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2020-21 NBA KEY DATES

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| Dec. 1-5 | Individual player workouts permitted |
| Dec. 1-5 | Media “Week” |
| Dec. 6 | Group player workout begin |
| Dec. 11-19 | Preseason games |
| Dec. 21 | Rosters set for NBA Opening Night (11 p.m. ET) |
| Dec. 22–March 4 | First Half of regular season |
| Feb. 23 | 10-day contracts may now be signed |
| Feb. 27 | Standard NBA contracts guaranteed for remainder of season |
| March 5-10 | All-Star break |
| March 11-May 16 | Second Half of regular season |
| March 25 | NBA trading deadline |
| May 13-15 | Class of 2020 Basketball Hall of Fame Enshrinement |
| May 18-21 | Playoff Play-In Tournament |
| May 22–July 22 | 2021 NBA Playoffs |

REFEREE OPERATIONS PROFILES

2020-21 SEASON



Byron Spruell
President, League Operations
National Basketball Association

As President, League Operations, Byron Spruell oversees the Basketball Operations, Referee Operations and Basketball Strategy & Analytics departments. He directs the processes regarding the management of rule changes, the evaluation and training of game officials, and the enforcement of conduct standards and discipline.

Spruell also collaborates with USA Basketball and the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) to promote the global growth of the game.

Before joining the NBA in his current role in August 2016, Spruell spent 20 years at Deloitte LLP, most recently as its Vice Chairman, Central Region Market Leader. He spearheaded the firm's client and business growth and strategic positioning across 22 states consisting of 31 offices and more than 14,000 Deloitte professionals in the region. He also served as Chicago Managing Principal, supervising talent and community involvement initiatives in the local office.

Spruell has served on several charitable boards and committees, including World Business Chicago and the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, and is active in various nonprofit organizations, including the United Way, Big Shoulders Fund and Chicago Urban League. He is currently on the boards of the Museum of Science and Industry, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Metropolitan Family Services in Chicago and the Jackie Robinson Foundation in New York.

Spruell, who grew up in Cleveland, earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA in finance from the University of Notre Dame. He was an offensive lineman and co-captain of the Fighting Irish's football team and currently serves on the University's Board of Trustees. Spruell met his wife, Sedra, at Notre Dame. They have a son, Devyn, and a daughter, Aleah.



Monty McCutchen

**Senior Vice President, Head of Referee Development and Training
National Basketball Association**

Monty McCutchen oversees the day-to-day management and on-court performance of all officials in the NBA officiating program, which services the NBA, WNBA and NBA G League.

McCutchen assumed his current position in December 2017 after spending 25 seasons as an NBA official. One of the league's highest-rated and most respected referees, McCutchen officiated more than 1,400 regular-season games and 169 playoff games. He refereed 16 games in the NBA Finals, most recently working Game 3 of the 2017 championship series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and Golden State Warriors.

Before joining the NBA, McCutchen served as a referee in the Continental Basketball Association for four seasons. He officiated playoff games all four years, including the CBA Finals in his last three seasons.

A native of San Angelo, Texas, McCutchen earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Speech Communication from the University of Texas at Arlington. McCutchen and his wife have a son and a daughter.



Jason Phillips

**Vice President of Referee Operations and Replay Center Principal
National Basketball Association**

Jason Phillips is in his second season as Vice President of Referee Operations and Replay Center Principal after a 19-year career as an NBA referee.

Phillips is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the NBA Replay Center. His Referee Operations duties include creating training videos and interpreting the rules of the game for officials, teams, broadcasters and media.

Phillips officiated 1,133 regular-season games as an NBA official. He also worked 104 playoff games, including nine Finals games. He finished his on-court career officiating Games 1 and 5 of the 2019 NBA Finals between the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first Finals game: San Antonio Spurs vs. Miami Heat on June 6, 2013.

Phillips officiated three seasons in the WNBA, six seasons in the Continental Basketball Association and five years at the high school level in his home state of Texas.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Tarleton State University. Phillips played varsity basketball, golf and baseball at Cisco High School in Texas.

Phillips and his wife have three sons.



Mike Callahan

**NBA G League Training and Development Lead
National Basketball Association**

Mike Callahan is in his second season as NBA G League Training and Development Lead after a 29-year career as an NBA referee.

Callahan is responsible for the implementation, development and execution of the NBA G League referee educational curriculum.

He also oversees NBA G League referee staff evaluation and development, including the transition of top candidates to the WNBA and NBA.

Callahan officiated 1,626 regular-season games as an NBA official. He also worked 225 playoff games, including 21 Finals games. He finished his on-court career officiating Game 4 of the 2019 NBA Finals between the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors. Before joining the NBA, Callahan spent three years officiating in the Continental Basketball Association.

Known as “Duke,” the Philadelphia-born Callahan’s most memorable NBA assignment came in 1990, when he officiated a game at the Spectrum in Philadelphia for the first time.

Callahan helps run the Next Level Referee Training camp, which is held at Villanova University. All proceeds from the camp go to local charities.

A member of the Cardinal O’Hara High School basketball team for four years, Callahan coached the freshman basketball team after graduating.

Callahan enjoys playing golf during his free time.



George Toliver

**Associate Vice President, Referee Operations
National Basketball Association**

George Toliver has been a member of the NBA's Referee Operations department since 2004. In his current role, Toliver oversees the implementation of programs designed to identify new officials for the NBA's developmental pipeline.

Toliver officiated 742 regular-season games in 15 seasons as an NBA official. In addition, Toliver was a FIBA official from 1985-2000, with assignments that included the 1995 European Championships and the 1994 FIBA Basketball World Cup.

His officiating experience also includes a stint in the Chinese Basketball Association, one year with the United States Basketball League, six years of college basketball and 11 years of high school basketball. He has also conducted clinics in Germany, Greece, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey and Poland.

Toliver earned a bachelor's degree in Social Science and a master's degree in Education from James Madison University. He played four seasons of basketball for JMU and was the team MVP in 1971 and 1972. Toliver was an instructor at JMU, in addition to being the assistant baseball coach from 1973-74 and assistant basketball coach from 1973-75. He was inducted into the James Madison University Hall of Fame in 1991.

Toliver played four years of high school basketball at King George High School in Virginia, earning All-State honors and playing the state championship game in 1969. He was inducted into the King George Sports Hall of Fame in 2012.

Toliver founded and served as general manager of the Harrisonburg (Va.) HEAT Girls Basketball Club, which helped develop skills for girls ages 6-17.

His daughter, Los Angeles Sparks guard Kristi Toliver, is a three-time WNBA All-Star and two-time WNBA champion.



Mark Wunderlich
Vice President, Referee Operations
National Basketball Association

Mark Wunderlich is in his seventh season as a member of the NBA's Referee Development and Performance group.

He was an NBA official from 1999-2010, working 1,100 regular-season games and 80 playoff games, including two Finals games. He also officiated two NBA All-Star Games.

Before joining the NBA, Wunderlich was an official in the Continental Basketball Association from 1997-1999.

Wunderlich was inducted into the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.



Bernie Fryer
Referee Performance & Development Advisor
National Basketball Association

Bernie Fryer is in his 47th year in the NBA and his sixth as a member of the Referee Development and Performance group.

Fryer began his professional officiating career in the Los Angeles Summer League in 1976 and was hired by the NBA in 1977, becoming one of the first former players to serve as an NBA official. He officiated 1,649 regular-season games and 145 playoff games, including 11 Finals games. He also worked the 1998 All-Star Game as well as games in Japan, Russia and Germany.

In addition to his officiating experience, Fryer has served as NBA Vice President and Director of Officials; NBA Assistant Director of Officials and Crew Chief Coordinator; and Referee Development and Performance Adviser.

Fryer was selected by the Phoenix Suns in the seventh round of the 1972 NBA Draft. He never played for the Suns, however, making his NBA debut with the Portland Trail Blazers in 1973. He played 80 games for the Trail Blazers during the 1973–74 season and was named to the All-Rookie Second Team after averaging 7.0 points and 3.5 assists per game. The following season, he split time between the NBA's New Orleans Jazz and the ABA's Spirits of St. Louis before retiring in 1975.

Over his playing career, he averaged 6.3 points, 3.0 assists and 1.8 rebounds with the Trail Blazers and Jazz in the NBA and 7.8 points, 2.9 assists and 2.4 rebounds in nine games for the Spirits in the ABA.

Fryer is from Port Angeles, Wash., where he was a high school All-American in both football and basketball. He attended Peninsula Junior College and Brigham Young University before joining the NBA.

In 2019, Fryer was inducted into the Washington State Sports Hall of Fame. He is a licensed instrument pilot and a certified diver and boat captain.



Eddie F. Rush

**Referee Development Performance Advisor
National Basketball Association**

Eddie F. Rush is in his sixth season as a member of the Referee Development and Performance group.

In 28 seasons as an NBA referee, Rush officiated 1,567 regular-season games and 206 playoff games, including 13 Finals games. He also worked the 2000 and 2008 NBA All-Star Games.

As a FIBA official for 12 years, his assignments included two FIBA Basketball World Cups (2002 in Indiana and 2006 in Japan). He was selected to work the bronze-medal game during the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Rush also has four years of officiating experience in both the Continental Basketball Association and the collegiate ranks.

Rush holds a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Georgia State University, where he played basketball for two seasons. After graduating, Rush worked for three years in the financial planning services industry as a licensed representative with the investment firm Waddell & Reed.

Rush is the owner of the Atlanta-based company Twilight Productions 2, which promotes concerts and comedy shows.



Bennett Salvatore
Referee Development Performance Advisor
National Basketball Association

Bennett Salvatore is in his seventh season as a member of the Referee Development and Performance group.

Salvatore officiated 1,805 regular-season games in 33 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed 238 playoff games, including 25 Finals games. His assignments included the 1993 and 2002 NBA All-Star Games and the 1993 McDonald's Championship in Germany.

Before joining the NBA, Salvatore officiated for two years in the Continental Basketball Association and 10 years at the high school level.

Salvatore played baseball while attending C.W. Post. He was an All-County high school baseball player and All-State football player at Stamford Catholic High School in Connecticut. He also played basketball for three years.

In 2014, Salvatore was honored by the Fairfield County American Cancer Society as Philanthropist of the Year. He is a founding member of the Mickey Lione Jr. Fund, which awards scholarships to high school athletes and supports youth sports in Stamford.

Salvatore is also a motivational speaker for many organizations.



Joe Crawford
Referee Development Performance Advisor
National Basketball Association

Joe Crawford is in his sixth season as a member of the Referee Development and Performance group.

Crawford was an NBA official for 39 years, officiating 2,556 regular-season games and 374 playoff games, including 50 Finals games. He worked the 1986, 1992 and 2000 NBA All-Star Games as well as the 1993 McDonald's Championship in Germany.

Before joining the NBA, Crawford officiated in the Eastern Basketball Association (which became the CBA) and at the high school level in Pennsylvania.

Crawford graduated from Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield, Pa., and is a member of the school's Hall of Fame. In 2008, Crawford earned a degree in Liberal Studies from Neumann College.

His late father, Shag, and his brother, Jerry, were both longtime Major League Baseball umpires.



Pete Williams
Replay Operations Lead
National Basketball Association

Pete Williams is in his seventh season as a member of the Referee Operations department.

In his role as NBA Replay Operations Lead, Williams collaborates with on-court and Replay Center referees during replay situations to ensure that reviews are fast and efficient. Williams also creates training curricula, establishes protocol and assigns nightly game responsibilities for all Replay Center personnel.

Before joining the NBA in 2014, Williams was the General Manager and an advanced scout for Hoop1 Video, a renowned national basketball content provider. He spent six years (2004-10) working as a video coordinator for the New Jersey Nets. Williams also worked as a scout for the Charlotte Bobcats (2010-14).

Williams is a graduate of Fairfield University, where he played on the 1997 MAAC Championship basketball team. He lives in Jersey City, N.J., with his wife, Jessica, son, Preston, and three daughters, Rory, Lilliana and Macy.



Gary Zielinski

**Director, Amateur Officiating Development
National Basketball Association**

Gary Zielinski is in his second season as Director, Amateur Officiating Development after an 18-year career as an NBA referee.

Zielinski provides guidance and training regarding playing rules and officiating career opportunities to amateur players, coaches and officials, with a specific focus on youth. He creates and implements youth officiating development curriculum based on the NBA's officiating program and Jr. NBA's educational initiatives. In addition, Zielinski conducts clinics and camps and identify candidates for introduction into the referee scouting pipeline.

Zielinski officiated 1,023 regular-season games and 18 playoff games as an NBA official. He also worked the 2018 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles.

Zielinski officiated for seven seasons in the CBA and four seasons in the WNBA. He refereed the Finals in both leagues.

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6 Tony Brown
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8 Marc Davis
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13 Ashley Moyer-Gleich
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15 Zach Zarba
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17 Jonathan Sterling
18 Matt Boland
19 James Capers
20 Leroy Richardson
21 Dedric Taylor
22 Bill Spooner*
23 Tre Maddox
24 Kevin Scott
25 Tony Brothers
26 Pat Fraher*
27 Mitchell Ervin
28 Mousa Dagher
29 Mark Lindsay
30 John Goble
31 Scott Wall
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74 Curtis Blair
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Injury Report

*Scheduled to return

#Out for season (none)

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Pronunciation Guide

Brandon Adair (UH-dare)
Mark Ayotte (EYE-it)
Brent Barnaky (barn-UH-key)
Nick Buchert (BOOK-ert)
Mousa Dagher (MOOSE-ah Dagger)
Eric Dalen (DAY-len)
Kevin Fahy (FAY-ee)
Brian Forte (for-TAY)
Pat Fraher (FRAY-er)
Jacyn Goble (JAY-sin go-BULL)
John Goble (go-BULL)
Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT)
Suyash (Sue-YAHSH) Mehta
Ashley Moyer-Gleich (gleash)
Brett Nansel (nan-SUL)
Gediminas Petraitis (Geh-di-mihn-us pet-RYE-tis)
Phenizee (FEN-uh-ZEE) Ransom
Natalie Sago (SAY-go)
Jenna Schroeder (shROW-der)
Scott Twardoski (twar-DAH-ski)
Justin Van Duyne (van-DINE)

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RAY ACOSTA #54



NBA Experience: 4th season

Born: December 12, 1983 (Elizabeth, N.J.)

Resides: Lake Worth, Fla.

High School: Lake Worth (Lake Worth, Fla.)

College: University of Central Florida '07

Ray Acosta has officiated 141 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA official.

Acosta spent six years as an NBA G League referee, working the All-Star Game and Finals in 2017.

He has 12 years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in Conference USA as well as the Sun Belt, Southern, American Athletic, Atlantic Sun, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Big South conferences. Acosta officiated in the NCAA Tournament in 2016 and 2017.

Off the court, Acosta enjoys working out, traveling, going to the movies and attending concerts.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Sopranos

Favorite Movie: Scarface

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: Rich Dad Poor Dad

Favorite Meal: Anything Italian

Favorite App: Netflix

Would Most Like To Visit: Fiji

Bucket List: Be in shark tank surrounded by great white sharks in Australia

Hidden Talent: Dancing

BRANDON ADAIR #67



NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: September 14, 1985 (Norfolk, Va.)

Resides: Virginia Beach, Va.

High School: Princess Anne (Virginia Beach, Va.)

College: Virginia Wesleyan University

Brandon Adair (UH-dare) has officiated 80 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA official.

Adair has four years of officiating experience in both the NBA G League and the collegiate ranks, with stints in the Big South, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association and Old Dominion Athletic conferences. He was also a high school referee in his home state of Virginia for seven years.

A standout basketball player at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Va., Adair went on to play in college at Virginia Wesleyan and professionally for two seasons in Germany.

Adair enjoys volunteering at charity events in Virginia Beach, Va.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Favorite Movie: The Pursuit of Happyness

Favorite Musician: Charlie Wilson

Favorite Book: David Baldacci books

Favorite Meal: Surf and turf

Favorite App: TripCase

Would Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Sky diving

BENNIE ADAMS #47



NBA Experience: 26th season
Born: April 8, 1967 (New Orleans, La.)
Resides: New Orleans, La.
High School: Eleanor McMain (New Orleans, La.)
College: Southern University '90; M.S. '93

Bennie Adams has officiated 1,305 regular-season games and 20 playoff games in 25 seasons as an NBA official. Adams officiated the 2015 NBA Mexico City Game, the 2011 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles and the 2008 NBA Europe Live Tour. He was also a USA Basketball official from 1995-2005.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a regular-season game between the Houston Rockets and the Los Angeles Lakers on April 10, 2018. In that game, 32-year-old Lakers rookie Andre Ingram scored 19 points in his NBA debut after spending a decade in the NBA G League.

Adams officiated in the Continental Basketball Association for three years. He has three years of collegiate officiating experience in the Southeastern, Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Southwestern Athletic conferences, and 10 years of high school officiating experience in Louisiana.

The New Orleans native has both a bachelor's and master's degree in Mathematics from Southern University. He is a former math instructor at Southern.

Adams and fellow NBA official Mitchell Ervin both attended high school at Eleanor McMain in New Orleans.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Law & Order

Favorite Movie: Forget Paris

Favorite Musician: Prince

Favorite Book: Number: The Language of Science

Favorite Meal: Everything that Mom cooks

Would Most Like To Visit: A remote tropical island with wife for only 1 hour daily

Bucket List: Move to that island

Hidden Talent: Cooking

MARK AYOTTE #56



NBA Experience: 17th season

Born: March 12, 1964 (Ishpeming, Mich.)

Resides: Glendale, Ariz.

High School: Negaunee (Negaunee, Mich.)

College: Michigan Technological University '87

Mark Ayotte (EYE-it) has officiated 952 regular-season games and 10 playoff games in 16 seasons as an NBA official.

Before joining the NBA, Ayotte was a WNBA official for four years and a Continental Basketball Association official for three years. He also spent one year officiating in the NBA G League.

Ayotte has 12 years of collegiate officiating experience, having worked in the Pac-12, Big Sky and West Coast conferences. He officiated in the Pac-12 Tournament and the Big Sky Tournament, including the finals. Ayotte also was an official for the preseason and postseason NIT. He has 10 years of high school officiating experience in Arizona.

Ayotte previously worked as a Systems Design and Test Engineer for 16 years with AG Communication Systems. He enjoys spending time with his fellow Yoopers in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Musician: The Eagles

Favorite Meal: Filet mignon

Favorite App: Trailforks

Would Most Like To Visit: Torngat Mountains

Bucket List: African safari

Hidden Talent: Wildlife photography

BRENT BARNAKY #36



NBA Experience: 11th season
Born: May 30, 1975 (Hamilton, Ohio)
Resides: Clearwater, Fla.
High School: Clearwater (Clearwater, Fla.)
College: University of Central Florida '97;
Shepard Broad College of Law '01

Brent Barnaky (barn-UH-key) has officiated 576 regular-season games and four playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA official. Barnaky was a member of the crews that refereed NBA games in London and Rio De Janiero in 2014 and in Mexico City in 2018. He also worked the 2014 Rising Stars during NBA All-Star in New Orleans.

Barnaky considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Minnesota Timberwolves on Dec. 14, 2014, when Kobe Bryant passed Michael Jordan on the all-time scoring list.

Barnaky came to the NBA with 10 years of collegiate officiating experience in several major conferences, including the SEC, Big East and Conference USA. He officiated the NBA G League playoffs from 2008-10 and the NBA G League Finals in 2009 and 2010.

Before being hired to the NBA officiating staff, Barnaky was a civil trial lawyer. He remains involved in pro bono work for public-at-large clients in need of legal services.

Barnaky and his wife have three children.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: *Away*

Favorite Movie: *For Love of the Game*

Favorite Musician: Chris Botti

Favorite Book: *To Hell with the Hustle*

Favorite Meal: Chicken parmesan

Favorite App: FaceTime

Would Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Great Barrier Reef scuba dive

CURTIS BLAIR #74



NBA Experience: 13th season

Born: September 24, 1970 (Roanoke, Va.)

Resides: Richmond, Va.

High School: Patrick Henry (Roanoke, Va.)

College: University of Richmond '92

Curtis Blair has officiated 655 regular-season games and five playoff game in 12 seasons as an NBA official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in 2019 and also worked the 2019 NBA All-Star Game in Charlotte.

Blair has six seasons of NBA G League experience and refereed the 2008 NBA G League Finals. He also officiated in several collegiate conferences, including the ACC, Atlantic 10 and Colonial Athletic Association.

The Virginia native graduated with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Richmond, where he was a member of the 1991 basketball team that upset second-seeded Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Blair was selected by the Houston Rockets in the second round of the 1992 NBA Draft. He played professionally in Australia, Austria and Turkey.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Dexter

Favorite Movie: Grease

Favorite Musician: K-Ci & JoJo

Favorite Meal: Lamb curry

Would Most Like To Visit: Brazil

Hidden Talent: Tennis

MATT BOLAND #18



NBA Experience: 18th season
Born: September 28, 1966 (Putnam, Conn.)
Resides: Manchester, Conn.
High School: Marianapolis Prep (Thompson, Conn.)
College: Quinebaug Valley '90

Matt Boland has officiated 977 regular-season games and one playoff game in 17 seasons as an NBA official. He also worked the 2016 NBA All-Star Game in Toronto.

Before joining the NBA, Boland officiated two years in the NBA G League, five years in the WNBA and seven years in the Continental Basketball Association. He refereed the Finals in all three leagues. Boland also has five years of officiating experience in the United States Basketball League.

Boland officiated at the collegiate level for four years, working in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Ivy League and Ohio Valley Conference, among others. He also has high school officiating experience in his home state of Connecticut, where he refereed state finals games in 1997 and 1998.

Boland served in the Connecticut National Guard from 1987-95. He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in 1990 before being promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1992.

An accomplished golfer, Boland has competed in several PGA of America events and worked as a PGA professional.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Movie: Tin Cup

Favorite Musician: Tom Petty

Favorite Book: High Performance Habits

Favorite Meal: Pizza

Favorite App: Dark Sky

Would Most Like To Visit: Scotland

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National

TONY BROTHERS #25



NBA Experience: 27th season

Born: September 14, 1964 (Norfolk, Va.)

Resides: Smithfield, Va.

High School: Booker T. Washington (Norfolk, Va.)

College: Old Dominion University '86

Tony Brothers has officiated 1,520 regular-season games in 26 seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 153 playoff games, including 11 Finals games. Brothers' assignments have also included the 1999 McDonald's Championship in Italy and the 2008 China Games.

Brothers considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 2 of the 2012 Finals between the Miami Heat and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Before joining the NBA, Brothers spent four years officiating in the Continental Basketball Association, including three Finals and an All-Star Game. Brothers also has seven years of high school officiating experience in his home state of Virginia and one year of service at the junior college level.

To honor his late mother, Dorothy Brothers, a former Bank of America executive, Brothers and his wife co-founded the Still Hope Foundation, which seeks to assist single mothers in building a strong, successful family unit by offering quality resources and supportive relationships.

Brothers attended Old Dominion University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Management Information Systems.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: 24

Favorite Movie: Claudine

Favorite Musician: Earth, Wind & Fire

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Meal: Fried croakers

Favorite App: Spotify

Would Most Like To Visit: Israel

Hidden Talent: Cooking

TONY BROWN #6



NBA Experience: 19th season

Born: January 4, 1967 (Marianna, Fla.)

Resides: Atlanta, Ga.

High School: Amos P. Godby (Tallahassee, Fla.)

College: Clark Atlanta University '89

Tony Brown has officiated 1,071 regular-season games and 35 playoff games in 18 seasons as an NBA official. He refereed the 2018 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles.

In the 2019-20 season, Brown made his debut as an NBA Finals official when he officiated Game 4 of the series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat.

Before joining the NBA, Brown worked four seasons in both the NBA G League and the Continental Basketball Association and three seasons in the WNBA. During that time, he officiated the 2002 WNBA Finals, the 2002 WNBA All-Star Game and the 2001 CBA Finals.

Brown attended Florida A&M University before transferring to Clark Atlanta University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Finance. In high school, Brown earned All-State basketball honors at Amos P. Godby in Tallahassee, Fla.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Sanford and Son

Favorite Movie: Training Day

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: The Price of the Ticket

Would Most Like To Visit: Biyadhoo in the Maldives

Hidden Talent: Scuba diving

NICK BUCHERT #3



NBA Experience: 11th season
Born: April 17, 1983 (Orlando, Fla.)
Resides: Highland Park, Ill.
High School: University (Orlando, Fla.)
College: University of Phoenix

Nick Buchert (BOOK-ert) has officiated 575 regular-season games and three playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2014 Rising Stars during NBA All-Star in New Orleans.

Buchert has nine years of collegiate officiating experience and four years in the NBA G League. He officiated the 2010 NBA G League Finals and the 2010 NBA G League All-Star Game.

Buchert enjoys traveling, cooking, collecting wine, working out and biking. He is also involved in the March of Dimes Chicago.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones and Walking Dead

Favorite Movie: Gladiator

Favorite Musician: David Gray

Favorite Book: October Sky

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite App: Bandsintown

Would Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Attend Super Bowl

JOHN BUTLER #53



NBA Experience: 2nd season

Born: August 20, 1986 (Biloxi, Miss.)

Resides: La Mesa, Calif.

High School: San Diego (San Diego, Calif.)

College: Vanguard University

John Butler is in his second season as an NBA official. He officiated 30 regular-season games in 2019-20 in his first season on staff.

Butler officiated five seasons in the NBA G League and two seasons in the WNBA. In the NBA G League, he worked the playoffs from 2015-19 and the Finals in 2018 and 2019.

Butler has four years of collegiate officiating experience in the Big West, West Coast and Pac West conferences. He also has three years of high school officiating experience in California.

His interests include traveling, fitness, movies, music and sports.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Suits

Favorite Movie: Do the Right Thing

Favorite Musician: Jay-Z

Favorite Book: Black Boy

Favorite Meal: Red beans and rice

Favorite App: The Bible

Would Most Like To Visit: Greece

JAMES CAPERS #19



NBA Experience: 26th season
Born: November 8, 1961 (Chicago, Ill.)
Resides: Chicago, Ill.
High School: Hales Franciscan (Chicago, Ill.)
College: Northern Illinois University '84

James Capers has officiated 1,410 regular-season games in 25 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 150 playoff games, including 12 Finals games.

Capers officiated the 2018 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles, the 2010 NBA All-Star Game in Dallas and the 2001 NBA Rising Stars in Washington, D.C. He has refereed NBA games in Beijing, Johannesburg, London, Paris and Tokyo.

Capers considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 3 of the 2012 Finals between the Miami Heat and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

In addition to his NBA experience, Capers spent six years as a referee in the Continental Basketball Association. He officiated three CBA Finals and two CBA All-Star Games.

Capers has served on the National Basketball Referee Association Executive Board and helped negotiate collective bargaining agreements with the NBA. He was the first official appointed to serve on the NBA Rules and Competition Committee. Capers also has been the referee representative on the Jr. NBA Board.

Capers is the son of former NBA official James Capers Sr.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Black-ish

Favorite Movie: Malcolm X

Favorite Musician: Jill Scott

Favorite Book: The Shack

Favorite Meal: Summer BBQ with ribs, potato salad, corn on the cob and baked beans

Favorite App: Pandora

Bucket List: See Colosseum in Rome

Hidden Talent: Bid whist

DERRICK COLLINS #11



NBA Experience: 20th season

Born: July 15, 1965 (New Orleans, La.)

Resides: Sugar Land, Texas

High School: Brother Martin (New Orleans, La.)

College: Xavier University of Louisiana '88

Derrick Collins has officiated 1,166 regular-season games and 33 playoff games in 19 seasons as an NBA official.

Before joining the NBA, Collins officiated five seasons in the Continental Basketball Association and three seasons in the WNBA, working the Finals in both leagues.

He has seven years of collegiate officiating experience in various conferences, including the SEC, Big 12, Conference USA, Sun Belt, Southland and SWAC. Collins also officiated at the high school level in his home state of Louisiana.

Collins was a member of the Xavier University of Louisiana basketball team for four seasons, earning All-America Honorable Mention honors. He holds a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications.

Collins enjoys fishing, horseback riding, pool, weight training, bowling and golf.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Martin

Favorite Movie: Glory

Favorite Musician: Bob Marley

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Meal: Gumbo

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Fly an airplane

SEAN CORBIN #33



NBA Experience: 26th season
Born: March 18, 1966 (Baltimore, Md.)
Resides: Windermere, Fla.
High School: Towson Catholic (Towson, Md.)
College: Coppin State University '90

Sean Corbin has officiated 1,384 regular-season games and 85 playoff games in 25 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2007 NBA All-Star Game in Las Vegas. Corbin officiated at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a triple-overtime game between the Boston Celtics and the Vancouver Grizzlies on Feb. 17, 1999.

Corbin officiated four years in the Continental Basketball Association and nine years in the collegiate ranks, with stints in the Big East, Southern, Southeastern, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Metro Atlantic Athletic conferences. He also has four years of high school officiating experience.

The Baltimore native played baseball and basketball at Coppin State University and Towson Catholic High School.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: CSI: Miami

Favorite Movie: The Godfather and The Godfather Part II

Favorite Musician: Brian Culbertson

Favorite Book: Quiet Strength

Favorite Meal: Steak and lobster

Favorite App: News

Would Most Like To Visit: Johannesburg

Bucket List: Drive cross country in RV

Hidden Talent: Cooking

KEVIN CUTLER #34



NBA Experience: 11th season

Born: August 8, 1968 (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Resides: Lakewood, Calif.

High School: Ganesha (Pomona, Calif.)

College: Cal State Long Beach '99;
M.S. at Cal State Dominguez Hills '05

Kevin Cutler has officiated 555 regular-season games and five playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: Houston Rockets vs. the Minnesota Timberwolves in a first-round series on April 21, 2018.

Cutler refereed for six seasons in the NBA G League, working two Finals series and the 2018 All-Star Game. He also spent six years as a college basketball official, including assignments in the 2009 NIT and the 2010 NCAA Tournament.

Cutler enjoys golfing, reading and spending time with family.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Homicide: Life on the Street

Favorite Musician: Luther Vandross

Favorite Book: Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man

Favorite Meal: Chicken

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Play 20 of the top 100 U.S. golf courses

Hidden Talent: Playing the trumpet

MOUSA DAGHER #28



NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: March 4, 1991 (Homs, Syria)

Resides: Las Vegas, Nev.

High School: Burbank (Burbank, Calif.)

College: Glendale Community College '13

Mousa Dagher (MOOSE-ah Dagger) has officiated 65 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA official.

Dagher officiated three seasons in the NBA G League. He also has six years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the WAC, Big West and Big Sky conferences.

A Syrian native, Dagher moved to the United States in 2006 at age 15. He is former owner of the Brewberry Cafe in Anaheim, Calif. Dagher enjoys playing the piano, hiking, traveling and spending time with family.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Money Heist

Favorite Movie: Coach Carter

Favorite Musician: Drake

Favorite Book: Rich Dad, Poor Dad

Favorite Meal: Sushi

Favorite App: Robinhood

Would Most Like To Visit: Thailand

Bucket List: Explore Europe with wife

Hidden Talent: Playing the piano

ERIC DALEN #37



NBA Experience: 13th season
Born: July 12, 1972 (Minnetonka, Minn.)
Resides: Cincinnati, Ohio
High School: Minnetonka (Minnetonka, Minn.)
College: University of Minnesota

Eric Dalen (DAY-len) has officiated 616 regular-season games in 12 seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first game as a full-time staff official: Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets on Nov. 1, 2008.

Before joining the NBA, Dalen worked five seasons in the NBA G League. In 2008, Dalen officiated the NBA G League All-Star Game and the NBA G League Finals. He refereed three years at the collegiate level in the SEC.

Dalen was a two-year football letter-winner at the University of Minnesota, where he played tight end.

He is married and has four children.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: NCIS

Favorite Movie: We Were Soldiers

Favorite Musician: Zac Brown

Favorite Meal: Chili

Favorite App: Netflix

Would Most Like To Visit: Cruise around the world

Bucket List: Take a ride in a fighter jet

MARC DAVIS #8



NBA Experience: 23rd season
Born: December 13, 1967 (Chicago, Ill.)
Resides: Chicago, Ill.
High School: St. Ignatius Prep (Chicago, Ill.)
College: U.S. Naval Academy

Marc Davis has officiated 1,330 regular-season games in 22 seasons as an NBA official. He has worked 147 playoff games, including 14 Finals games. He also officiated the 2014 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans and the 2020 NBA All-Star Game in Chicago.

In addition to his NBA service, Davis has three years of officiating experience in both the Continental Basketball Association and at the collegiate level.

In 2020, the Chicago native was selected for enshrinement in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame – Class of 2021.

In 2012, Davis was recognized by the Chicago Public League Coaches Association with induction into the Chicago Public League Hall of Fame.

Davis enjoys playing golf and pickleball.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Wire

Favorite Movie: Glory

Favorite Musician: John Coltrane

Favorite Book: Lonesome Dove

Favorite Meal: Pancakes

Favorite App: Cisco AnyConnect

Would Most Like To Visit: Venice

Bucket List: Fly a helicopter along the Chicago River

JB DEROSA #62



NBA Experience: 4th season
Born: April 14, 1991 (Paducah, Ky.)
Resides: Canton, Ohio
High School: Glen Oak (Canton, Ohio)
College: Malone University '13

JB DeRosa has officiated 141 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA official.

DeRosa spent five years as an NBA G League referee, working the Finals in 2016 and 2017.

DeRosa has extensive collegiate officiating experience. He officiated men's basketball from 2014-17, including assignments in the SEC and Conference USA. DeRosa also officiated women's basketball from 2009-13, including stints in the Big East and Atlantic 10 conferences.

The son of former NBA official Joe DeRosa, JB started refereeing in local CYO and recreational leagues in the Canton, Ohio, area at age 13. JB excelled in track and field in high school and college.

During the offseason, he enjoys playing golf and traveling with his wife.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Big Bang Theory

Favorite Movie: Kingsman series

Favorite Musician: Kenny Chesney

Favorite Meal: Salmon and risotto

Would Most Like To Visit: Jost Van Dyke in British Virgin Islands

Bucket List: Play golf at Pebble Beach

Hidden Talent: Cooking

MITCHELL ERVIN #27



NBA Experience: 6th season
Born: November 20, 1979 (New Orleans, La.)
Resides: New Orleans, La.
High School: Eleanor McMain (New Orleans, La.)
College: University of New Orleans '02

Mitchell Ervin has officiated 252 regular-season games in five seasons as an NBA official.

Ervin considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first game as a full-time NBA official, when the Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry scored 53 points against the New Orleans Pelicans on Oct. 31, 2015. He also worked the 2019 Rising Stars at NBA All-Star in Charlotte.

Before joining the NBA, Ervin officiated in the NBA G League for four years, working the playoffs and Finals in 2014 and 2015. He refereed the 2014 NBA G League All-Star Game in his hometown of New Orleans.

His résumé includes eight years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the Big 12, Conference USA and other conferences. He has six years of high school officiating experience in New Orleans and Houston.

Ervin previously worked for the sports representation firm SportsWest Football. He has also worked for the New Orleans Saints, New Orleans Sports Foundation and as a middle school physical education teacher and coach.

Ervin graduated with a dual bachelor's degree in Sport Management and Exercise Physiology from the University of New Orleans, where he was a walk-on member of the 1997-98 basketball team and a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. In high school at Eleanor McMain (which fellow NBA official Bennie Adams also attended), Ervin was an All-District point guard who led his team to the 1997 state quarterfinals and earned All-State Academic Honorable Mention honors.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Drake

Favorite Book: Between the World and Me

Favorite Meal: Chargrilled oysters

Favorite App: Instagram

Would Most Like To Visit: Egypt

Bucket List: Sky diving

KANE FITZGERALD #5



NBA Experience: 12th season

Born: February 15, 1981 (Dover, N.J.)

Resides: Toms River, N.J.

High School: Sparta (Sparta, N.J.)

College: Centenary University (Hackettstown, N.J.) '04

Kane Fitzgerald has officiated 690 regular-season games in 11 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 46 playoff games, including three Finals games.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 3 of the 2019 Finals between the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors.

Before joining the NBA, Fitzgerald officiated in the NBA G League for four years and the WNBA for two years. He also refereed at the collegiate level for two years in the Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Big South conferences.

Fitzgerald started officiating at the high school level in New Jersey at age 18.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Breaking Bad

Favorite Movie: Unforgiven

Favorite Musician: Bruce Springsteen

Favorite Book: Moby Dick

Favorite Meal: Spaghetti with meatballs

Favorite App: Pandora

Would Most Like To Visit: Alaska

Bucket List: U.S. road trip

Hidden Talent: Playing the piano

TYLER FORD #39



NBA Experience: 6th season
Born: June 8, 1985 (Lima, Ohio)
Resides: Westfield, Ind.
High School: Allen East (Lafayette, Ohio)
College: Ball State University '07; M.A. '09

Tyler Ford has officiated 288 regular-season games and nine playoff games in five seasons as an NBA official.

Ford considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: the Philadelphia 76ers vs. the Brooklyn Nets in a first-round series on April 13, 2019.

Before joining the NBA officiating staff, Ford refereed five seasons in the NBA G League. He officiated the 2015 NBA G League Finals and the 2014 NBA G League All-Star Game.

Ford also spent four seasons officiating in the WNBA. He officiated Division I college basketball for three seasons in the Big Ten, Mid-American Conference and Summit League.

The Ohio native served as the Assistant Director of Intramural Sports at Purdue University from 2009-15. Ford holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Sport Administration from Ball State University.

He enjoys playing golf in his free time.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Homeland

Favorite Movie: Remember the Titans

Favorite Musician: Old Dominion

Favorite Book: Power of a Positive Team

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite App: Netflix

Would Most Like To Visit: Hawaii

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National

BRIAN FORTE #45



NBA Experience: 14th season
Born: August 18, 1975 (Fairfax, Va.)
Resides: Smyrna, Ga.
High School: Westminster (Atlanta, Ga.)
College: Furman University '99

Brian Forte (for-TAY) has officiated 779 regular-season games and 22 playoff games in 13 seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: the Brooklyn Nets against the Toronto Raptors in a first-round series on April 19, 2014.

Forte worked six seasons in the NBA G League, officiating two Finals series. He also officiated collegiately in the SEC and Southern Conference, refereeing the conference tournament in both leagues in 2007. That same year, he was selected to officiate the NCAA Tournament.

The son of former NBA referee Joe Forte, Brian received a bachelor's degree in Computing and Business from Furman University. He previously worked as a computer programmer.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Breaking Bad

Favorite Movie: The Godfather Part II

Favorite Book: The Count of Monte Cristo

Favorite Meal: Sushi

Favorite App: Netflix

Would Most Like To Visit: Spain

SCOTT FOSTER #48



NBA Experience: 27th season
Born: April 8, 1967 (Silver Spring, Md.)
Resides: Woodbine, Md.
High School: Magruder (Rockville, Md.)
College: University of Maryland '93

Scott Foster has officiated 1,530 regular-season games in 26 seasons as an NBA official. Foster has also refereed 201 playoff games, including 20 Finals games. He worked the 2010 NBA All-Star Game in Arlington, Texas, and the 2019 NBA All-Star Game in Charlotte.

Foster considers his memorable NBA assignment to be Game 7 of the 2010 NBA Finals between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Boston Celtics. He refereed the game with two of his mentors, Dan Crawford and Joey Crawford.

In addition to his NBA service, Foster has two years of Continental Basketball Association officiating experience, two years of collegiate officiating experience in the Southern and Big South conferences, and six years of high school officiating experience in Maryland.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Shameless and Ozark

Favorite Movie: Braveheart

Favorite Musician: Darius Rucker

Favorite Book: Golf Is Not a Game of Perfect

Favorite Meal: Maryland blue crabs and corn on the cob

Favorite App: PGA Tour Live

Would Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Win gold at the U.S. Open Pickleball Championships

Hidden Talent: Body surfing

PAT FRAHER #26



NBA Experience: 20th season
Born: January 13, 1974 (St. Paul, Minn.)
Resides: Eagan, Minn.
High School: Hastings (Hastings, Minn.)
College: University of Minnesota '97

Pat Fraher (FRAY-er) has officiated 1,160 regular-season games and 61 playoff games in 19 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2015 NBA All-Star Game in New York.

In the 2019-20 season, Fraher made his debut as an NBA Finals official when he officiated Game 3 of the series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat.

Before joining the NBA, Fraher officiated four years in the WNBA and seven years in the Continental Basketball Association.

Fraher has two years of collegiate officiating experience in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and 10 years of high school officiating experience in his home state of Minnesota.

He attended the University of Minnesota, where he was awarded the Evans Scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. At Hastings High School in Minnesota, Fraher was a member of the football, basketball and golf teams.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones

Favorite Movie: Caddyshack

Favorite Musician: Billy Joel

Favorite Book: Purpose Driven Life

Favorite Meal: BBQ

Favorite App: NBA (of course!)

Would Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National and Pebble Beach

Hidden Talent: Sleeping anywhere

JACYN GOBLE #68



NBA Experience: 5th season

Born: February 22, 1981 (Miami, Fla.)

Resides: Miami, Fla.

High School: Coral Park Senior (Miami, Fla.)

College: Miami Dade Community College;
Florida International University

Jacyn Goble (JAY-sin go-BULL) has officiated 177 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 13 regular-season NBA games as a non-staff official.

Goble officiated four years in the NBA G League, working the playoffs in 2015 and 2016 and the Finals in 2016.

Before becoming a full-time referee, Goble worked as a police officer for the Miami-Dade Police Department for 13 years.

Goble's brother, John, is in his 14th season as an NBA official.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Musician: Marc Anthony

Favorite Book: Pirates in Blue

Favorite Meal: Veal parmigiana

Favorite App: Netflix

Would Most Like To Visit: Tahiti

Bucket List: Roll own cigar in Cuba

JOHN GOBLE #30



NBA Experience: 14th season
Born: November 25, 1978 (Miami, Fla.)
Resides: Miami, Fla.
High School: Miami Senior (Miami, Fla.)
College: Florida International University '01

John Goble (go-BULL) has officiated 836 regular-season games in 13 seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 90 playoff games, including five Finals games.

Goble officiated four seasons in the NBA G League, where he was selected to work the 2007 Finals. He also refereed in several collegiate conferences, including the SEC, Conference USA and Sun Belt.

Goble received a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Florida International University. He worked as an account executive and teacher before joining the NBA.

Goble's brother, Jacyn, is in his fifth season as an NBA official.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Musician: Enjoys hip-hop, salsa and reggaeton music

Favorite Meal: Skirt steak, black beans and rice, fried plantains

Favorite App: Amazon

Would Most Like To Visit: Hawaii

Hidden Talent: Cuban coffee barista

JASON GOLDENBERG #35



NBA Experience: 4th season

Born: November 14, 1984 (Atlanta, Ga.)

Resides: Atlanta, Ga.

High School: Milton (Alpharetta, Ga.)

College: University of Georgia '07

Jason Goldenberg has officiated 124 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed four regular-season games as a non-staff official from 2015-17.

Goldenberg joined the NBA officiating staff after five years as an NBA G League referee. He worked the 2015 NBA G League Finals.

Goldenberg has four seasons of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the Big South, Southern and Ohio Valley conferences.

During the offseason, he enjoys traveling around the world and experiencing new cultures, food and beaches.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Curb Your Enthusiasm

Favorite Movie: Tommy Boy

Favorite Musician: Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite Book: Ego Is the Enemy

Favorite Meal: Chicken parmesan

Favorite App: NBA

Would Most Like To Visit: Australia

Bucket List: Sail around world in mega yacht

NATE GREEN #65



NBA Experience: 2nd season
Born: December 2, 1977 (Des Moines, Iowa)
Resides: Terre Haute, Ind.
High School: Theodore Roosevelt (Des Moines, Iowa)
College: Indiana State '05; MBA at Indiana State '12

Nate Green is in his second season as an NBA official. He refereed 27 games in 2019-20 in his first season on staff. He also officiated nine regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2018-19 season.

Green officiated four seasons in the NBA G League, including the 2019 Finals. He has six years of collegiate officiating experience in the ACC, Atlantic 10, SEC and American conferences, and five years of high school officiating experience in Indiana.

The Iowa native was a standout basketball player at Indiana State, winning 1999-2000 Missouri Valley Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors. He played two seasons in the NBA G League and seven seasons in Italy.

Green is involved in his community's annual Diversity Walk, which celebrates people from all backgrounds and walks of life. He enjoys playing golf, bass fishing and wine collecting.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Wire

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Syleena Johnson

Favorite Book: Lone Survivor

Favorite Meal: Tagliatelle bolognese

Favorite App: Netflix

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

DAVID GUTHRIE #16



NBA Experience: 16th season
Born: May 21, 1974 (Athens, Ga.)
Resides: Charlotte, N.C.
High School: W.A. Berry (Birmingham, Ala.)
College: North Carolina State '99

David Guthrie has officiated 860 regular-season games in 15 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 58 playoff games, including five Finals games. Guthrie was part of the officiating crew for the 2019 NBA All-Star Game in his current hometown of Charlotte.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 2 of the 2018 Finals between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors.

Before joining the NBA, Guthrie officiated in the NBA G League and the Continental Basketball Association. He refereed the NBA G League playoffs from 2003-05 and the NBA G League Finals in 2004 and 2005.

Guthrie has collegiate officiating experience in several conferences, including the ACC and SEC. He worked the 2003 and 2004 NCAA Tournaments.

Guthrie played minor league baseball in the Cincinnati Reds' organization, with stints in Princeton, W. Va.; Billings, Mont.; Charleston, W. Va.; and Chattanooga, Tenn.

He attended Southern Union Community College in Wadley, Ala., and North Carolina State University on baseball scholarships. Guthrie played baseball and basketball at W.A. Berry High School in Birmingham, Ala.

Guthrie and his wife have two sons and a daughter.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The West Wing

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: The Eagles

Favorite Book: The Match

Favorite Meal: Steak, whipped potatoes and broccoli

Favorite App: The Chive

Would Most Like To Visit: Hawaii

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National and Cypress Point

Hidden Talent: Hitting fungoes

LAUREN HOLTkamp-STERLING #7



NBA Experience: 7th season
Born: November 24, 1980 (Jefferson City, Mo.)
Resides: Atlanta
High School: Jefferson City (Jefferson City, Mo.)
College: Drury University '03; M.S. at Drury '04
MDV from Emory University '10

Lauren Holtkamp-Sterling has officiated 225 regular-season games in six seasons as an NBA official.

Holtkamp officiated six seasons in the NBA G League and four seasons in the WNBA. She worked the 2013 and 2014 NBA G League Finals and the 2014 WNBA Conference Finals.

Holtkamp officiated in numerous collegiate conferences, including the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Big East and Colonial Athletic. She also refereed various FIBA competitions, including the 2010 World University Games and the 2012 and 2013 FIBA Americas Championships.

The Missouri native graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2003 and a master's degree in Communication in 2004 from Drury University, where she was a member of the 2003 basketball team that competed for the Division II National Championship. She earned a Master of Divinity from Emory University in 2010.

Holtkamp is married to NBA official Jonathan Sterling. They live in Atlanta with their daughter.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Lovecraft Country

Favorite Musician: Florence and the Machine

Favorite Book: Needful Things

Favorite Meal: Breakfast

Favorite App: Garmin Connect and Google

Would Most Like To Visit: Greece

Bucket List: Travel internationally

Hidden Talent: Mixed media art

SIMONE JELKS #81



NBA Experience: 1st season
Born: March 9, 1986 (Cleveland)
Resides: Cleveland, Ohio
High School: Charles F. Brush (Lyndhurst, Ohio)
College: University of Southern California '08
M.P.H. at Case Western Reserve University '11
M.ED at Cleveland State University '13

Simone Jelks is in her first season as a full-time NBA official. She refereed 16 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2019-20 NBA season.

Jelks officiated three seasons in the NBA G League. She also has three years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the Mid-American Conference and Horizon League.

An Ohio native, Jelks played college basketball at the University of Southern California, where she was named to the 2007-08 Pac-12 All-Defensive Team. After college, she played professionally in Puerto Rico and Croatia.

Jelks is the career leader in points, steals, rebounds and free throws made for Charles F. Brush High School in Lyndhurst, Ohio. She was named to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

Jelks earned a master's degree in Public Health at Case Western Reserve University and a master's degree in Urban Secondary Teaching from Cleveland State University. She worked as a high school Spanish teacher in Cleveland for six years.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: Love & Basketball

Favorite Musician: Anita Baker

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Meal: Collard greens and peach cobbler

Favorite App: Goodnotes

Would Most Like To Visit: Spain

Hidden Talent: Spoken word poetry

BILL KENNEDY #55



NBA Experience: 23rd season
Born: November 10, 1966 (Phoenix, Ariz.)
Resides: Phoenix, Ariz.
High School: St. Mary's (Phoenix, Ariz.)
College: Arizona State University

Bill Kennedy has officiated 1,255 regular-season games in 22 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 113 playoff games, including five Finals games.

Kennedy considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 3 of the 2010 Finals between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers.

In addition to his NBA service, Kennedy has five years of officiating experience in the Continental Basketball Association, including working the 1996 and 1997 CBA Finals. He also officiated two games in the 1998 WNBA Finals and has 15 years of high school officiating experience in Arizona.

The Arizona native attended Arizona State University after graduating from St. Mary's High School in Phoenix. While a student at St. Mary's, he was named Knight of the Year in 1984 for his athletic achievements.

Kennedy's charitable efforts include working with former NBA official Tommy Nuñez in running the National Hispanic Basketball Classic to help raise money for inner-city youth. He also works with the Boys & Girls Club of Phoenix.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Musician: Luther Vandross

Favorite Meal: Filet mignon and a good bottle of red

Would Most Like To Visit: Jerusalem

Bucket List: Egyptian pyramids

Hidden Talent: Karaoke

COURTNEY KIRKLAND #61



NBA Experience: 21st season
Born: October 22, 1974 (Flint, Mich.)
Resides: Atlanta, Ga.
High School: Flint Northwestern (Flint, Mich.)
College: Southern University '99

Courtney Kirkland has officiated 1,209 regular-season games in 20 seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 29 playoff games.

His officiating experience includes two seasons in the WNBA and three seasons in the Continental Basketball Association, working the Finals in both leagues. He was a high school official for four years in Louisiana.

Kirkland earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Southern University. At Northwestern High School in his native Flint, Mich., he was part of the basketball team that reached the state semifinals in 1991 and 1992.

Off the court, Kirkland has been involved in efforts to curb homelessness in Atlanta (where he now resides). He also supports the Help for Flint water relief efforts in his hometown.

Kirkland enjoys playing golf, exercising and writing.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Martin

Favorite Movie: Friday

Favorite Book: Total Money Makeover

Favorite App: NBA

MARAT KOGUT #32



NBA Experience: 12th season

Born: August 5, 1979 (Kiev, Ukraine)

Resides: Woodmere, N.Y.

High School: FDR (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

College: St. John's University (Jamaica, N.Y.) '08

Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT) has officiated 615 regular-season games in 11 seasons as an NBA official.

Kogut considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a game between the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers on Jan. 30, 2011, the first meeting between the teams after their matchup in the 2010 NBA Finals.

His professional experience includes three years in the WNBA as well as four years in the NBA G League.

Kogut immigrated to the United States with his family seven days after he was born in Ukraine. Raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he started officiating at age 16 at local recreational youth leagues.

Before joining the NBA officiating staff, Kogut refereed in several NCAA Division I conferences, including the Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Big South. He also officiated New York metro area high school games for four years.

Kogut is a former head men's basketball manager for St. John's University. In addition to being an amateur magician, Kogut enjoys playing the piano, volleyball and golf.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Ozark

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: Billy Joel

Favorite Book: Tuesdays with Morrie

Favorite Meal: Sushi

Favorite App: Amazon

Would Most Like To Visit: Croatia

Hidden Talent: Magician

KARL LANE #77



NBA Experience: 10th season
Born: February 26, 1975 (Little Rock, Ark.)
Resides: Little Rock, Ark.
High School: Glendbard East (Lombard, Ill.)
College: Philander Smith College

Karl Lane has officiated 509 regular-season games and three playoff games in nine seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: Game 2 of a 2018 first-round series between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Miami Heat.

His officiating experience includes four seasons in the NBA G League and nine years each at the collegiate (Southwestern Athletic and Gulf South conferences) and high school levels.

Lane worked as an In-School Suspension Teacher for two years in Little Rock, Ark.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: Star Wars movies

Favorite Musician: Jay-Z

Favorite Book: Star Wars books

Favorite Meal: Mexican

Favorite App: Candy Crush

Would Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: See seven wonders of the world

Hidden Talent: Home repair

ERIC LEWIS #42



NBA Experience: 17th season

Born: May 20, 1971 (Daytona Beach, Fla.)

Resides: Daytona Beach, Fla.

High School: Mainland (Daytona Beach, Fla.)

College: Bethune Cookman College

Eric Lewis has officiated 990 regular-season games in 16 seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 59 play-off games, including three Finals games.

Lewis officiated his first NBA Finals game during the 2019 series between the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors. He officiated two Finals games in the 2020 series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat.

Before joining the NBA officiating staff, Lewis officiated three seasons in the NBA G League (including the 2004 Finals), two seasons in the United States Basketball League, eight seasons at the collegiate level and six seasons of high school basketball in his native Florida.

Lewis played basketball at Bethune Cookman College and Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, Fla.

In his free time, Lewis works with several organizations that help troubled teens.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Martin

Favorite Movie: Which Way Is Up?

Favorite Meal: Lasagna

Hidden Talent: Drawing

MARK LINDSAY #29



NBA Experience: 14th season
Born: August 21, 1977 (Drexel Hill, Pa.)
Resides: Phoenixville, Pa.
High School: Malvern Prep (Malvern, Pa.)
College: West Chester University '99

Mark Lindsay has officiated 780 regular-season games and nine playoff games in 13 seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: a first-round game between the Charlotte Hornets and the Miami Heat on April 23, 2014.

Lindsay refereed for five seasons in the NBA G League, including playoff games in 2005, 2006 and 2007. He officiated in several collegiate conferences, including the ACC, Colonial Athletic Association, Atlantic Sun, Big South and Ohio Valley.

The Pennsylvania native received a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and graduated with honors from West Chester University, where he was a three-year letterman in varsity basketball. He has worked as a teacher and real estate agent.

Lindsay directs the Proactive Referee Officiating Camp, which raises money to benefit underprivileged youth who attend the Philadelphia Men's Basketball League/Treasure Beach Basketball Camp in rural Jamaica. In addition, he contributes to West Chester University and the Elizabeth Ciunci Foundation to provide educational opportunities to local Pennsylvania students.

Lindsay, who is married with three children, enjoys reading, working out, bicycling and yoga.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Family Guy

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: Dave Matthews

Favorite Book: Can't Hurt Me

Favorite App: Apple Podcasts

Would Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Family trip to Italy

Hidden Talent: Spelling

TRE MADDOX #23



NBA Experience: 10th season

Born: October 7, 1967 (Great Lakes, Ill.)

Resides: Las Vegas, Nev.

High School: Wyandotte (Kansas City, Kan.)

College: Dakota State University

Tre Maddox has officiated 495 regular-season games and 10 playoff games in nine seasons as an NBA official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in 2019.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first game: a double-overtime matchup between the LA Clippers and the Utah Jazz on Nov. 6, 2010.

Maddox officiated four seasons in the NBA G League and six years at the collegiate level in the Pac-12, West Coast and PacWest conferences. He also has eight years of high school officiating experience.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: Quiet Strength

Favorite Meal: Steak and lobster

Favorite App: Fight List

Would Most Like To Visit: Dubai

Bucket List: Attend The Open Championship

Hidden Talent: Play the piano

ED MALLOY #14



NBA Experience: 19th season

Born: March 17, 1971 (Media, Pa.)

Resides: Aston, Pa.

High School: Cardinal O'Hara (Springfield, Pa.)

College: Thomas Jefferson University '93

Ed Malloy has officiated 1,117 regular-season games in 18 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 116 playoff games, including 10 Finals games. Malloy officiated the 2017 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans.

Before joining the NBA, Malloy officiated one season in the NBA G League and three seasons each in the WNBA and the Continental Basketball Association. He refereed the 2002 NBA G League Finals and the 2001 CBA Finals.

Malloy attended St. Joseph's University before transferring to Thomas Jefferson University. At Thomas Jefferson, he was a member of the basketball team and won 1992-93 ECAC Player of the Year honors. He earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Jeopardy!

Favorite Movie: Braveheart

Favorite Musician: U2

Favorite Book: Tom Clancy novels

Favorite Meal: Pasta

Favorite App: Google Maps

Would Most Like To Visit: Sorrento, Italy

KEN MAUER #41



NBA Experience: 35th season
Born: April 23, 1955 (St. Paul, Minn.)
Resides: Fort Myers, Fla.
High School: Harding (St. Paul, Minn.)
College: University of Minnesota '77

Ken Mauer has officiated 1,981 regular-season games in 34 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 218 playoff games, including 19 Finals games. Mauer has the longest tenure among active NBA referees.

Among Mauer's most memorable NBA assignments was Game 6 of the 2013 NBA Finals between the Miami Heat and the San Antonio Spurs. He also officiated Michael Jordan's first game back from retirement, when the Chicago Bulls faced the Indiana Pacers on March 19, 1995.

Mauer's résumé includes six years of officiating experience in the Continental Basketball Association, nine years in the collegiate ranks and 12 years at the high school level in Minnesota.

In college, Mauer played on the University of Minnesota baseball team with Hall of Famer Paul Molitor. Mauer earned All-Big Ten honors in 1977, when the Golden Gophers reached the College World Series. His cousin is retired major league catcher Joe Mauer, a three-time American League batting champion with the Minnesota Twins.

After spending most of his life in Minnesota, Mauer has settled in Fort Myers, Fla. He supports the Salvation Army and is often a guest speaker at basketball camps and clinics.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: The Adventures of Robin Hood

Favorite Musician: Bruce Springsteen

Favorite Meal: Anything my wife cooks!

Bucket List: Travel to every European country

SUYASH MEHTA #82



NBA Experience: 1st season
Born: July 15, 1991 (Baltimore, Md.)
Resides: Ellicott City, Md.
High School: Centennial (Ellicott, Md.)
College: University of Maryland '13

Suyash Mehta is in his first season as a full-time NBA official. He refereed 13 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2019-20 NBA season.

Mehta officiated five seasons in the NBA G League, working the playoffs three times (2017-19) and serving as a Finals alternate in 2019.

He refereed in numerous collegiate conferences, including the Atlantic 10, Big South, Colonial Athletic Association and Conference USA. He also has NCAA Division III and junior college officiating experience.

The Baltimore native studied Neurobiology & Physiology at the University of Maryland. He started his officiating career in Maryland's intramural department.

Mehta's parents are from India and moved to the United States in the 1980s. His father is a retired physician who specialized in internal medicine. Mehta speaks Hindi and Punjabi fluently.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Ozark

Favorite Movie: Slumdog Millionaire

Favorite Musician: Bob Seger

Favorite Book: The Alchemist

Favorite Meal: Butter chicken with garlic naan

Favorite App: Spotify

Would Most Like To Visit: South Africa

Bucket List: Sky diving in Dubai

Hidden Talent: Badminton

RODNEY MOTT #71



NBA Experience: 23rd season
Born: September 3, 1957 (New Albany, Ind.)
Resides: Las Vegas, Nev.
High School: Bishop Turner (Buffalo, N.Y.)
College: San Diego State '86

Rodney Mott has officiated 1,303 regular-season games and 42 playoff games in 22 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2013 NBA All-Star Game in Houston.

Before joining the NBA, Mott spent four years officiating in the Continental Basketball Association. He also worked eight years in the Los Angeles Pro Am league, three years at the junior college level and four years in the high school ranks in San Diego.

Mott is a U.S. Navy veteran with three years of active duty and three years in reserves.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Black-ish

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: Stevie Wonder

Favorite Book: World Without Cancer

Favorite Meal: Vegetable stir fry

Favorite App: eBay

Would Most Like To Visit: Jerusalem

Hidden Talent: Interior design

ASHLEY MOYER-GLEICH #13



NBA Experience: 3rd season
Born: August 5, 1987 (Lebanon, Pa.)
Resides: Camp Hill, Pa.
High School: Cedar Crest (Lebanon, Pa.)
College: Millersville University '10

Ashley Moyer-Gleich (gleash) has officiated 61 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA official.

Moyer-Gleich officiated three seasons in the NBA G League, including the 2018 playoffs. She served as a WNBA referee in 2018.

The Pennsylvania native has four years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the ACC, Atlantic 10, Patriot League and Ivy League, among other conferences. She also has five years of high school officiating experience in her home state.

Moyer-Gleich played basketball at Millersville University in Pennsylvania. She competed in the Division II Sweet 16 in 2010.

Off the court, Moyer-Gleich likes to spend time outdoors with her family, plan events and take photographs. She also enjoys Bikram yoga and swimming.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Movie: Face/Off

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: Charlotte's Web

Favorite Meal: Spanish food

Favorite App: Yelp

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: See seven wonders of the world

Hidden Talent: Double Dutch

MATT MYERS #43



NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: October 6, 1983 (St. Louis, Mo.)

Resides: Washington, D.C.

High School: Jefferson City (Jefferson City, Mo.)

College: Hampton University '06

Matt Myers has officiated 62 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA official.

Myers officiated 12 seasons in the NBA G League and two seasons in the WNBA. He worked the NBA G League Finals in 2012, 2013 and 2018 as well as the 2013 NBA G League All-Star Game. Myers also officiated the men's 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup in Beijing.

Myers spent 12 years as a collegiate official, with stints in the Big South, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Southern conferences, among others. He also has five years of high school officiating experience in Virginia.

The Missouri native earned a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and was a member of the golf team at Hampton University. He played golf and soccer at Jefferson City High School in Missouri.

His interests include photography and traveling.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Wire

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: Jay-Z

Favorite Book: A Promised Land

Favorite Meal: Buffalo wings

Favorite App: Words with Friends

Would Most Like To Visit: Bora Bora

Bucket List: Attend The Masters

Hidden Talent: Photography and videography

ANDY NAGY #83



NBA Experience: 1st season

Born: July 16, 1991 (Toledo, Ohio)

Resides: Sylvania, Ohio

High School: St. Francis de Sales (Toledo, Ohio)

College: Owens Community College '16

Andy Nagy is in his first season as a full-time NBA official. He refereed 13 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2019-20 NBA season.

Nagy has six seasons of NBA G League experience. He refereed the NBA G League playoffs three times (2016-18) and the NBA G League Finals twice (2017, 2018).

The Ohio native has nine years of collegiate officiating experience, refereeing Division I men's and women's games in the Atlantic 10, Atlantic Sun, Horizon League and Mid-American Conference, among others.

Nagy unofficially began his officiating career at 14, when his father allowed him to referee a Youth CYO Christmas Tournament game. He began officiating high school games at 16 and later worked games in the Ohio Regional Campus Conference.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Equalizer

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Musician: ZZ Top

Favorite Book: The Operator

Favorite Meal: Filet mignon

Favorite App: Spotify

Would Most Like To Visit: Maldives

Bucket List: Walk ropes at The Masters

Hidden Talent: Barbecue expert

BRETT NANSEL #44



NBA Experience: 5th season

Born: June 10, 1977 (Miles City, Mont.)

Resides: Bozeman, Mont.

High School: Custer County District (Miles City, Mont.)

College: North Dakota State '01

Brett Nansel (nan-SULL) has officiated 165 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA official. He also worked 17 regular-season games as a non-staff official.

Nansel considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a game between the Golden State Warriors and the Indiana Pacers on Dec. 5, 2016, when the Warriors' Klay Thompson scored 60 points in 29 minutes.

Nansel officiated eight years in the NBA G League. In addition to his professional experience, Nansel refereed NCAA Division I basketball for eight years, including five NCAA Tournament appearances (2012-16).

The Montana native has worked as a wildland firefighter (1997-01) and a high school history teacher (2002-14).

Nansel enjoys hunting, fly fishing and spending time on a family farm and cattle ranch with his wife and three children.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Anything on outdoor channels

Favorite Movie: Top Gun

Favorite Musician: Alan Jackson

Favorite Book: Wooden

Favorite Meal: Barbecue ribeye steak

Favorite App: Periscope

Would Most Like To Visit: Australia

Bucket List: Catch a grander (1,000-pound marlin)

Hidden Talent: Tenor saxophone

J.T. ORR #72



NBA Experience: 10th season

Born: October 20, 1973 (Pomona, Calif.)

Resides: LaVerne, Calif.

High School: Bonita (LaVerne, Calif.); Glendora (Glendora, Calif.)

College: Mt. San Antonio College (Walnut, Calif.)

J.T. Orr has officiated 489 regular-season games in nine seasons as an NBA official.

Orr's officiating experience includes five seasons in the NBA G League and 13 years at the collegiate level in the Pac-12, West Coast and Big West conferences, among others. He officiated the 2011 NCAA Tournament. Orr also has eight years of high school officiating experience in Southern California.

The California native previously spent more than 10 years as a counselor for young men in the foster care and probation systems of Los Angeles County.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The People's Court

Favorite Movie: Tombstone

Favorite Musician: Maxwell

Favorite Book: The Outsiders

Favorite Meal: Biscuits and gravy

Favorite App: Boggle

Would Most Like To Visit: Greece

Bucket List: Run a marathon

Hidden Talent: Juggling

GEDIMINAS PETRAITIS #50



NBA Experience: 6th season

Born: February 5, 1989 (Kaunas, Lithuania)

Resides: Kensington, Md.

High School: Northwest (Germantown, Md.)

College: University of Maryland '11

Gediminas Petraitis (Geh-di-mihn-us pet-RYE-tis) has officiated 274 regular-season games and three playoff game in five seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed 12 regular-season games as a non-staff official.

In 2019, Petraitis made his playoff debut as an NBA official and refereed the Rising Stars at NBA All-Star in Charlotte.

Petraitis officiated the 2015 NBA G League Finals as part of a three-year stint in the NBA's official minor league. He has also served as a FIBA referee.

Petraitis officiated three seasons at the collegiate level, mainly in the Big South Conference. He also worked in various Division II, III and junior college leagues. Petraitis began his officiating career at the high school level in Maryland, where he is a member of the officiating organization IAABO Board 12.

Born in Lithuania, Petraitis graduated from the University of Maryland with dual degrees in Accounting and Finance. He became a U.S. citizen in 2015.

His father, Vidmantas, officiated college basketball games.

Petraitis enjoys traveling and occasionally dusting off and playing his accordion.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Narcos

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Swedish House Mafia

Favorite Book: The Great Gatsby

Favorite Meal: Cepelinai

Favorite App: Peloton

Would Most Like To Visit: Iceland

Bucket List: Cycling in French Alps

Hidden Talent: Ballroom dancing

PHENIZEE RANSOM #70



NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: December 9, 1974 (Atlanta, Ga.)

Resides: East Point, Ga.

High School: Woodward Academy (College Park, Ga.)

College: University of Georgia '98

Phenizee (FEN-uh-ZEE) Ransom has officiated 61 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA official.

Ransom officiated seven seasons in the NBA G League, including the Finals in 2017 and 2018. He also worked the NBA G League International Challenge during NBA All-Star 2018 in Los Angeles.

Ransom has eight years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the MEAC, SWAC, Big South, Ohio Valley, Southern and Sun Belt conferences, among others. He also spent six years officiating high school basketball in Georgia.

The Georgia native was a standout basketball player at Winston-Salem State, earning 1994-95 All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association honors. He went on to play two years at the University of Georgia (1996-98). Ransom played high school basketball at Woodward Academy in College Park, Ga.

His interests include golf and leadership development.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Jalen & Jacoby

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: The Foreign Exchange

Favorite Book: The Tao of Abundance

Favorite Meal: Hibachi chicken and shrimp

Favorite App: Shazam

Would Most Like To Visit: Cairo

Bucket List: Learn to play the piano

Hidden Talent: Public speaking

DEREK RICHARDSON #63



NBA Experience: 24th season
Born: February 3, 1962 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
Resides: Los Angeles, Calif.
High School: R.B. Stall (Charleston, S.C.)
College: Cal State Dominguez Hills '91

Derek Richardson has officiated 1,264 regular-season games and one playoff game in 23 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2010 NBA All-Star Game in Dallas.

Before joining the NBA, Richardson spent eight years officiating in the Continental Basketball Association. He also worked for 10 years as a Group Supervisor II for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services.

Richardson is the Executive Director of the Why Can't We Make A Difference Foundation (WCWMAD). WCWMAD's mission is to increase elementary school students' academic and emotional interest in school through academic and social enrichment programs in the underserved school communities of Los Angeles.

Known as "Coach" to the youth he mentors and "D-Rich" to his peers, Richardson played basketball at Los Angeles Southwest College and earned an associate's degree in Criminal Justice. He went on to earn a degree in Administration of Justice from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Black-ish

Favorite Movie: Field of Dreams

Favorite Musician: Roy Ayers and Marvin Gay

Favorite Book: Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome

Favorite Meal: Plankton, rice & beans and steamed cabbage

Favorite App: SoundHound

Would Most Like To Visit: Jerusalem and Sierra Leone

LEROY RICHARDSON #20



NBA Experience: 26th season

Born: August 21, 1964 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Resides: Suffolk, Va.

High School: Westinghouse (Brooklyn, N.Y.)

Leroy Richardson has officiated 1,414 regular-season games and 10 playoff games in 25 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2012 NBA All-Star Game in Orlando, which he considers to be his most memorable NBA assignment.

Richardson's officiating experience includes three years in both the Continental Basketball Association and the collegiate ranks, with stints in the Big East, SEC and Ohio Valley conferences. He spent eight years officiating in Virginia high schools.

Richardson served his country for 12 years in the U.S. Navy beginning in 1982. He was the 1991 and 1992 Tac-tragulant Sailor of the Year in Dam Neck, Va. Richardson was also awarded the Navy Achievement Medal and two Good Conduct Medals.

An enlisted surface warfare specialist and underwater sea surveillance specialist, he was stationed in Keflavik, Iceland, from 1986-87 and deployed to the Mediterranean from 1988-89.

Richardson has served as a motivational speaker at the Tidewater Detention Home in Virginia and numerous public schools in the state. An avid sports fan, Richardson enjoys watching basketball, football and baseball. He is also a novice gunsmith and target shooter.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Black-ish

Favorite Movie: Crimson Tide

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Meal: Ribeye steak

Favorite App: Instagram

Bucket List: Tour Jerusalem

Hidden Talent: Gunsmith

NATALIE SAGO #9



NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: May 24, 1989 (St. Louis, Mo.)

Resides: Farmington, Mo.

High School: Farmington (Farmington, Mo.)

College: University of Missouri-St. Louis '13

Natalie Sago (SAY-go) has officiated 63 games in two seasons as an NBA official.

Sago officiated four seasons in the NBA G League and three seasons in the WNBA. She worked the NBA G League International Challenge at NBA All-Star 2018 in Los Angeles.

Sago has three years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the Atlantic 10, Missouri Valley, Summit League and Metro Atlantic Athletic conferences, among others. She also has two years of high school officiating experience in her native Missouri.

In high school, Sago was part of a Farmington basketball team that finished as the Missouri state runner-up in 2007. She played softball for Jefferson College (2007-09) and Drury University (2009-11), serving as team captain for both schools.

Sago earned a bachelor's degree in K-12 Physical Education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 2013.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: New Amsterdam

Favorite Movie: Home Alone

Favorite Musician: P!nk

Favorite Book: Sum It Up

Favorite Meal: Salmon and pasta

Favorite App: Instagram

Would Most Like to Visit: Fiji

Bucket List: Watch a game in all 30 MLB stadiums (more than halfway there)

Hidden Talent: Juggling

JENNA SCHROEDER #84



NBA Experience: 2nd season

Born: September 27, 1985 (Flint, Mich.)

Resides: Detroit, Mich.

High School: Clio (Clio, Mich.)

College: Saginaw Valley State University '09

Jenna Schroeder (shROW-der) is in her second season as an NBA official. She refereed 27 regular-season games in 2019-20 in her first season on staff.

Schroeder officiated three seasons in the NBA G League and two seasons in the WNBA. She has seven years of collegiate officiating experience, working games in the ACC, American, Atlantic 10 and Big East conferences.

A Flint, Mich., native, Schroeder played college basketball at Oakland University (2004-05) and Saginaw Valley State University (2005-08). She graduated from Saginaw Valley State with a bachelor's degree in Communications.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: 30 Rock

Favorite Movie: Dirty Dancing

Favorite Musician: Bob Seger

Would Most Like to Visit: Australia

Bucket List: See Billy Joel, Eric Clapton and The Rolling Stones in concert

EVAN SCOTT #78



NBA Experience: 2nd season
Born: May 22, 1992 (Taejon, South Korea)
Resides: Richmond, Va.
High School: Thomas A. Edison (Alexandria, Va.)
College: Radford University '14

Evan Scott is in his second season as an NBA official. He refereed 29 regular-season games in 2019-20 in his first season on staff. Scott also worked nine regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2018-19 season.

Scott officiated three seasons in the NBA G League, where he refereed the 2019 Finals. He has five years of collegiate officiating experience in the Big South, Old Dominion Athletic and Capital Athletic conferences.

Scott also has two years of high school officiating experience in Virginia. He says the first game he ever officiated was in a church league.

Born in South Korea, Scott came to the United States when he was 4 months old. He played two seasons of rugby at Radford University in Virginia. Scott was a three-sport athlete in high school, competing in baseball, basketball and swimming.

He enjoys spending time with his son and weightlifting.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: SportsCenter

Favorite Movie: Inception

Favorite Musician: Prince

Favorite Book: Stalling for Time

Favorite Meal: Steak and asparagus

Favorite App: FaceTime

Would Most Like To Visit: Amalfi Coast

KEVIN SCOTT #24



NBA Experience: 10th season
Born: April 24, 1978 (Oconee County, S.C.)
Resides: Flowery Branch, Ga.
High School: Stephens County (Toccoa, Ga.)
College: Georgia Southern University B.S. '00; M.S. '02

Kevin Scott has officiated 502 regular-season games and 18 playoff games in nine seasons as an NBA official.

Scott considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a quadruple-overtime game between the Atlanta Hawks and the Utah Jazz on March 25, 2012.

His officiating experience includes four seasons in the NBA G League, where he refereed the playoffs from 2009-11 and was selected to work the Finals in 2011.

Scott has extensive experience officiating at the collegiate level, with four years in the SEC, six years in the Southern Conference, seven years in the Big South Conference and 10 years in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

He enjoys playing golf, fitness training, fishing and attending NASCAR events.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: 48 Hours

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: Eric Church

Favorite Book: Friday Night Lights

Favorite Meal: Cheese pizza

Favorite App: The Weather Channel

Would Most Like To Visit: Great Barrier Reef

Bucket List: African safari

Hidden Talent: Facial recognition

AARON SMITH #51



NBA Experience: 5th season
Born: September 11, 1987
Resides: Philadelphia, Pa.
High School: West Chester East (West Chester, Pa.)
College: West Chester University '10

Aaron Smith has officiated 226 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed 13 regular-season games as a non-staff official.

Smith officiated four years in the NBA G League, where he worked the playoffs from 2015-17, the Finals in 2016 and 2017 and the All-Star Game in 2016. He also had assignments in the WNBA from 2013-16.

At the collegiate level, he officiated four seasons in the Big South Conference, including the conference championship game in 2016.

Smith graduated from West Chester University in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in History. At West Chester, he played one season of varsity basketball.

Before becoming a full-time official, Smith worked as a substitute teacher at the high school and middle school levels. He spent three years as a support staff member for a cyber charter school.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Homeland

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: John Legend

Favorite Book: Unbroken

Favorite Meal: Any breakfast meal

Favorite App: Twitter

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Travel to all 50 states

MICHAEL SMITH #38



NBA Experience: 28th season
Born: February 5, 1955 (Memphis, Tenn.)
Resides: Memphis, Tenn.
High School: South Side (Memphis, Tenn.)

Michael Smith has officiated 1,553 regular-season games and 48 playoff games in 27 seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be the 2008 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans.

Smith officiated five years in the Continental Basketball Association and eight years at the collegiate level in the Big Ten, SEC and Conference USA. He also has 10 years of high school officiating experience. Smith refereed the 1990 McDonald's High School All-American Game.

He played basketball and baseball at South Side High School in Memphis, Tenn.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: NCIS: New Orleans

Favorite Movie: Training Day

Favorite Musician: Charlie Wilson

Favorite Book: The President Is Missing

Favorite Meal: Dinner

Favorite App: ESPN

Would Most Like To Visit: White House

Bucket List: Sky diving

BILL SPOONER #22



NBA Experience: 32nd season
Born: February 23, 1957 (El Paso, Texas)
Resides: Oak Park, Calif.
High School: Taft (Woodland Hills, Calif.)
College: San Diego State

Bill Spooner has officiated 1,509 regular-season games and 122 playoff games in 31 seasons as an NBA official. His assignments have also included the 2005 NBA All-Star Game in Denver.

Spooner has the second-longest tenure among active referees, behind Ken Mauer, who is in his 35th season.

In addition to his NBA service, Spooner has seven years of collegiate officiating experience in the Pac-12, Big West and West Coast conferences. He spent eight years as a high school official in his home state of California.

Spooner was a minor league baseball umpire for two years (1980-82). He graduated as the No. 1 prospect from Baseball Umpire Development school in 1980.

Spooner played football at Taft High School in Woodland Hills, Calif. He was named First Team All-City as a wide receiver in 1974.

His wife is the daughter of former NBA referee Paul Mihalak (1970-97). They have three children.

Spooner enjoys yardwork, golf, cooking and wine-tasting trips.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Suits

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Musician: The Eagles

Favorite Meal: Osso buco

Would Most Like To Visit: New Zealand

Bucket List: Bike trip through French vineyards

JONATHAN STERLING #17



NBA Experience: 4th season

Born: April 16, 1982 (Hampton, Va.)

Resides: Tampa, Fla.

High School: Satellite Beach High (Satellite Beach, Fla.)

College: Flagler College '06

Jonathan Sterling has officiated 127 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA official.

Sterling officiated six years in the NBA G League, working the 2015 and 2016 playoffs and the 2017 Finals. He was also a member of the WNBA officiating staff for three years and has served as a FIBA official.

At the collegiate level, he worked for seven seasons in the American, Sun Belt, Southern, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic, Sunshine State and Peach Belt conferences. He also has experience as a Conference USA referee.

Sterling graduated from Flagler College in Florida with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. He was an All-Conference basketball player and team captain at Flagler and helped lead the team to the NAIA National Sweet 16. Sterling also played for the Brevard Blue Ducks of the United States Basketball League in 2006.

His interests and hobbies include detailing cars, bike riding, golf, water sports, scuba diving and traveling. Sterling is married to NBA official Lauren Holtkamp.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Chappelle Show and Brother vs. Brother

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Drake

Favorite Book: Canyons

Favorite Meal: Lasagna

Favorite App: Maps

Would Most Like To Visit: Australia

Bucket List: Dive with sharks

Hidden Talent: Break dancing

BEN TAYLOR #46



NBA Experience: 8th season

Born: October 7, 1985 (Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

Resides: Orlando, Fla.

High School: Cannon County (Woodbury, Tenn.)

College: Middle Tennessee State University '09

Ben Taylor has officiated 388 regular-season games and four playoff games in seven seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed 17 regular-season games as a non-staff official.

Taylor made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in 2019, officiating three games during the postseason.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a regular-season game between the Miami Heat and the Charlotte Bobcats on March 3, 2014, when Miami's LeBron James scored 61 points.

Taylor joined the full-time NBA staff in 2013-14 after six seasons as a referee in the NBA G League. He also has experience as a FIBA referee.

He received a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Middle Tennessee State University in 2009.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The West Wing

Favorite Movie: Field of Dreams

Favorite Musician: Brian McKnight

Favorite Book: Mitch Rapp series

Favorite Meal: Cheeseburger and tater tots

Favorite App: TripIt

Would Most Like To Visit: Scotland

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National

Hidden Talent: Dancing

DEDRIC TAYLOR #21



NBA Experience: 7th season

Born: November 14, 1975 (Miami, Fla.)

Resides: Miami, Fla.

High School: North Miami Beach (Miami, Fla.)

College: Florida International University

Detric Taylor has officiated 338 regular-season games and two playoff games in six seasons as an NBA official.

Taylor joined the full-time NBA staff after four seasons as a referee in the NBA G League. He officiated in numerous collegiate conferences, including the SEC, Conference USA, Sun Belt, Southern, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Atlantic Sun.

Previously, Taylor worked as an Athletic Specialist for the City of North Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department. He was also a UPS driver for 13 years.

Taylor enjoys fishing and playing golf.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Good Times

Favorite Movie: Crash

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: Tears We Cannot Stop

Favorite Meal: Breakfast

Favorite App: Candy Crush

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Sky diving

Hidden Talent: Playing the trumpet and juggling

JOSH TIVEN #58



NBA Experience: 11th season
Born: March 12, 1978 (Norwich, Conn.)
Resides: Waterford, Conn.
High School: Ledyard (Ledyard, Conn.)

Josh Tiven has officiated 608 regular-season games and 39 playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA official.

In the 2019-20 season, Tiven made his debut as an NBA Finals official when he officiated Game 1 of the series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat. The previous season, Tiven was assigned as an alternate official for the 2019 NBA Finals.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be when the Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson scored 37 points in the third quarter and finished with 52 points against the Sacramento Kings on Jan. 23, 2015.

Tiven officiated five years in the NBA G League, working three Finals series as well as the 2008 All-Star Game. In addition, he refereed two years in the WNBA and seven years at the collegiate level.

A native of Norwich, Conn., Tiven is married with two daughters. He enjoys playing golf.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Movie: Minority Report

Favorite Musician: Ed Sheeran

Favorite Book: Firstborn (novel written by his father, Bruce)

Favorite Meal: Lasagna

Favorite App: Instagram

Would Most Like To Visit: Hawaii

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National

Hidden Talent: Yo-Yo expert

SCOTT TWARDOSKI #52



NBA Experience: 10th season
Born: March 6, 1973 (Enumclaw, Wash.)
Resides: Peoria, Ariz.
High School: Highland (Coville, Wash.)
College: Linfield College (McMinnville, Ore.);
City University (Renton, Wash.)

Scott Twardoski (twar-DAH-ski) has officiated 488 regular-season games and one playoff game in nine seasons as an NBA official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in 2019.

Twardoski refereed for six seasons in the NBA G League. He also has seven seasons of WNBA experience, working both the Finals and All-Star Game.

In addition to his professional basketball experience, Twardoski officiated college games for 12 years in the Pac-12, Big 12, Big Sky and West Coast conferences. He has 10 years of high school officiating experience.

Twardoski worked as an English teacher for five years in Covington, Wash., and as a speaker for five years at Learning for Living in Meadow Vista, Calif.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: M*A*S*H

Favorite Book: Core 52

Favorite Meal: Steak and mushrooms

Favorite App: Pinochle

Would Most Like To Visit: Norway

Bucket List: Photograph hot air balloon festivals around the world

Hidden Talent: Landscape and astrophotography

JUSTIN VAN DUYNE #64



NBA Experience: 7th season

Born: November 8, 1981 (Arcadia, Calif.)

Resides: LaVerne, Calif.

High School: Los Altos High (Hacienda Heights, Calif.)

College: University of La Verne '05

Justin Van Dyne (van-DINE) has officiated 312 regular-season games in six seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed 16 regular-season games as a non-staff official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be the first game that he officiated as a full-time NBA referee: Golden State Warriors at Sacramento Kings on Oct. 29, 2014.

Van Dyne joined the NBA officiating staff after four seasons as a referee in the NBA G League. He also officiated in numerous collegiate conferences, including the Pac-12, Mountain West, Big West, WCC and WAC.

The California native spent nine years as a police officer in Ontario, Calif. He was also a middle school physical education teacher in California for two years.

He enjoys spending time with his three children, playing golf and boating.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Entourage

Favorite Movie: The Bourne movies

Favorite Musician: Blake Shelton

Favorite Book: Moneyball

Favorite Meal: Filet mignon

Favorite App: The Chive

Would Most Like To Visit: Aruba

Bucket List: Visit every baseball stadium

SCOTT WALL #31



NBA Experience: 26th season
Born: September 11, 1966 (Jacksonville, Ill.)
Resides: Merritt Island, Fla.
High School: Shawnee Mission NW (Shawnee, Kan.)
College: Emporia State University

Scott Wall has officiated 1,309 regular-season games and 13 playoff games in 25 seasons as an NBA official.

Wall considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be the 2012 NBA All-Star Game in Orlando.

Wall has four years of officiating experience with USA Basketball, four years in the collegiate ranks in the ACC, Ohio Valley and Atlantic Sun conferences, and five years at the high school level in Kansas and Alabama.

Wall volunteers with Georgianna United Methodist Church in Merritt Island, Fla., on local mission programs. He is involved with the National Wild Turkey Federation's Space Coast Osceolas Gobblers fundraising program to conserve wild turkeys and wildlife habitat.

His father, Bill, is a former USA Basketball Director. His mother, Patricia, is a former Southeastern Conference Associate Commissioner.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: NCIS

Favorite Movie: James Bond 007 movies

Favorite Musician: Tim McGraw

Favorite Book: Mitch Rapp series

Favorite Meal: Pot roast

Favorite App: Angry Birds

Would Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Sky dive

CJ WASHINGTON #12



NBA Experience: 5th season
Born: September 20, 1979 (Baton Rouge, La.)
Resides: Missouri City, Texas
High School: Thibodaux (Thibodaux, La.)
College: Southern University '02

CJ Washington has officiated 162 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA official.

His officiating experience includes eight years in the NBA G League, where he refereed in the Finals five times and the All-Star Game once.

Washington spent 10 years as a Division I collegiate official, with stints in the SEC, Conference USA, Southwestern Athletic Conference and Southland Conference. He also has five years of high school officiating experience in Louisiana and Texas.

He previously worked in the Houston area as a licensed residential building inspector. Washington also worked as a residential real estate appraiser in Louisiana.

The Louisiana native graduated from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., with a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications in 2002. While in college, he became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Washington and his wife have two children. He enjoys traveling with family and friends, reading, watching movies and playing golf.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: Life

Favorite Musician: Anthony Hamilton

Favorite Book: IXI Rise of the King

Favorite Meal: Lasagna

Would Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Attend a football game at Notre Dame Stadium

TOM WASHINGTON #49



NBA Experience: 30th season
Born: December 25, 1957 (Ft. Smith, Ark.)
Resides: Atlanta, Ga.
High School: Central (Philadelphia, Pa.)
College: Norfolk State University '78

Tom Washington has officiated 1,676 regular-season games in 29 seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 172 playoff games, including four Finals games.

Washington was a member of the crews that officiated the 2004 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles and the 2017 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 4 of the 2008 Finals between the Boston Celtics and the Los Angeles Lakers. His proudest moment as an official came in Game 2 of the 2012 NBA Finals between the Miami Heat and the Oklahoma City Thunder, when he was part of the first three-person African-American Finals crew.

In addition to his NBA service, Washington officiated two years in the Continental Basketball Association, one year at the collegiate level in Division II and III, and five years at the high school level in his former hometown of Philadelphia.

Off the court, Washington has volunteered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Amachi program, Children's Choice, the Mt. Zion Baptist Youth Organization and the PGA Juniors program.

Washington is a cum laude graduate with a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Norfolk State University.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Martin

Favorite Movie: Boomerang

Favorite Musician: Brian Culbertson and Stevie Wonder

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Meal: Salmon

JAMES WILLIAMS #60



NBA Experience: 11th season
Born: May 23, 1979 (Memphis, Tenn.)
Resides: Chicago, Ill.
High School: LaPorte (LaPorte, Ind.)
College: Purdue University '01

James Williams has officiated 587 regular-season games and 25 playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA official. He also refereed the 2013 NBA All-Star Game in Houston.

Williams served as an NCAA official from 2001-10. He also officiated two seasons in the WNBA and worked two NBA G League Finals and the 2010 NBA G League All-Star Game.

Williams graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Law & Society and History. He was honored as an Outstanding Graduating Senior by the School of Liberal Arts.

The Memphis native and Chicago resident enjoys reading, sports, movies, travel, working out and biking.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Martin

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Book: Love Wins

Favorite Meal: Soul food

Favorite App: Waze

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Earn law degree

Hidden Talent: Throwing a baseball

LEON WOOD #40



NBA Experience: 25th season
Born: March 25, 1962 (Columbia, S.C.)
Resides: Queen Creek, Ariz.
High School: St. Monica (Santa Monica, Calif.)
College: Cal State Fullerton '84

Leon Wood has officiated 1,364 regular-season games and 25 playoff games in 24 seasons as an NBA official. His assignments have also included the 2013 NBA All-Star Game in Houston.

He has three years of Continental Basketball Association officiating experience and one year of collegiate experience in the Ohio Valley and Atlantic Sun conferences. Wood also refereed high school basketball in California for one year.

Wood was the 10th pick in the famed 1984 NBA Draft, which also included Hakeem Olajuwon, Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley. He played in the NBA for six seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers, Washington Bullets, New Jersey Nets, San Antonio Spurs, Atlanta Hawks and Sacramento Kings, averaging 6.4 points, 3.2 assists and 1.2 rebounds in 274 games. Wood was a member of USA Basketball's gold-medal-winning teams at the 1984 Summer Olympics and the 1983 Pan-Am Games.

Wood played for the University of Arizona for one season before transferring to Cal State Fullerton, where he was named an All-American. The Santa Monica, Calif., native was inducted into the Orange County Hall of Fame and the Cal State Fullerton Hall of Fame.

His hobbies include playing golf and tennis and lifting weights.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Law & Order

Favorite Movie: Black Panther and The Equalizer 1 & 2

Favorite Musician: Hip-hop music

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite App: Hulu

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa and Australia

HAYWOODE WORKMAN #66



NBA Experience: 13th season
Born: January 23, 1966 (Charlotte, N.C.)
Resides: Tampa, Fla.
High School: Myers Park (Charlotte, N.C.)
College: Oral Roberts University

Haywoode Workman has officiated 604 regular-season games in 12 seasons as an NBA official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be a matchup between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Utah Jazz on April 13, 2016, when Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant scored 60 points in his final game.

Workman spent four seasons officiating in the NBA G League. He also refereed in the Continental Basketball Association.

A second-round pick in the 1989 NBA Draft, Workman played eight seasons in the NBA with the Atlanta Hawks, Washington Bullets, Indiana Pacers, Milwaukee Bucks and Toronto Raptors. He averaged 5.5 points, 3.9 assists and 2.3 rebounds in 359 games. Workman also played professionally overseas and in the CBA.

Workman was an All-State high school quarterback in North Carolina. He played one year of football and basketball at Winston-Salem State University (the latter for the legendary Clarence "Big House" Gaines) before transferring to Oral Roberts University. Workman was inducted into the Oral Roberts Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Wyclef Jean

Favorite Meal: Chicken and rice

Favorite App: Waze

Would Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: See seven wonders of the world

Hidden Talent: Ping-Pong

SEAN WRIGHT #4



NBA Experience: 16th season

Born: August 29, 1971 (New York, N.Y.)

Resides: Dacula, Ga.

High School: W.P. Davidson (Mobile, Ala.)

College: Spring Hill College '93; MBA at University of Mobile '96

Sean Wright has officiated 893 regular-season games and 61 playoff games in 15 seasons as an NBA official. He was assigned as an alternate official for the 2019 NBA Finals.

Wright previously refereed in the NBA G League, where he officiated the 2004 playoffs and the 2005 Finals.

At the collegiate level, Wright officiated in the SEC, Colonial, Big South, Southern, Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Southwestern Athletic conferences. He refereed the men's NCAA Division II Tournament in 2004.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Law & Order

Favorite Movie: Love Jones

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: Crime and Punishment

Favorite Meal: Roasted chicken and veggies

Favorite App: Son's football team app

Would Most Like To Visit: Greece

Bucket List: Fly a plane

Hidden Talent: Chess

ZACH ZARBA #15



NBA Experience: 18th season
Born: April 29, 1975 (New York, N.Y.)
Resides: Brooklyn, N.Y.
High School: Midwood (Brooklyn, N.Y.)
College: SUNY New Paltz '97

Zach Zarba has officiated 1,069 regular-season games in 17 seasons as an NBA official. He has also refereed 104 playoff games, including eight Finals games. Other assignments have included the 2016 NBA All-Star Game in Toronto.

Zarba considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first NBA Finals: Game 3 of the 2013 Finals between the Miami Heat and the San Antonio Spurs.

Before joining the NBA, Zarba officiated in the NBA G League for two years, where he worked the Finals. He also refereed one year in the Continental Basketball Association and two years in the International Basketball League.

Zarba has three years of collegiate officiating experience in the ACC, SEC, Colonial Athletic Association, Atlantic Sun Conference, Ohio Valley Conference and Northeast Conference. He has three years of high school officiating experience in his native New York.

At SUNY New Paltz, Zarba was a member of the basketball team and served as captain in his senior season. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Zarba does community service work with Brooklyn Youth Sports Club, It's from the Sole, Camp Felix and Beyond the Game Inc.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Wire

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Meal: Shrimp oreganata

Favorite App: Twitter

Would Most Like To Visit: Italy

Hidden Talent: Cooking

NBA OFFICIALS: ACTIVE LEADERS

(Statistics entering 2020-21 season)

MOST YEARS OF SERVICE

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Ken Mauer | 34 |
| Bill Spooner | 31 |
| Tom Washington | 29 |
| Michael Smith | 27 |
| Tony Brothers | 26 |
| Scott Foster | 26 |
| Bennie Adams | 25 |
| James Capers | 25 |
| Sean Corbin | 25 |
| Leroy Richardson | 25 |
| Scott Wall | 25 |

MOST PLAYOFF GAMES

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Ken Mauer | 218 |
| Scott Foster | 201 |
| Tom Washington | 172 |
| Tony Brothers | 153 |
| James Capers | 150 |
| Marc Davis | 147 |
| Bill Spooner | 122 |
| Ed Malloy | 116 |
| Bill Kennedy | 113 |
| Zach Zarba | 104 |
| Sean Corbin | 85 |

MOST REGULAR-SEASON GAMES

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Ken Mauer | 1,981 |
| Tom Washington | 1,676 |
| Michael Smith | 1,553 |
| Scott Foster | 1,530 |
| Tony Brothers | 1,520 |
| Bill Spooner | 1,506 |
| Leroy Richardson | 1,414 |
| James Capers | 1,410 |
| Sean Corbin | 1,384 |
| Leon Wood | 1,364 |
| Marc Davis | 1,330 |

MOST NBA FINALS GAMES

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Scott Foster | 20 |
| Ken Mauer | 19 |
| Marc Davis | 14 |
| James Capers | 12 |
| Tony Brothers | 11 |
| Ed Malloy | 10 |
| Zach Zarba | 8 |
| John Goble | 5 |
| David Guthrie | 5 |
| Bill Kennedy | 5 |
| Tom Washington | 4 |

NBA ADOPTS COACH'S CHALLENGE ON FULL-TIME BASIS

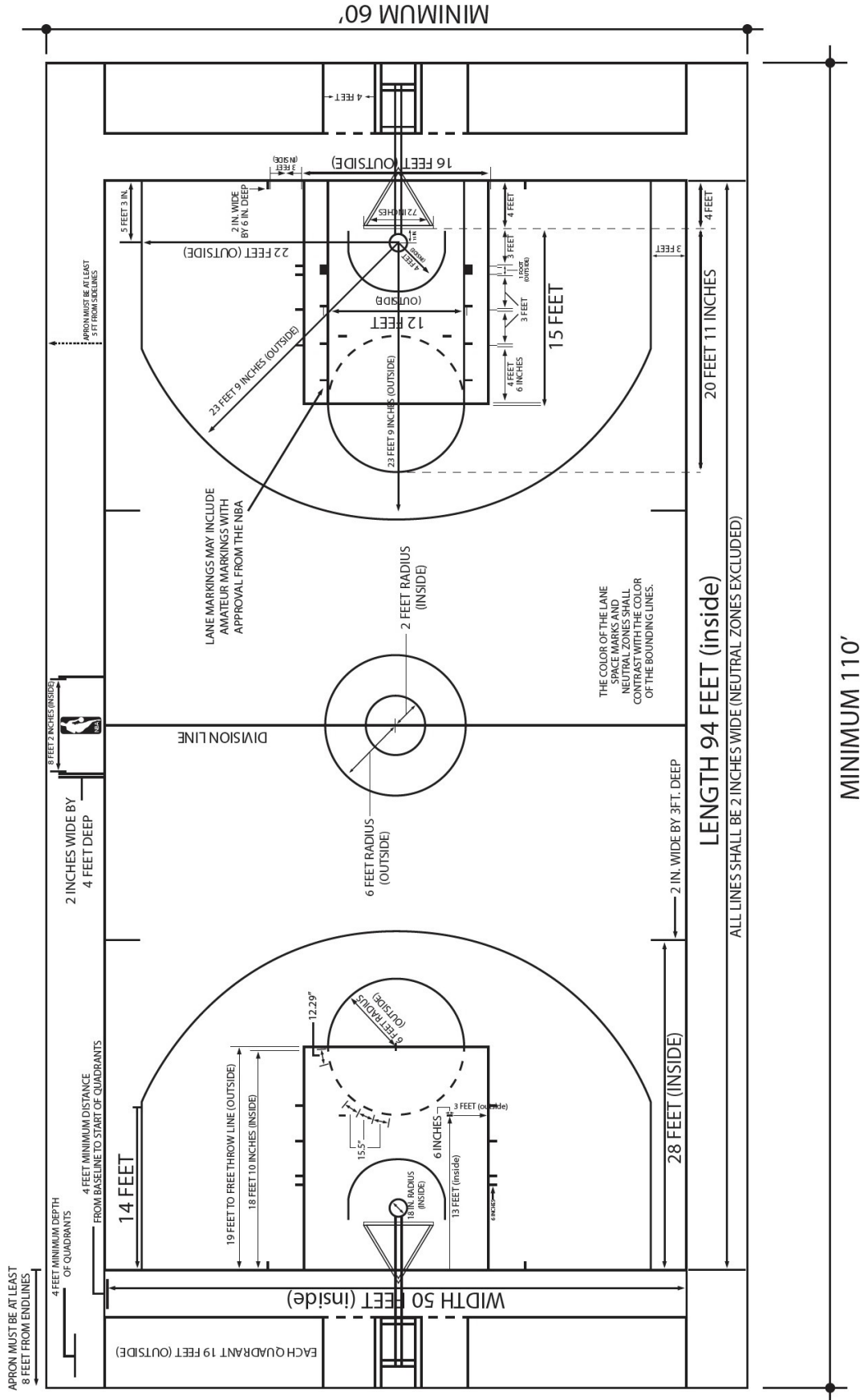
The NBA Board of Governors has approved the Coach's Challenge on a full-time basis starting with the 2020-21 season. The Coach's Challenge was introduced for the 2019-20 season on a one-year trial. The NBA's Competition Committee recommended the move to a full-time basis before the Board of Governors' vote.

Coach's Challenge

Key features of the Coach's Challenge are below:

- Each team is entitled to one challenge in the game (regardless of whether the challenge is successful).
- A team can use its challenge in the following instances: 1.) a called personal foul charged to its own team; 2.) a called out-of-bounds violation; or 3.) a called goaltending or basket interference violation.
- A team can use its challenge on a called personal foul at any point in the game.
- In the last two minutes of the fourth period or the last two minutes of overtime, a called out-of-bounds violation or called goaltending/basket interference violation will not be challengeable and instead will be exclusively triggered by on-court referees.
- To initiate a challenge, a team must immediately call a legal timeout and the head coach must immediately signal for a challenge by twirling his/her finger toward the referees.
- A team loses its right to challenge the preceding call if it incurs a delay-of-game violation prior to initiating the challenge.
- When officials confer to determine the appropriate call, the window of time within which a team must "immediately" challenge the call starts after the officials provide the negatively affected team notice of the final ruling on the play.
- If a team attempts to challenge an event with no remaining timeouts, the team is charged an excessive timeout, for which the penalty is a technical foul, and no challenge will take place.
- If a team calls a timeout to challenge an event that may not be reviewed, the team will be charged a timeout but retain its challenge.
- As with other replay reviews, in order to overturn the event as called on the floor, there must be clear and conclusive visual evidence that the call was incorrect.

OFFICIAL NBA COURT DIAGRAM



REFEREE HAND SIGNALS

24-SECOND VIOLATION



Tap head signal
'24'

3-PT. FIELD GOAL



Official will raise one
arm on attempt



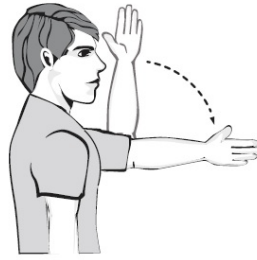
If goal is successful
raise the other arm

**3-SECOND
OFFENSIVE VIOLATION**



Fingers sideways

**DEFENSIVE 3-SECOND
VIOLATION**



Chop down two times
followed by technical foul
signal

BASKET INTERFERENCE



Rotate finger
wipe out basket

BLOCKING



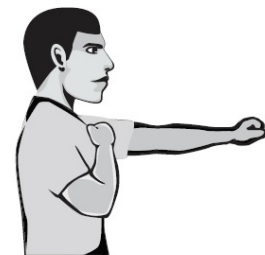
Hands on hips

**CANCEL SCORED
CANCEL PLAY**



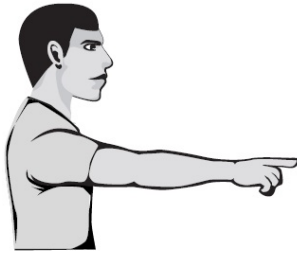
Shift arms across body

CHARGING



Clenched fist

DIRECTION OF PLAY



Point - Direction
call team color

DOUBLE FOUL



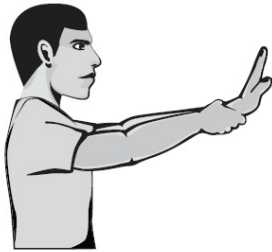
Cross clenched fist
above head

GOALTENDING



"Flag" from wrist

HAND CHECKING



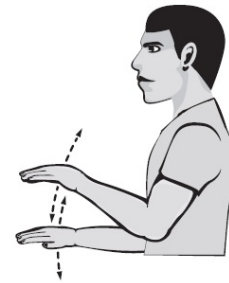
Arm straight out
opposite arm grabbing wrist.

HOLDING



Signal Foul:
grasp wrist

ILLEGAL DRIBBLE



Patting motion
call team color

ILLEGAL FOREARM



Arm bent 90° in front of
body

**ILLEGAL SCREEN
OUT-OF-BOUNDS**



Arms outstretched and
crossed in front of chest

ILLEGAL USE OF HAND



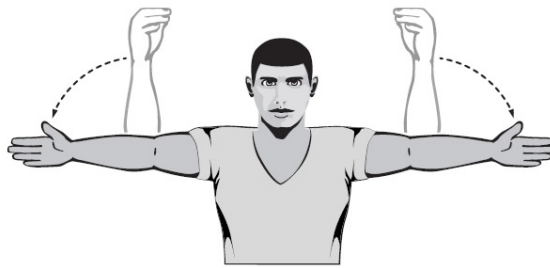
Signal foul:
strike wrist

JUMP BALL



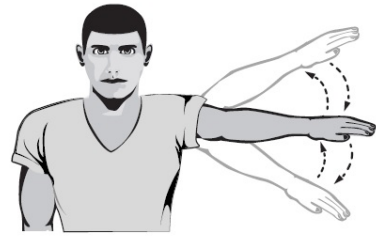
Thumbs up

LOOSE BALL FOUL



Extended arms
to shoulder level

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER
OUT-OF-BOUNDS**



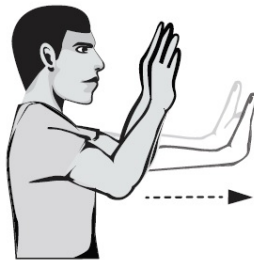
Arms outstretched to side
from shoulder to waist in
downward motion

PERSONAL FOUL



Clenched fist

PUSHING



Signal foul: imitate push

REPLAY



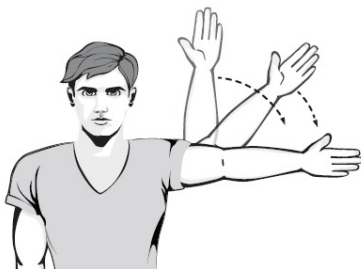
Twirl finger

TECHNICAL FOUL



Form T

TIME-IN



Chop hand
to side

TIME-OUT



Open palm

**TO DESIGNATE
OFFENDER**



Hold up number
of player

TRAVELING



Rotate fists