

NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
MILITARY DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS  
Adopted December 9th, 2024

**Article I - Purposes**

Section 1: Purposes

- (a) To promulgate and develop veteran/active military wheelchair basketball teams and players.
- (b) To advance the interests of veteran/active military teams and players within the Constitution, Bylaws and Executive Regulations of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA)
- (c) To coordinate the efforts of member teams for the benefit of military wheelchair basketball and to encourage the formation of new teams.
- (d) To provide opportunities for veterans not rostered on NWBA teams to play on military teams against other military teams.
- (e) To serve the purposes of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association

**Article II - Membership**

Section 1: Eligibility for Membership

- (a) Any National Wheelchair Basketball Association team which only rosters active and veteran military players is eligible for membership in this Division.
- (b) All players will adhere to the NWBA functional classification levels. Any non-classifiable disabilities or non-medical eligible players will get classification as a 4.5AB making them eligible to play Collegiate and/or Women's and Military Division.
- (c) Points on court will not allow more than 18 points per team with no more than two (2) NWBA approved players on the court for a team at a time.
- (d) Use of Sportsengine to evaluate the classification system used at the end of the 2025-2026 season to determine classifications used in the Military Division to help with the modification of the classification system for the Military Division.
- (e) All teams must have at least one NWBA team reviewer that must complete the Reviewer's Course.

Section 2: Conditions and Obligations of Membership

- (a) The members of this Division agree to administer the wheelchair basketball program in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws and other legislation of the NWBA and regulations of the Military Division

### Section 3: Team Roster

- (a) Team rosters are limited to 15 accredited players. No additions of veteran players may be made after December 31st unless a same season transfer has been granted. Novices may be added to rosters at any time during the season. Novices shall not be considered part of the 15 accredited players.
- (b) Teams can grab free agents to augment their roster.

### Section 4: Rules of Play

The Military Division of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) shall play according to Official Rules of the NWBA except wherein modifications, deletions and/or additions have been made, as follows:

#### Rule (1) Court & Equipment

The ball used for play in the NWBA's Military Division shall conform to the specifications in the NCAA's Men's Rules; Official NWBA size 7 ball; NWBA sponsored ball BG4500 Molten (may change due to NWBA sponsorship)

#### Rule (2) Uniforms (Adopted March 6, 2004)

Military Division Team uniform pants or shorts do not have to be of matching jersey color, but is recommended. They shall be either short or long, and of the same design but do not have to be of the same material.

## **Article III - Organization**

### Section 1: Executive Committee

The establishment and direction of the general policy of the Division in the interim between annual meetings is committed to the Military Division Executive Committee of five members, and Division Commissioner, and shall be elected at the Division's annual meeting as prescribed in this article.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be constituted as follows:
  - 1. The Chairperson
  - 2. The First Vice-Chairperson
  - 3. The Secretary
  - 4. Athlete Representative (Appointed by NWBA AAC)
- (b) Any individual, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, and physical or mental disability may be eligible for office in the Military Division.
- (c) For the transaction of business, a quorum shall consist of a majority of members of the Executive Committee. Each Executive Committee member will make every effort to

attend all Military Division Committee meetings either in person or virtual.

- (d) The Division's Executive Committee may transact part of its business by correspondence, as it may deem appropriate.
- (e) Election of Division's Executive Committee
  - (1) Each officer shall be elected for a term of 3 years. The terms shall be staggered.
  - (2) The following pattern shall be used as a means of initiating the stagger:
    - i. Chairperson - elected for a 3 year term
    - ii. Vice-Chairperson - elected for a 3 year term
    - iii. Secretary - elected for a 3 year term
- (f) Duties of the Officers
  - (1) The Chairperson shall preside at the meetings of the Division and the Division's Executive Committee. In the absence of the Chair, or in the case he/she is incapacitated, the First Vice Chairperson shall take the Chair's place and perform those duties.
    - i. First Vice Chairperson shall perform such duties, as the Chairperson shall elect.
    - ii. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of the meetings of the Military Division meetings and of the Executive Committee, and reporting to the Division at each annual meeting the minutes of the Division meetings of the preceding year. He/she will send updated materials into the Secretary of the NWBA, as needed, to be included in the Rules and Regulations book. The Secretary, with another member of the Executive Committee, will be responsible for tabulating the results of the team ballots for All National Tournament Teams, MVP, and Sportsmanship.
- (g) Termination of Office
  - (1) Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the delegates at the Division's annual meeting
  - (2) Charges of misconduct or ineffective performance of duty must be presented in a similar manner to the NWBA Constitution
- (h) Vacancy
  - (1) In the case that an executive member vacates or resigns leadership position, an intern will be assigned until the next annual meeting where a vote will be made to vote in a permanent member.

## Section 2: Commissioner of the Military Division

The Commissioner of the Military Division shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee of the Military Division. The Commissioner of the Military

Division shall have executive authority and be responsible to the executive committee only. It is an appointed position by the NWBA President.

- (a) The Commissioner of the Military Division shall serve the role and fulfill the duties as outlined below:
- 1) Have an understanding of the Military Division Rules and Regulations and the NWBA Constitution and Bylaws to ensure that action taken by the Women's Division is in accord with those documents.
  - 2) Maintain and update National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament records.
  - 3) Maintain a listing of military players, their classifications, and date of their last National Tournament classification.
  - 4) Receive Military Division rosters and distribute to each Military Division team upon request. The roster should include team name, as well as addresses, home and work telephone numbers for each team representative and player classification (if known) for each team member.
  - 5) Maintain a register of military wheelchair basketball players who do not play or compete with military teams and distribute to all teams.
  - 6) Attend the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament and collect classification documentation, game records, score books, and statistics.
  - 7) Assist in the assignment of officials to NWBT Championship Round Play
  - 8) Make and interpret all decisions of the Military Division Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, including protests. (Refer to NWBA Constitution and Bylaws, Article Fifteen, Grievance Process.) Any decision made by the Commissioner of the Military Division must be sent to all teams in writing within (1) one week of the receipt of the original protest. If a protest is lodged at the NWBT, the decision made by the Commissioner of the Military Division must be received by all teams in writing prior to the first game of the following day. The decision is effective immediately upon receipt by all member teams unless an appeal is made to the Executive Committee. Any decision made by the Commissioner of the Military Division may be appealed to the Executive Committee of the Military Division. Decisions can be reversed with a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Military Division. All decisions of the Executive Committee of the Military Division must be circulated to all member teams in writing within 1 week after a decision has been rendered. If the decision is rendered at the NWBT, the decision must be received by all teams by noon of the following day. The decision is effective immediately upon receipt by all member teams unless an appeal is made. Any decision reversed may be appealed by any member team to the delegate's meeting at the NWBT. Appeals must be received with a majority vote of the delegates present at the NWBT. The decision is effective upon registration of the final vote into the minutes of the annual meeting.
  - 9) Review, whenever possible, any matters not covered by the Military Division Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations with the Executive Committee before rendering any decisions.
  - 10) Serve as a professional advisor, consultant, and resource person between the Military Division and the NWBA Executive Committee (re: international competitions, USA Basketball competition)
  - 11) Prepare an annual written report for submission at the delegate's meeting at the NWBT.

- 12) The Commissioner shall be appointed for a three-year term, at the annual delegates' meeting at the NWWBT. The Commissioner was appointed for a three-year term in 1999.
- 13) The Commissioner of the NWBA Military Division may identify an advisory person or committee to assist with his/her duties. This person will serve at the discretion of the Military Division Commissioner

## **Article IV - Meetings**

### Section 1: Annual Meeting

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Division at a date established by the Military Division executive committee and announced at least 90 days in advance. The time frame for holding the Military Division Annual Meeting is determined by the NWBA Bylaws.

Options for participants to attend in person and remotely must be provided.

- a) In the event that only one candidate is running for any given office, that candidate must receive a vote of confidence by a majority of delegates present and voting. No candidates may be declared the winner by default.
- b) Election of Officers will be conducted as the last order of business during the Annual Meeting.

### Section 2: Voting Privileges

- (a) Each Division member team shall be entitled to one vote and may be represented at the Annual Meeting by one accredited delegate
- (b) 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.
- (c) The certification and voting of delegates shall be conducted as follows:
  1. Delegates shall be certified to the Secretary as entitled to represent the member team in question by the proper Executive Officers of their team.
  2. No delegate shall represent a member team unless he or she is actually identified with such member team.
  3. When the Division votes by roll call, either written or via voice, on any question, on demand of any delegate, the names of delegates as they vote shall be checked by the Secretary in order to verify the authority of the voter.
  4. The voting representative must be announced to the secretary prior to the start of the Annual meeting.

## **Article V - National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament: Military Division**

### Section 1: Eligibility

- a) All member players and teams that meet Playing guidelines shall participate in competition.

### Section 2: Structure

- (a) The NWBT may vary from year to year to year depending upon:
  - (1) Number of teams entered.
  - (2) Opportunity to participate in the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.
  - (3) Resources of NWBT host.
- (b) Tournament structure will be determined based on the number of teams attending and court availability of the National tournament host. Tournament structure will be approved by the Military Division Executive Committee. A consensus on rankings for Nationals will be agreed upon by the Military Division Team representatives.
- (c) The NWBT tournament will guarantee a minimum of three games, with intent to provide 4 games if tournament structure permits.
- (d) The National Tournament dates for MD shall avoid religious holidays.
- (e) The priority is that the NWBT be scheduled prior to, or in conjunction with, the NWBT.
- (f) Tournament Most Valuable Player and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Tournament awards will be voted on and awarded by NWBA Military Division Commissioner and 2 others. Cpl. Patrick B. Peterson Sportsmanship award will be voted on by the teams. (Adopted March 24, 2012)

## **Article VI - Amending Military Division Rules and Regulations**

### Section 1:

These Rules and Regulations 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 four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

### Section 2:

The Secretary shall email a copy of the proposed amendment to all members of the Division not later than two weeks before an Annual Meeting.

### Section 3:

A proposed amendment to the Rules and regulations may be amended at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, 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 4:

The MD Executive Committee may propose amendments to amendments at the time of the Annual Meeting without the procedural requirement described in Section Three for this Article, provided that in each instance, the proposed amendment has been approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee and copies are distributed before or during the business session.

Section 5:

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

**Article VII - Autonomy**

The Military Division has the responsibility and authority to govern its affairs, draft legislation, and conduct business specific to the Military Division. No legislation shall be passed that is incongruent with the NWBA Constitution and Bylaws.