1.1. The final series will be conducted as a partnership between the hosting Club and the NWBL and in accordance with these Rules and Regulations and other requirements as listed in the Finals Tender document.
- E.1.2. In the event of a draw for first to fourth positions, finalists will be decided by the formulas set out in the IWBF rulebook.
- E.2. The order of games using the Page System are;
The preferred NWBL position is to play Game One of the Final Series on the Friday Night and Game Two on the Saturday morning as follows:
- E.2 A:
 - i) Day One: Game One: Team (1) plays team (2). Time 8.30pm. The winning team advances to the Grand Final (Game Four).
 - ii) Day Two: Game Two: Team (3) plays team (4). Time 11.00am.
- B: It is not always possible for the host Club to find a suitable court to conduct Game Two on the Saturday morning. When this is the case the following game times will be adopted for Games One and Two.
 - i) Day One: Game One: Team (1) plays team (2). Time 7.00pm. The winning team advances to the Grand Final (Game Four).
 - ii) Day One: Game Two: Team (3) plays team (4). Time 9.00pm.
- C: The document, confirming that the nominated Final's Host Club has accepted to conduct the Finals, must detail what system of finals will be used, E2 A or E2 B.
- D:
 - i) Day Two: Game Three: The winner of Game Two plays the loser of Game One. Time 7.00pm. The losing team is eliminated. The winning team advances to the Grand Final (Game Four).
 - ii) Day Three: Bronze medal. Time 10.30am.
 - ii) Day Three: Game Four: The Grand Final. The winner of Game One plays the winner of Game Three. Time 1.00pm.
- E: Game times for Games Three and Four may be varied by agreement between the host Club and the NWBL Executive Committee using the Rules stated above as guidelines.

E.3. AWARDED THE FINAL SERIES

- From Season 2006 the NWBL will rotate the conduct of the final series between the Clubs.
- E.3.1. The result of the draw conducted by Wheelchair sports Australia was; 2006 West Sydney, 2007 Perth, 2008 Dandenong, 2009 Sydney (Wentworthville), 2010 Wollongong and 2011 Brisbane. Note: Adelaide are listed to host in 2012.
- E.3.2 A document confirming that a Club will accept its top position on the rotation list and will host the finals in the coming Season must be received by the Secretary four months before the Season starts.

- E.3.3. The documents must include confirmation of game bookings detailing the venue, dates and requested game times and days.
- E.3.4 The venue, if not a regular NWBL game site may be subject to a site visit.
- E.3.5 New team(s) entering the NWBL are placed at the bottom of the rotation list.
- E.3.6 If a Club declines their allocated year to conduct the finals they are placed at the bottom of the rotation list.
- E.3.7 a) If a Club declines their allocated year to conduct the finals closer then 6 months before the final series starting date, they are fined \$1000.00. The fee will be passed on to the replacement host LOC.
b) If a team withdraws from hosting the finals after the start of Round Four they will be fined \$5000.00. The fee will be passed on to the replacement host LOC.
- E.3.8 In special circumstances another Club may request, and be granted, hosting privileges subject to an agreement between the scheduled hosting Club and with the NWBL Executive Committee approval.
- E.3.9 When a Club requests and is granted, hosting privileges, as an exchange to host with another Club, the Clubs involved would exchange positions in the rotation list.
- E.3.10 When a Club declines their allocated year to conduct the finals but successfully arranges an NWBL sanctioned exchange no closer then the start of Round Four the fines do not apply.
- E.3.11 If the arrangements to host the finals series collapse the Executive Committee will become the host organising body for the final series and shall make all arrangements and equalise the costs, after collecting any fines due, between the clubs.
- E.4. Costs associated with staging the Final Series being of NWBL officials and referees interstate travel and accommodation, and trophies shall be borne by the NWBL from the Administration Fees.
- E.4.1. Interstate Final Four visiting team's travel (eight in party) costs shall be added to the Equalised Final Series Travel Fee.
- E.4.2. Other costs, promotion, venue, Referees, Score Table and Stats personnel game fees etc. are borne by the host Club.
- E.4.3 If the host club meets all the NWBL Rules and Regulations requirements they shall receive a grant of \$1,000.00 from the NWBL, payable from general funds.

F: NWBL AWARDS

- F.1. A perpetual NWBL trophy will be provided for the Champion Team.
- F.1.1 The winning team shall be presented with a Championship Pennant in conjunction with the presentation of the Charles Ryan Trophy.
- F.1.2 Annual awards shall be made in the following categories.
 - NWBL Season Top Scorer
 - NWBL Most Valuable Low Point Player
 - NWBL Most Valuable Mid Point Player
 - NWBL Most Valuable High Point Player
 - NWBL Most Valuable Player of the Season
 - NWBL Most Valuable Player of the Final Series
 - Coach of the Year.
 - Media Award.
- F.2. The NWBL Season Top Scorer will be decided by games played in the round robin series. The award is made to the player who has the highest game point average. To be eligible a player must play in at least the same number of games that the player must play to be eligible for the final series (see Article H)
- F.2.1 In the event of two or more players having the same game point average than the award will go to the player who has played the most minor games.
- F.3. The NWBL Most Valuable Player(s), Low – Mid and High Point awards are decided by a triple voting system. Votes are given by both coaches and by the referees throughout the round robin series for the MVP awards. That is three sets of votes of equal value per game. The votes are one vote per category for each game. The sets of votes in the three categories are tallied together by the NWBL Secretary and the player with the most points in each category at the end of the NWBL round robin series is the NWBL MVP in their category.

- F.3.1. To facilitate the voting system, on the score sheet the letters, L, M, and H appear alongside the names of the players on the score sheet. This is to show at a glance which category the player falls into.
- 1) L - indicating a Low Point Player (0.0pts - 1.5pts)
 - 2) M - indicating a Mid Point Player (2.0pts - 3.5pts)
 - 3) H - indicating a High Point Player (4.0pts - 4.5pts)
- F.3.2. In the event of a tie in the NWBL MVP Low, Mid or High point category, the involved players in the category will be ranked as follows to break the tie.
- 1) The player who has played the least minor round games.
 - 2) If the players have played the same number of games, the player who has scored the most points.
 - 3) If the players have played the same number of games and made the same number of points, the award is split.
- F.4. The player that polls the most votes of the MVP three categories will be awarded the NWBL Most Valuable Player of the Season.
- F.4.1. In the event of a tie in the NWBL Most Valuable Player of the Season, the involved players will be ranked as follows to break the tie.
- 1) The player who has played the least minor round games.
 - 2) If the players have played the same number of games, the player who has scored the most points.
 - 3) If the players have played the same number of games and made the same number of points, then to lowest classification (after any bonus point reduction) player.
 - 4) After that the award is split.
- F.5. The Final Series Most Valuable Player is decided by a dual voting system. Votes are placed by the game coaches and by the game referees throughout the final series. The votes are 1, 2 or 3 for each game; the MVP of the game receives 3 votes. Both sets of votes are tallied together by the NWBL Secretary or representative and divided by the number of games the players' team played in the series (2 or 3). To be eligible the player must have played in at least two final series games. The player with the highest number of averaged points at the end of the NWBL final series is elected the Final Series NWBL MVP.
- F.6. An All-Star Five team will be selected based on MVP votes from the minor round in the best possible combination. Three members of the All-Star Five shall be the NWBL Most Valuable Player(s), Low – Mid and High Point, The Secretary will be responsible to compile the team with assistance from the NWBL Commissioner.
- F.6.1 In announcing the All-Star Five the three NWBL Most Valuable Player(s), Low – Mid and High Point, shall be identified.
- F.7. The Coach of the Year award will be decided by votes that are polled by the NWBL Clubs' Head Coaches at the end of the Round Robin. The Secretary will conduct the voting.
- F.7.1. Head coaches will be asked to name their Coaches of the Year, 1 to 3. With 1 equaling three points, 2 two points and 1 one point.
- F.8 Media Award.
- F.9. All trophies will be presented immediately following the playing of the Game Final. The NWBL and the Host Club/Local Organising Committee will select the joint presenters.
- F.9.1. Under special circumstances the NWBL Executive Committee may agree to make some of the annual awards at an NWBL dinner or lunch.
- F.10 Recognition of Individual NWBL Milestones.
From Season 2006 the NWBL will establish a Milestones/Statistics Database so to be able acknowledge achievements of athletes and officials as a part of each NWBL season.
- F.10.1 The NWBL is to endeavor to collect statistical information where possible from previous seasons and to add the information to the Milestones/Statistics Database as appropriate.
- F.11 **NWBL LIFE MEMBESHIP:**
- 1) The major criteria must be meritorious service to the NWBL or a NWBL Club(s). Such service must incorporate recognisable achievement over a minimum period of time.

- 2) Committee Member:
Minimum ten (10) years service to NWBL as an Executive Committee Member;
- 3) Players:
Minimum fifteen (15) years playing in an NWBL Club(s).
Can combine services as a player/coach/official/NWBL Committee Member.
- 4) Coaches:
Minimum fifteen (15) years service in an NWBL Club(s).
Can combine services as player/coach/official/NWBL Committee Member.
- 5) Officials (Referees/Classifiers/Game Commissioners):
Fifteen (15) years service to the NWBL and/or an NWBL Club(s).
Can combine services as player/coach/official/NWBL Committee Member.
- 6) Club Volunteers/Associates:
Fifteen (15) years service to an NWBL Club(s).
Can combine services as player/coach/official/NWBL Committee Member.

F.11.1 All life members shall be entitled to

- Free entry to any events controlled by NWBL on presentation of Life Membership identification;
- Attend all open NWBL Council and Special Meetings and to speak at such meetings;

F.11.2 All candidates for life membership must be nominated by the Executive Committee or by an NWBL Club in advance of an Annual Council Meeting. Nominations must be placed on the agenda in the usual way.

F.11.3 All candidates must be elected by no less than 75% of the Clubs present at the NWBL Annual Council Meeting.

SECTION TWO - PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS:

G: PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS AND GAME RULES

G.1. The NWBL minor round in 2008 will be run as a "double round robin" competition on a home and away basis. Considerations may vary this concept such as cost factors and travel distances.

G.2. All games will be conducted under IWBFF rules with some modifications.

- A) Playing numbers. See article I.2.
- B) Classification points. See articles J and K.
- C) Twelve (12) minute quarters.
- D) Six (6) player fouls.
- E) Wheelchairs may not have push handles.
- F) Game start timing. See APPENDIX 5: PRE-GAME PROCEDURES FOR REFEREES AND TEAMS.

G.3. Where a team is required to play three Minor Round games on a normal weekend Game One (of the three) shall be played:

- i) On the Friday night starting no later than 8.30 pm. OR
- ii) On the Saturday morning starting no later than 10.30am.

G.3.1. Game Two shall be played

- i) When Game One is played on Friday night Game Two will be played on Saturday starting no earlier than 10.30 am and starting no later than 8.30 pm.
- ii) When Game One is played on Saturday morning Game Two shall be played on Saturday night starting no earlier than 6.00 pm and starting no later than 8.30 pm.

G.3.2. Game Three shall be played on the Sunday starting no earlier than 11.00 am and no later than 2.30 pm.

G.4. Competition points are awarded as follows -

- Win 3 points
- Loss 1 point
- Forfeit 0 points

G.5. A team that forfeits is fined \$500.00 and must pay to their opponent the amount of any costs incurred and not recovered by the opponent. The Executive Committee shall adjudicate in any dispute between the parties.

H: TEAMS & PLAYERS

- H.1. A player must be a financial member of a WSA Ltd. affiliated association.
- H.1.1 A player must be a financial member of Wheelchair Basketball Australia.
- H.1.2. Pre season, a team may register as many players as they wish by placing them on their Team Registration List. A player may be registered with one team only. Players are required to sign this form. During the season players may be added to the Team's Registration List by applying to the NWBL Secretary.
- H.1.3. Imported players and Australian players returning from overseas Club duties require a clearance letter from their last playing Club.
- H.2. Players, with the permission of the NWBL Executive Committee, can transfer teams before the start of the second half of the minor round. At a latter time a player who wishes to transfer teams may lodge an application with the NWBL Executive Committee. Application for such transfers must be made on the NWBL Player Transfer Form.
- H.3. To be eligible to play in the finals series a player must have played in 40% (rounded up) of their team's minor round games.
- H.3.1. A team may make application to the NWBL Executive Committee to have "Art. H.3." set aside when a team listed player could not play the required number of minor round matches because of injury or illness. During the period of injury or illness the player must be resident in Australia.
- H.4. Should a player listed on the score sheet not participate in that particular game, the players name must be deleted from the score sheet by the teams' captain prior to signing the score sheet after the game is concluded.
- H.4.1. To participate in a game means to be legally on the score sheet and to play or be present at the players' bench in playing uniform during the game.
- H.5. A team may only play one imported player per season.
- H.5.1. A Team may apply to remove an imported player from their team list and replace that player with another eligible imported player. To be eligible for the final series the replacement imported player must comply with article H.3.
- H.5.2. A New Zealand player (who is a NZ citizen) is not considered to be an imported player.

I: TEAM UNIFORMS

- I.1. Each team must possess two complete sets of basketball singlets, which comply with IWBF uniform regulations. One must be a predominantly light color and the other a predominantly dark color.
- I.2. Players' numbers must be in the following ranges, 4 to 15, 20 to 25, 30 to 35, 40 to 45, 50 to 55.
- I.3. T-shirts, of a solid color, may be worn under a player's singlets matching the predominant color of the singlet and be uniform throughout the team. Text or graphics on the T-shirt must not be visible. Players wearing odd or inconsistent coloured T-shirts will not be permitted to compete in NWBL matches.
- I.4. All players of the same team shall wear shorts and/or track pants of the same, single, solid color. If the shorts or track pants include trim it shall be of the same color and design for all players of the same team.
- I.5. The home team wears the light color uniform. However, where opposing teams have uniforms that are similar in color, the home team is required to change to the alternate set.
- I.6. Teams are required to wear the NWBL logo on the left breast on the playing singlets.
- I.6.1. The NWBL Executive Committee may impose a \$50.00 fine for the second and subsequent team breaches.

J: NWBL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

- J.1. The NWBL is conducted under the IWBFF Classification System for Basketball. The maximum on court Classifications points is 14.
- J.2. All players competing in the NWBL must have an IWBFF Card, WBA Classification Card or a WBA Provisional Classification Card.
 - J.2.1 Male players and Male Junior (under 20 at 1st April of current season) who have been granted a one-point classification reduction for the season plus Female players must have a special Red WBA Classification Card showing that reduction.
 - J.2.2. All players are required to be available courtside to the referees for the purpose of chair and equipment checks pre game. The time available for this process is between forty (40) and twenty (20) minutes before scheduled game time.
- J.3. A qualified WBA Classifier must sign provisional Classification Cards. The provisional classification remains in force until a second qualified WBA or International Classifier can assess the individual in a game situation.
 - J.3.1. The player qualifies for an Australian Classification once the second classifier has ratified the provisional classification. Any disputes with provisional classifications will be referred to the Classification Co-coordinator of the Technical Committee of the WBA. Teams who abuse or exploit the provisional classification system may have competition points deducted by the NWBL Executive Committee.
 - J.3.2 An imported player who does not hold an IWBFF Classification Card must be provisionally qualified by a process agreed to by the NWBL Classification Officer. The provisional classification remains in force only for the player's first game in the NWBL. During the player's first game in the NWBL an Australian based IWBFF International Classifier, appointed by the NWBL, will assess the individual in the game (the responsibility is with the Club to assure that the player is given enough playing minutes for that to occur).
- J.4. When a team intends to field a player with a provisional classification they must provide at least 7 days notice to the opposing team.
- J.5. When a team fails to provide a full set of player classification cards, pre game, they will be subject to a \$50.00 fine.
 - J.5.1. For the game in question, the team must then provide a list of all their players and their classifications to the score table. This list is to be signed by the team coach/manager and the Crew Chief Referee. After the game this list is to be submitted to the NWBL Secretary. If the list is found to be in error then the team may have competition points deducted.

K: ELIGIBILITY FOR A ONE-CLASSIFICATION POINT REDUCTIONS:

- K.1. Some players are eligible for a one-classification point reduction. One point players eligible for a classification point reduction are reduced to 0.0 points.
 - K.1.1. Players entitled to a one-classification point reduction are Females, Males under 20 years of age as at 1st April of the current season, Rookie Players (previous called "first year Australian and New Zealand male players.) A copy of the "male under 20 years of age" player's birth certificate or passport must be attached to the team registration list.
 - K.1.2. A Rookie player is defined as a male Australian or a New Zealand player (who is a citizen of that country) in their first year of the NWBL
 - K.1.3 A Club may apply to the NWBL EC, at the time the Team List is submitted to the Secretary, for a previous season Rookie to have their Rookie status extended for a second year. (See also K.9 and K.9.1).
- K.2. First year Rookie players whose name does not appear (or remain) on the score sheet for that teams first three games may make application to the NWBL Executive Committee to remove their name from the Team's Registration List.
- K.3. Male imported players (other than New Zealanders) under 20 years of age as at the 1st April of the current Season do not receive a one-classification point reduction.

- K.4. The total number of classification point reductions players that can be claimed on floor at any one time is 2. Teams however may have on the floor at any one time more than two classification point reduction players providing the total number of classification points does not exceed 16.
- K.5. Two, 4 point players and a 4.5 point player, or two 4.5 point players and a 4 point player can not play on the court at the same time. This rule does not include in its application classification point reduction players.
- K.5.1 When counting the number of 4 and 4.5 point players in total on the floor do not include Junior, Rookie Male or Female players (Red Card Players). For example a line up that included a 4.5 male (non first year) a 4.00 male (junior) and a 4.5 female player would be legal.
- K.6 When a violation of rule K.4 or K.5 occurs that team's coach is charged with a technical foul. The coach must then correct the on-floor line-up.
- K.7 Male players may not receive a one-classification point reduction if they have represented the Senior Australian or the Senior New Zealand National Wheelchair Basketball Teams at an IWBF senior main event. (The Paralympic Games or World Championship).
- K.8 Players can only receive one such reduction per season.
- K.9. Notwithstanding Bylaws K.1 to K8, any Rookie player (Australian only) who has played less than 96 minutes in the season immediately prior may remain listed as a Rookie for the following season only and with the same team only, subject to compliance with the original rules for listing as a Rookie.
- K.9.1 The onus would be on the concerned player's Club to make application to the League for the player to retain Rookie player status.

L: NWBL PLAYER'S STRAPPING

- L.1. It is not necessary for player's strapping to be shown on their classification card.
- L.1.1 Players will be permitted to use any legal strapping they wish without it affecting their playing classification.
- L.1.2 Side guards on wheelchairs will not be needed to be shown on their classification card.
- L.2: Note on Strapping:
Players who have been issued with an IWBF classification card for international competition must continue to ensure that any strapping they wish to use is marked on their international playing permit. They will not be allowed to wear strapping which is not indicated on their playing permit in any IWBF international competition.

M: GAME PRESENTATION:

- M1.1 The pre-game timing sequence starts 43 minutes before game-time with the game clock being set for 40 minutes and started. (See Appendix 4)
- M.1.2 Teams that entry the floor at the 43 minute mark shall have twenty (20) minutes of uninterrupted warm up time.
- M.1.3 Teams and staff are to be introduced over the PA system six minutes before game time. Teams should line up facing each other for the purpose of shaking hands and/or exchanging gifts and for the playing of "Advance Australia Fair". The clock will be stopped during this period.
- M.1.3 Teams and staff are to be introduced over the PA system six minutes before game time. Teams should line up facing each other. Teams then shake hands and/or exchanging gifts. The clock will be stopped during this period.
- M.1.4. After the teams greet each other the game clock is re-started.
- M.1.5. At one minute and thirty seconds to go the Referees order the players off the floor and to the team benches. The game clock does not stop.
- M.1.6. At the end of the warm up period the first five players and the referees go to the centre circle and shall be announced.
- M.2. A post game function providing refreshments to the visiting team and officials shall be provided when appropriate.

N: GAME PROTESTS

- N.1. Protests cannot be lodged prior to the commencement of a game. Protests can only be made as a consequence of a specific incident in a game, which is considered to have fundamentally affected the outcome of the game.
- N.2. A Fee of \$50.00 must accompany all protests. This fee is refunded only if the protest is upheld.
- N.3. Protests must be in writing and sent to the NWBL Secretary by registered mail to arrive no later than the Wednesday following the game.
- N.3.1. Protests during the final series must be made to the NWBL Secretary or representative within 60 minutes of the game completion. Such protests will be dealt with, within the following two hours.
- N.3.2. The NWBL Executive Committee in conjunction with the Game Commissioner will decide the outcome of protests.

O: PROCEDURES FOR REPORTS and NWBL DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL BY-LAWS

- O.1. Where a player or team official at an NWBL game has been cited by a referee or authorised official, he/she will be subject to the judicial proceedings as defined in the NWBL Disciplinary Tribunal By-law's. (See Appendix's 1 and 2)

P: REFEREES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS

- P.1. Referees must be of a standard as recommended for NWBL games by the Chairperson of the WBA Technical Committee.
- P.1.1 Each game must have three qualified referees. When an appointed referee fails to arrive the game will commence with two officials.
- P.2. Referee appointments for minor round games are made by the NWBL Referees Co-coordinator. Referees appointments are notified no less than two weeks in advance. Referees or Clubs may make no unauthorised changes to appointments.
- P.3. Where possible the Referees Co-ordinator will appoint a Senior Referee or Referees Evaluator to observe the Referees, give verbal feedback to the officials and complete a Referees' Report form. Referees Evaluators must be of a standard as recommended for NWBL games by the Chairperson of the WBA Technical Committee.
- P.4. When a Referees Evaluator is not present a Referee Report form shall be completed by both coaches and given to the Game Commissioner within 30 minutes of the completion of the game. The Referees Evaluator or Game Commissioner shall Fax or e-mail this form to the Referees Co-ordinator to arrive no later than the Wednesday following the game.
- P.5. Referees fees, transport costs and accommodation arrangements, and the Score Table Officials fees are reviewed/set annually following discussion and agreement between the NWBL Commissioner, the NWBL Referees Co-ordinator and the Chairperson of WBA Technical Committee.
- P.5.1. The Referees minor round game fees is \$270, in total, for the officiating team.
- P.5.2. The Referees final series games game fees is \$300.00, in total, for the officiating team.
- P.5.3. The Score Table game fee (with a total maximum of \$80.00) is shared between the four table officials.

Q: GAME STATISTICS

- Q.1. Game Statistics are collected, in the NWBL approved format by two trained people provided by the home team and forwarded to the NWBL by e-mail to reach the Secretary and Web Master by 6.00pm (or within two hours of Perth based, Sunday afternoon games) of the Sunday evening following the game.
- Q.2.3. The NWBL Executive Committee on a regular basis will post all game statistics on the NWBL website. www.nwblaus.com
- Q.2.4. The Game Statisticians game fee (with a total maximum of \$50.00) is shared between the Game Statisticians.

R: GENERAL

R.I. All matters not covered by the NWBL Rules and Regulations, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Australian Association of Wheelchair Sports Ltd. or the IWBF Rules and Comments shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the NWBL.

APPENDIX ONE: PROCEDURES FOR REPORTS and NWBL DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL BY-LAWS

1. When a player or team official at an NWBL game has been cited by a referee or authorised official, he/she will be subject to the judicial proceedings as defined in the following.
2. A report may be made by any of the following authorised officials.
 - The game referee/s.
 - The referees' evaluator.
 - A member of the Executive Committee of the NWBL, if not involved in the game in any manner other than i) or ii).
 - The Game Commissioner.
3. **Notification.**
 - i) The reported player/team official must be notified within 30 minutes following the game that he/she is to be reported. This notification may be made directly to the player(s)/team official involved or to an official of the individual's team.
 - ii) The reporting official(s) must inform the Game Commissioner of the report within 30 minutes following the game.
 - iii) The report(s) must be in writing and handed to the Game Commissioner no later than sixty minutes from the conclusion of the game. The reporting officials should keep a copy of the report(s).
 - iv) The Game Commissioner shall fax or e-mail the report to the NWBL Secretary within 12 hours of receipt.
 - v) If the Game Commissioner is not available to the reporting official(s) up to sixty minutes following the game, the reporting official(s) shall fax or e-mail the report to the NWBL Secretary within 12 hours of the game.
 - vi) The NWBL Secretary shall cause a copy of the report to reach the reported party(s) no later than Tuesday 5.00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) after that the offence took place. If the game that the report arose from was played on a weekday then the report shall reach the reported party(s) at 5.00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) two days after the game was played.
4. **Tribunal Hearing**
 - i) The Tribunal hearing shall be conducted no earlier than four days at 7.00pm EST after the NWBL Round/game or Final Series that the offence took place.
 - ii) The Tribunal hearing shall be chaired by the NWBL Commissioner or his/her appointee who shall conduct the tribunal with two other members.
 - iii) The NWBL Commissioner shall appoint the other tribunal members from the NWBL Executive Committee or from other suitable experienced people. Members of the Tribunal must disqualify themselves if they have any conflict of interest.
 - iv) The final decision on the tribunal members, time and venue/manner of the tribunal hearing rests with the NWBL Commissioner or his/her appointee.
 - v) If all the parties to the report live in the same State then the hearing will be conducted in that State. If parties to the report live in different States then the hearing will be conducted by phone conference and with parties from the same State being in the same place.

- vi) The NWBL Commissioner or his/her appointee shall conduct the hearing and keep or cause to be kept, minutes of the procedures. The Tribunal shall decide if the player(s) or team staff is guilty or not guilty of the charge(s) and hand down a penalty (if appropriate) in keeping with the NWBL Tribunal Standard Penalties.
- vii) The penalty (if any) shall be expressed in the number of NWBL games to be served.
- viii) The NWBL Secretary shall inform all parties of the findings and penalty (if any).

5. **Areas of Concern**

- Persons charged with offences under Category A and/or B.
- Persons charged with offences in Category A and/or B who are a minor
- Hearing of appeals from decisions.

5.1 The following persons shall be entitled to be in attendance (in person or as part of a phone conference):

- i) Members of the relevant tribunal
- ii) The Charged person
- iii) The Complainant(s);
- iv) Witnesses to be called to give evidence by either the charged person or the Complainant(s)
- v) In the case of a Minor Charged person, an adult who shall be entitled to represent the Minor Charged person
- vii) Any other person summoned by the relevant tribunal hearing the complaint and any legal representative or advocate of the charged person and or Complainant

5.2 The Chairman of the tribunal shall firstly:

- i) Identify the members of the tribunal;
- ii) Establish that the charged person is present to answer the Charged against him/her.
- iii) Raise with Members of the Tribunal in the presence of all interested parties as set out in 5.1 where a conflict of interest by any participant in the Tribunal panel and then determine any such allegation.
- iv) Give the charged person or complainant the opportunity to object to any Tribunal Member, on the grounds of bias or perceived bias and then determine any such objection.
- v) Inform the Charged person and the complainant that they are entitled to remain in the hearing until all evidence is presented but not entitled to be present whilst the tribunal considers its findings and determines his/her appropriate penalty (if any).
- vi) To advise all participants at the commencement of the proceedings before their particular Tribunal of the method of recording the hearing.
- vii) Read the complaint and ask the charged person whether the allegations in the complaint are admitted or denied.
 - vii) [a] If the allegations in the complaint are admitted, the Chairman may read a short summary of the facts, admit the reporting official's evidence (written/verbal) and no witnesses need be called to give evidence, or allow all witnesses to give evidence and both the Charged person and complainant may question witnesses.
 - vii) [b] If the allegations are denied then the Chairman shall ask all witnesses except the Complainant and the Charged person or Minor Charged person as the case may be and his representative to leave the room or phone conference (and to wait to be called to give their evidence). N.B The charged person and acting Official remain in the Tribunal while evidence is being given.

5.3 The Chairman of the tribunal will then call upon the Complainant and any witnesses of the Complainant to give his evidence in turn. The Charged person shall be entitled to question each witness called.

- 5.4 On completion of such evidence the charged person shall be advised by the Chairman of their entitlement to make an initial statement.
- i) After each witness has given evidence such witness shall be asked to leave the room or phone conference.
 - ii) The Chairman shall then permit the charged person to add any additional evidence by way of witnesses or to make a statement in his defense. The Complainant shall be entitled to question each witness called by the charged person.
 - iii) The Chairman of the tribunal shall afford members of the tribunal the opportunity to ask questions of any witnesses called at the hearing.
 - iv) At the conclusion of all of the evidence and of addresses the Chairman then asks the charged person and the Complainant to leave the room or phone conference while the tribunal considers its findings.
In the event that a Charged person in relation to whom a complaint has been made fails to appear without reasonable cause the hearing may proceed and a determination may be made by the tribunal in the absence of the charged person.
 - vi) If the tribunal is not satisfied that the particular complaint has been proved but is satisfied that a lesser complaint has been established then the tribunal may find such lesser complaint established and shall apply the penalty applicable to such lesser charge.
 - vii) In arriving at a decision as to whether a complaint has been established the tribunal must be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the particular misconduct has occurred. It is not necessary for the tribunal to be satisfied "beyond all reasonable doubt that the incident occurred" before arriving at a finding that the complaint has been established.
 - viii) If the tribunal is not satisfied that a complaint has been established it shall dismiss such complaint.
- 5.5 If a complaint has been found established by the tribunal:
- i) The charged person shall be informed of the determination. Any previous established complaints against the charged person should then be laid before the tribunal.
 - ii) The Charged person should then be given the right to make a final statement in relation to previous established complaints or other mitigating circumstances before being asked to leave the room or phone conference a second time.
- 5.6 The tribunal shall then determine the penalty (if any) and recalls the charged person to advise of the penalty.
- i) The tribunal may either:
 - ii) Impose a penalty consisting of a period of a number of NWBL games
or;
 - iii) Alternatively record that the complaint has been established but having regard to the nature of the complaint and/or the prior good conduct of the subject Charged person not impose a penalty;
The penalties imposed by the tribunal for particular Offence shall not exceed those set out on Schedule in NWBL Rules & Regulations Appendix 2.
- 5.7 Any suspension shall be calculated in a number of games played or to be played in the NWBL.
- 5.8 A tribunal shall not impose a suspended sentence.
- 5.9 A tribunal shall take into account the prior established Offences of the charged person when assessing the severity of the penalty.
- 5.10 Where the Charged person is found guilty of more than one offence, it is

procedure that the penalties are served concurrently, with the most severe penalty being the maximum number of games suspended. However, Tribunals do have the prerogative to vary from this procedure.

- 5.11 After a penalty has been imposed the tribunal Chairman shall inform the Complainant and the charged person of their right of appeal including;
- i) The time and date by which the appeal must be lodged
 - ii) The place of lodgment of the appeal.

- 5.12 The results of the Tribunal are sent to NWBL Secretary.

6 Appeal Process

- 6.1 The NWBL Appeals Tribunal is appointed by the NWBL Executive or its delegated authority to hear appeals from decisions of the NWBL Tribunals.
- i) The NWBL Appeals Tribunal shall consist of at least the Chairman but may also include two (2) other members appointed on an ad hoc basis, depending on the matter being decided.
 - ii) No member of the NWBL Appeals Tribunal shall be appointed to hear an appeal from a decision of the NWBL Tribunal if such a person was a member of the NWBL Tribunal, who heard the particular matter, which is the subject of the appeal.
 - iii) An appeal made by a charged person who has had an offence established against him/her may be on all grounds or to contest the severity of the penalty only.
 - iv) An appeal made by a complainant only on the basis that the penalty imposed on a charged person by NWBL Tribunal was too lenient.
- 6.2 Any appeal lodged to a relevant tribunal shall be made in writing (typed wherever possible) and shall be known as the Notice of Appeal.
- 6.3 Any appeal shall be lodged with the relevant tribunal to which the appeal is being brought within fourteen (14) days of the decision appealed against.
- 6.4 Appeals shall be processed as expeditiously as possible.
- 6.5 Upon receipt of any appeal the Chairman of the relevant tribunal shall:
- (i) Check that the appeal complies with the rules concerning time of lodgment and completeness of information provided.
 - (ii) Arrange for a copy of the transcript of the previous hearing to be obtained.
- 6.6 An appellant lodging an appeal against the findings of a tribunal must establish in the Notice of Appeal that they have been treated unjustly or unfairly. Reasons for this can be many and varied but some typical reasons for appeal are:
- 6.6.1 Not being correctly informed of the hearing before the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal
 - 6.6.2 Prejudice by any member of the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal;
 - 6.6.3 Incorrect procedures used by the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal;
 - 6.6.4 New evidence which was not available at the time of the hearing by the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal.
 - 6.6.5 Incorrect information presented to Tribunal.
- 6.7 The relevant Appeals Chairman before whom the appeal is sought to be heard shall check the transcript of evidence and any other documents filed with it to determine whether in its view grounds for the appeal such as to warrant a full hearing of the appeal. The relevant tribunal shall have absolute discretion to decide whether to hear an appeal and in the event that it declines so to do it shall not be obliged to assign any reasons for such refusal.
- 6.8 If a relevant tribunal decides to hear an appeal then the Chairman of such tribunal shall;

- (i) Make arrangements for the hearing of the appeal;
 - (ii) Notify all parties concerned of the time, date and place of the hearing;
 - (iii) No fee is charged to hear an appeal but the applicant is responsible for all appeal costs, e.g. transport of witness, room hire, phone conference costs etc.)
- 6.9 The tribunal hearing the appeal may request further information prior to determining the appeal but has the discretion whether to allow new evidence to be adduced.
- 6.10 In a tribunal hearing, the appeal should confine its deliberations specifically to the matters raised in the appeal but has the discretion whether to allow new evidence to be adduced.
- 6.11 The tribunal hearing the appeal shall have the authority to stay any order of a tribunal whose decision is being appealed and to re-instate an appellant pending the determination of the appeal.
- 6.12 The following persons shall be entitled to be in attendance at an appeal:
- 6.12.1 Members of the relevant tribunal;
 - 6.12.2 The Charged person (or their representatives);
 - 6.12.3 The Complainant;
 - 6.12.4 Witnesses, if any, to be called to give evidence;
 - 6.12.5 In the case of a Minor charged person that person shall be entitled to be accompanied by an adult;
 - 6.12.6 Any other person summoned by the tribunal hearing the appeal;
 - 6.12.7 Legal representatives of either the Charged person or the Complainant.
- 6.13 In considering the evidence before it a tribunal hearing an appeal shall not set aside a determination of a tribunal which is the subject of the appeal on technical or procedural grounds but shall do so only if there has been a substantive error made.
- 6.14 At the hearing of the appeal the tribunal hearing the appeal shall determine the appeal on the basis of;
- 6.14.1 Transcript of the proceedings of the hearing before the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal;
 - 6.14.2 The material contained in the Notice of Appeal;
 - 6.14.3 New evidence, if any, heard by it;
 - 6.14.4 Oral submissions, if any, made on behalf of the Charged person and the Complainant.
- 6.15 In the event that new evidence is sought to be adduced on behalf of the Charged person or the Complainant then tribunal hearing the appeal shall first determine whether such evidence should be permitted.
- 6.16 In the event that new evidence is permitted by the tribunal hearing the appeal then such tribunal shall follow the procedure for taking evidence as outlined in clauses 6.4 to 6.10 inclusive.
- 6.17 A tribunal hearing an appeal shall have the power to;
- 6.17.1 Confirm the decision of the previous tribunal hearing;
 - 6.17.2 Waive, increase or decrease penalties awarded by previous tribunal hearings;
 - 6.17.3 Conduct a new tribunal hearing itself upon the appeal and quash the findings of the previous tribunal hearing;
 - 6.17.4 Make orders that either the Complainant or the charged person pay the costs and expenses of the conduct of appeal.
- 6.18 After the finalization of an appeal the Chairman of the tribunal hearing the appeal shall inform the charged person and the Complainant of their right of further appeal including;
- 6.18.1 That the appeal must be lodged within fourteen days and,
 - 6.18.2 The place of lodgment of the appeal.

APPENDIX TWO: NWBL OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

There are two groups of charges and penalties:

Group A – relate to charges against participants but not involving a game official.

Group B – relate to charges against participants involving game official(s).

1. Disputing decisions
B – Maximum of three (3) games
2. Unsportsmanlike behavior
A – Maximum of three (3) games
3. Code of conduct breach relating to a player, referee or official
Maximum of three (3) games
4. attempting to throw a player out of his/her chair by the use of the hand(s) or footplate
A – Maximum five (5) games
5. Throwing a player out of his/her chair by the use of the hand(s) or footplate
A – Maximum ten (10) games
6. Attempting to trip a game official by the use of the chair
OR: Attempting to hit a game official by the use of the chair
OR: Attempting to strike a game official with a fist or elbow.
B – Maximum fifteen (15) games
7. Tripping a game official by the use of the chair
OR: Hitting a game official by the use of the chair
OR: Striking a game official with a fist or elbow.
B - Maximum of life
8. Obscene gestures
A – Maximum of five (5) games
B – Maximum of ten (10) games
9. Offensive language (which may include abusive, obscene or insulting language)
A – Maximum of five (5) games
B – Maximum of ten (10) games
10. Attempting to strike
OR: Attempting to elbow
OR: Attempting to kick
A – Maximum five (5) games
B – Maximum fifteen (15) games
11. Striking (fist, hand, object, head)
OR: Elbowing
OR: Kicking
A – Maximum fifteen (15) games
B – Maximum of life
12. Attempting to use a chair to strike a player on the floor.
A – Maximum five (5) games
13. Using a chair to strike a player on the floor.
A – maximum fifteen (15) games
14. Fighting
A - More than two players involved a maximum of ten (10) games.

15. Spitting
A - maximum of ten (10) games
B – maximum of fifteen (15) games
16. Putting a person in fear of impending violence
A - maximum of fifteen (15) games
B – Maximum of one thirty (30) games
17. Conduct which brings the game of wheelchair basketball into disrepute
Maximum of ten (10) games
18. Deliberately endangering the safety, health, of the players, spectators, officials
(incidents involving blood/body fluids)
Maximum penalty life
19. Failure to attend Tribunal without proper cause when notified
Maximum of ten (10) games
20. Failure to co-operate in, or hindering an investigation or hearing under these by-laws.
Maximum of ten (10) games
21. NWBL or WNWBL coaching, playing, score bench duties while under suspension
A - minimum of two (2) games, maximum five (5) games per game plus
the suspension period.

APPENDIX THREE: NWBL GAME COMMISSIONERS.

- A: At minor round games, the home team will appoint a Game Commissioner.
Each Club will detail to the NWBL Secretary four weeks before the season commencement, the names, addresses and wheelchair basketball experiences of proposed Game Commissioners for approval by the NWBL Executive Committee.
- B: For final series game's the NWBL Commissioner or his/her representative will appoint a Game Commissioner for each game.

The NWBL Game Commissioner is responsible for the following,

- 1) To meet with the game referees 45 minutes before game time.
- 2) The smooth running of the match and ensuring that NWBL rules and standards are maintained.
- 3) Meet visiting team on arrival to venue and escort to change room. Provide visiting team with 3 warm up balls as per the by-laws. Ensure visitors are aware of social functions and any other requirements.
- 4) The home team has choice of basket and of bench. If there is a dispute over the playing uniforms, resolve with the Referee Crew Chief, in accordance with the by-laws, 45 minutes before game time.
- 5) To provide or arrange assistance if requested by the Referee in regards to problems with the playing venue or associated equipment.
- 6) To receive reports concerning Disciplinary matters, on behalf of the NWBL Secretary which may arise from the game.
- 7) Following the game collect, on behalf of the NWBL Secretary, MVP votes from both coaches and the Referee Crew Chief.
- 8) E-mail or FAX the Game Results Sheet of the game/s under his/her control to the NWBL Secretary by 6.00pm of the Sunday evening following the game(s) or 2 hours after a Perth home Sunday afternoon game. The Original score sheet/s and MVP votes must be mailed to the NWBL Secretary to arrive no later than the Wednesday following the game(s). Copies of the score sheet/s shall be supplied to the visiting team.
- 9) E-mail the game statics to the Stats Officer/Web Master and the Secretary of the game/s under

his/her control by 6.00pm of the Sunday evening following the game(s) or 2 hours after a Perth home Sunday afternoon game.

- 10) Collect from the Coaches or the Referees' Evaluator if present, the Referee Report forms. The Game Commissioner shall e-mail or Fax this form to the Referees Co-ordinates to Secretary of the game/s under his/her control by 6.00pm of the Sunday evening following the game(s) or 2 hours after a Perth home Sunday afternoon game.

APPENDIX FOUR: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NWBL COURT ANNOUNCERS

OVERVIEW

Announcers should provide information and create or encourage an atmosphere of enthusiasm and enjoyment for the game at hand. There should be no criticism emanating from the microphone. Further all commentary should be made from an unbiased view. Remember that the opposition or visiting team members are the guests of the home team and should always be treated as such; this is one of the cornerstones of the NWBL's formation. The announcer should seek to educate the spectators on aspects of wheelchair basketball that is different from wheelchair basketball such as the classifications rules.

The announcer is seen by all spectators and participants as being representative of the host body and therefore great care should be taken to ensure that a first class performance creates a good image which will have the spectators wanting to come back again. It is very easy for an announcer to spoil the show by criticising the referees or players even by the tone of his or her voice.

The announcer has a very important role to play in the presentation of our League. An interested and informed audience should be the aim. The announcer should be courtside commentating and most definitely not participating in any way in the outcome of the game.

OBJECTIVES

- a) To introduce teams and players to the spectators.
- b) To play National Anthem prior to the game.
- c) To provide information relative to the state of the game that may not be readily available to spectators.
- d) To promote sponsors at appropriate times.
- e) To recognise official guests to the audience.
- f) To provide a limited commentary on the game (as detailed below).

GUIDELINES

The court announcer is an official of the game and as such visiting teams should be treated in an equal way. Neutrality extends to how something is said, not necessarily what is said. It is reasonable for the announcer to use more enthusiasm in his tone in relaying positive information about the home team in comparison to similar information on the visiting team.

There should be no commentary while a team (either team) has possession of the ball in play in their offensive half (front court), nor after a player has had the ball placed at their disposal to shoot free throws. Comments that take longer to make, during the course of play, than the time it takes a team to progress to the halfway point of the court is too long.

The game commentary should be limited to providing the following information at appropriate times.

- 1) Scoring - who scored. Three pointer, accumulative individual total. An occasional mention of assists may be appropriate.
- 2) Foul - who fouled. Number of fouls - individual and team. Who is shooting free throws and how many (if required). NOTE: The referees call should not be pre-empted in anyway. The announcer must wait for the referees decision and signal - don't guess. Incorrect information can create confusion and embarrassment to all.

- 3) Violation - Name the violation not the player violating.
- 4) Time Out - which team called it and how many they have had or have left.
- 5) Rebounds, Blocks and Steals can be mentioned if required and appropriate but who made turnovers is generally not appropriate for comment.
- 6) Time Remaining - At no time should there be any comment from the court announcer relative to the amount of time remaining on the game clock or the shot clock.

Music and/or sound effects may be played while the ball is in play provided they are not distracting to the teams or referees. Music and/or sound effects may not be made while any player is attempting a free throw.

The Court Announcer is not a cheerleader, barracker, noise generator or game critique. The principle duties are to pass information to the crowd not incite it. Any comment reflecting on the performance of the referees, either positive or negative, is not allowed. Critical remarks of any type towards players or coaches are not acceptable (including pre taped comments played on the PA System).

An appeal to the crowd for the noise/support at inappropriate times is not allowed. Home teams must generate their crowd support and noise through methods other than the court announcer (e.g. team mascots etc).

The Court Announcer should be an official conduit between the game referees and the audience in conveying information relative to rule decisions that may not be apparent to the public. There are often timing and rule confusions that occur between referees and the scoretable, or between the referees themselves resulting in game stoppage and consultation. The court announcer should be able to clarify the circumstance with the public after it is resolved. This is an important function.

The Court Announcer has the duty of the pre game introduction of teams and individual players from each side onto the floor, playing the National Anthem.

Recognition of Club and League sponsors and guests are a part of the court announcer's duties. These announcements should be limited to pre game, time out and quarter/half time breaks. The court announcer will be obligated to acknowledge the NWBL Naming Rights Sponsor (if any) a minimum of three times per game.

(The code of conduct for NWBL court announcers was adapted from the SEBL).

APPENDIX FIVE: PRE-GAME PROCEDURES FOR REFEREES AND TEAMS.

60 minutes	Referees arrive at venue. Have pre-game meeting.
45 minutes	Referee Crew Chief meets the Game Commissioner.
43 minutes	Game clock set at 40 minutes and running. Begin chair/player inspections. Complete chair/player inspections leaving 20 minute clear for warm-up
20 min. on clock	Referees on court. Meet table officials Check Technical equipment
10 min. on clock	Referee Crew Chief ensures that full teams are on score sheet and first fives are marked
6 min. on clock	Stop game clock for team introductions. Advance Australia Fair shall be played. Players may return to floor after introductions.

Game clock restarts.

90 sec. on clock

Crew Chief orders players to benches.

30 sec stop
game clock

PA announces first five.

Game clock runs
out and is set
to 12 minutes.

Tip Off.