

**2022-23  
NBA OFFICIALS  
MEDIA GUIDE**



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The site features the NBA Rulebook, NBA Video Rulebook and NBA Replay Archive. Last Two Minute Reports, referee game assignments and pool reporter transcripts are also available.

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Membership to the site includes easy access to box scores and statistics; team game notes; press releases; credential timelines; team logos; head shots of players, coaches, referees and league executives; original content; and information about the WNBA, NBA G League, NBA 2K League and NBA Africa League.

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## 2022-23 NBA KEY DATES

September 23	First allowable date for players participating in preseason games outside North America to report to their teams (no earlier than 11 a.m. local time)
September 24	Training camps open for all teams participating in preseason games outside North America
September 26	First allowable date for other veteran players to report to teams (no earlier than 11 a.m. local time)
September 27	NBA training camps open
September 30	NBA preseason games begin
September 30 & Oct. 2	NBA Japan Games, Golden State Warriors vs. Washington Wizards (Tokyo, Japan)
October 6 & 8	NBA Abu Dhabi Games, Atlanta Hawks vs. Milwaukee Bucks (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
October 14	NBA preseason ends
October 17	Rosters set for start of 2022-23 NBA regular season (5 p.m. ET)
October 18	Start of 2022-23 NBA regular season
October 22	2022-23 NBA G League Draft
October 24	NBA G League training camps open
November 3	Rosters set for NBA G League Showcase Cup (5 p.m. ET)
November 4	NBA G League Showcase Cup begins (18 games per team)
December 17	NBA Mexico City Game, Miami Heat vs. San Antonio Spurs (Mexico City, Mexico)
December 19-22	NBA G League Winter Showcase and Showcase Cup Championship Game
December 27	NBA G League regular season begins (32 games per team)
January 5	10-day contracts may now be signed
January 10	All standard NBA contracts are guaranteed for the remainder of the season
January 19	NBA Paris Game, Chicago Bulls vs. Detroit Pistons (Paris, France)
January 20	All two-way contracts are guaranteed for the remainder of the season
February 9	NBA Trade Deadline (3 p.m. ET)
February 17-19	NBA All-Star 2023 (Salt Lake City, UT)
February 17-22	NBA All-Star break
March 1	Playoff Eligibility Waiver Deadline
March 25	NBA G League regular season ends
March 28	NBA G League Playoffs 2023 begin
April 9	NBA regular season ends
April 10	Rosters set for NBA Playoffs 2023 (3 p.m. ET)
April 11-14	NBA Play-In Tournament 2023
April 15	NBA Playoffs 2023 begin
April 23	NBA Early Entry Eligibility Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)
May 1-2	NBA Conference Semifinals begin (possible move-up to April 29-30)
May 16-17	NBA Conference Finals begin (possible move-up to May 14-15)
May 16	NBA Draft Lottery 2023 presented by State Farm
June 1	NBA Finals 2023 Game 1
June 4	NBA Finals 2023 Game 2
June 7	NBA Finals 2023 Game 3
June 9	NBA Finals 2023 Game 4
June 12	NBA Draft Early Entry Entrant Withdrawal Deadline (5 p.m. ET)
June 12	NBA Finals 2023 Game 5 (if necessary)
June 15	NBA Finals 2023 Game 6 (if necessary)
June 18	NBA Finals 2023 Game 7 (if necessary)
June 22	NBA Draft 2023 presented by State Farm



# 2022-23 REFEREE OPERATIONS PROFILES



**Byron Spruell**  
**President, League Operations**  
**National Basketball Association**

As President, League Operations, Spruell oversees critical league operations, including domestic and international Basketball Operations, Referee Operations and Basketball Strategy & Analytics.

With effective integration of these departments, he is principally responsible for the processes regarding the management of rule changes; the development, evaluation and training of game officials; the enforcement of conduct standards and discipline; and the application of analytics, innovation and strategy on the future evolution of the game. Spruell also collaborates with USA Basketball and the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) to promote the global growth of the game and development of players worldwide.

Prior to joining the NBA 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 across the region. He also served as Chicago Managing Principal, supervising talent and community involvement initiatives in the local office. While serving as the Global Leader of Advisory, he successfully led and managed a business of 2,100 practitioners and over \$2.1 billion in size with growth in key priority markets such as China, India, Japan, Germany, Middle East, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, Canada and the United States.

Spruell has served on several charitable boards and committees, including Big Shoulders Fund, Chicago Urban League, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and World Business Chicago. He is currently on the boards of the Museum of Science and Industry and Metropolitan Family Services in Chicago, the Jackie Robinson Foundation in New York, the United Way and Aon, a leading global professional services firm. He is also on the Board of Governors of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

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, where he was an offensive lineman and co-captain of the Fighting Irish's football team. He currently serves on the university's Board of Trustees and as an advisor on the Monogram Club. 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 staff official. He officiated more than 1,400 regular-season games and 169 playoff games, including 16 NBA Finals games.

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.



## **Kane Fitzgerald**

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

Kane Fitzgerald is in his first season as Vice President of Referee Operations and Replay Center Principal. He came off the court as a top-performing official to assume his new position.

Fitzgerald 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.

Fitzgerald officiated 779 regular-season games in 13 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 69 playoff games, including four NBA Finals games. He also officiated the 2022 NBA All-Star Game in Cleveland.

Fitzgerald 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 high school games at age 18.

A New Jersey native, Fitzgerald played college basketball at Centenary University in Hackettstown, N.J., where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2004.



## **Mike Callahan**

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

Mike Callahan is in his fourth 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 staff official. He also worked 225 playoff games, including 21 NBA 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.



## **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 staff 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 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 ninth season as a member of the NBA's Referee Development and Performance group.

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

Before joining the NBA, Wunderlich was an official in the Continental Basketball Association from 1997-99.

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



## **Eddie F. Rush**

**Referee Development Performance Advisor  
National Basketball Association**

Eddie F. Rush is in his eighth 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 NBA 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 experiencing 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 ninth season as a member of the Referee Development and Performance group.

Salvatore officiated 1,805 regular-season games in 33 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed 238 playoff games, including 25 NBA 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**

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

Crawford was an NBA staff official for 39 years. He officiated 2,556 regular-season games and 374 playoff games, including 50 NBA Finals games. Crawford also worked the 1986, 1992 and 2000 NBA All-Star Games and 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 ninth 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 advance scout for Hoop1 Video, a renowned national basketball content provider. He worked as a video coordinator for the New Jersey Nets from 2004-10 and as a scout for the the Charlotte Bobcats from 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 fourth 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 staff 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.

# **2022-23 NBA OFFICIATING STAFF**

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3 Nick Buchert  
 4 Sean Wright  
 6 Tony Brown  
 7 Lauren Holtkamp-Sterling  
 8 Marc Davis  
 9 Natalie Sago  
 10 John Goble  
 11 Derrick Collins  
 12 CJ Washington  
 13 Ashley Moyer-Gleich  
 14 Ed Malloy  
 15 Zach Zarba  
 16 David Guthrie  
 17 Jonathan Sterling  
 18 Matt Boland  
 19 James Capers  
 21 Detric Taylor  
 22 JB DeRosa  
 23 Tre Maddox  
 24 Kevin Scott  
 25 Tony Brothers  
 26 Pat Fraher  
 27 Mitchell Ervin  
 28 Mousa Dagher  
 29 Mark Lindsay  
 30 John Butler  
 31 Scott Wall  
 32 Marat Kogut  
 33 Sean Corbin  
 34 Kevin Cutler  
 35 Jason Goldenberg  
 36 Brent Barnaky  
 37 Eric Dalen  
 38 Michael Smith  
 39 Tyler Ford  
 40 Leon Wood  
 42 Eric Lewis  
 43 Matt Myers  
 44 Brett Nansel  
 45 Brian Forte  
 46 Ben Taylor  
 47 Bennie Adams  
 48 Scott Foster  
 49 Tom Washington  
 50 Gediminas Petraitis  
 51 Aaron Smith  
 52 Scott Twardoski  
 54 Ray Acosta  
 55 Bill Kennedy  
 58 Josh Tiven  
 60 James Williams  
 61 Courtney Kirkland  
 63 Derek Richardson  
 64 Justin Van Duyne  
 65 Nate Green  
 67 Brandon Adair  
 68 Jacyn Goble

70 Phenizee Ransom  
 71 Rodney Mott  
 72 J.T. Orr  
 74 Curtis Blair  
 77 Karl Lane  
 78 Evan Scott  
 79 John Conley  
 81 Simone Jelks  
 82 Suyash Mehta  
 83 Andy Nagy  
 84 Jenna Schroeder  
 85 Robert Hussey  
 86 Brandon Schwab  
 87 Danielle Scott  
 88 Matt Kallio  
 89 Dannica Mosher  
 91 Cheryl Flores

### **Non-Staff Officials:**

90 Pat O'Connell  
 92 Brent Haskill  
 93 Jenna Reneau  
 94 JD Ralls  
 95 Tyler Ricks  
 96 Intae Hwang  
 97 Tyler Mirkovich  
 98 Sha'Rae Mitchell

### **Pronunciation Guide:**

Brandon Adair (UH-dare)  
 Brent Barnaky (barn-UH-key)  
 Nick Buchert (BOOK-ert)  
 Mousa Dagher (MOOSE-ah Dagger)  
 Eric Dalen (DAY-len)  
 Brian Forte (for-TAY)  
 Pat Fraher (FRAY-er)  
 Jacyn Goble (JAY-sin go-BULL)  
 John Goble (go-BULL)  
 Intae Hwang (IN-tay Wang)  
 Matt Kallio (kal-LEE-oh)  
 Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT)  
 Suyash Mehta (Sue-YAHSH)  
 Dannica Mosher (MOH-sure)  
 Ashley Moyer-Gleich (gleash)  
 Brett Nansel (nan-SUL)  
 Gediminas Petraitis (geh-duh-MIHN-us pih-TRY-tis)  
 Phenizee Ransom (FEN-uh-ZEE)  
 Natalie Sago (SAY-go)  
 Jenna Schroeder (shROW-der)  
 Scott Twardoski (twar-DAH-ski)  
 Justin Van Duyne (van-DINE)

# 2022-23 NBA OFFICIALS PROFILES

## RAY ACOSTA #54



**NBA Experience:** 6<sup>th</sup> 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 245 regular-season games in five seasons as an NBA staff 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:** Maldives

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

**Hidden Talent:** Dancing



# BRANDON ADAIR #67



**NBA Experience:** 5<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** September 14, 1985 (Norfolk, Va.)  
**Resides:** Virginia Beach, Va.  
**High School:** Princess Anne (Virginia Beach, Va.)  
**College:** Virginia Wesleyan University '12

Brandon Adair (UH-dare) has officiated 182 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff 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 volunteers his time at charity events such as Something Local, Walk MS and Norfolk SPCA.

## 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:** 28<sup>th</sup> 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. at Southern '93

Bennie Adams has officiated 1,374 regular-season games and 20 playoff games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff 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 both the Continental Basketball Association and college basketball (Southeastern, Ohio Valley, Atlantic Sun and Southwestern Athletic conferences) for three years each. He also has 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 Musician:** Prince

**Favorite Book:** The Little Engine That Could

**Favorite Meal:** Everything that Mom cooks

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

**Bucket List:** Move to that island

**Hidden Talent:** Cooking

# BRENT BARNAKY #36



**NBA Experience:** 13<sup>th</sup> 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 686 regular-season games and eight playoff games in 12 seasons as an NBA staff 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 play-offs 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:** Ozark

**Favorite Movie:** For Love of the Game

**Favorite Musician:** Chris Botti

**Favorite Book:** Ego Is the Enemy

**Favorite Meal:** Chicken parmesan

**Favorite App:** FaceTime

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Italy

**Bucket List:** Great Barrier Reef scuba dive

# CURTIS BLAIR #74



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

**Resides:** Richmond, Va.

**High School:** Patrick Henry (Roanoke, Va.)

**College:** University of Richmond '92

Curtis Blair has officiated 769 regular-season games and 22 playoff games in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official. In 2019, he made his playoff debut as an NBA referee and worked the 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:** 20<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** September 28, 1966 (Cromwell, Conn.)  
**Resides:** Manchester, Conn.  
**High School:** Marianapolis Prep (Thompson, Conn.)  
**College:** Quinebaug Valley Community College '90

Matt Boland has officiated 1,074 regular-season games and one playoff game in 19 seasons as an NBA staff 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:** 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1,626 regular-season games in 28 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 174 playoff games, including 15 NBA 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:** 20 seasons  
**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 1,110 regular-season games and 35 playoff games in 20 seasons as an NBA staff official.

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.

Brown was a member of the crew that officiated the 2021 NBA All-Star Game in Atlanta, which honored Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). All three officials in the game – Brown (Clark Atlanta), Courtney Kirkland (Southern University) and Tom Washington (Norfolk State) – attended HBCUs. Brown also officiated the 2018 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles.

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:** 13<sup>th</sup> 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 687 regular-season games and five playoff games in 12 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed the 2014 Rising Stars during NBA All-Star in New Orleans.

Buchert has nine years of officiating experience in college basketball 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.

His interests include traveling, cooking, working out and biking. An avid wine collector, Buchert has more than 500 bottles in his wine cellar.

Buchert has participated in various community outreach projects in the Chicago area. 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 #30



**NBA Experience:** 4<sup>th</sup> season

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

**Resides:** Phoenix, Ariz.

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

**College:** Arizona State University

John Butler has officiated 114 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA staff official.

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 PacWest conferences. He also has three years of high school officiating experience in California.

His interests include traveling, visiting museums, reading, cooking, fitness, video games, collecting sneakers, movies, music and sports.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Suits

**Favorite Movie:** Do the Right Thing

**Favorite Musician:** Jay-Z

**Favorite Book:** The Four Agreements

**Favorite Meal:** Red beans and rice

**Favorite App:** The Bible

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Italy and Greece

# JAMES CAPERS #19



**NBA Experience:** 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1,512 regular-season games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 178 playoff games, including 14 NBA Finals games.

Capers officiated the 2018 NBA All-Star Game in Los Angeles and the 2010 NBA All-Star Game in Dallas. He has worked 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 Referees 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:** Lobster roll on Martha's Vineyard

**Favorite App:** Pandora

**Bucket List:** Attend English Premier League soccer match

**Hidden Talent:** Bid whist

# DERRICK COLLINS #11



**NBA Experience:** 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1,274 regular-season games and 35 playoff games in 21 seasons as an NBA staff 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 Southwestern Athletic. 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

# JOHN CONLEY #79



**NBA Experience:** 2<sup>nd</sup> season

**Born:** October 1, 1989 (Orlando, Fla.)

**Resides:** Orlando, Fla.

**High School:** Lake Highland Prep (Orlando, Fla.)

**College:** University of Central Florida '15

John Conley is in his second season as an NBA staff official. In 2021-22, he officiated 29 regular-season games in his first season on staff. Conley also refereed 25 regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2020-21 season.

Conley officiated for seven seasons in the NBA G League. He worked the 2019 NBA All-Star Celebrity Game in Charlotte.

Conley officiated collegiate games for 10 years in the Sunshine State, Sun, Suncoast, Mid-Florida and Southern conferences.

His first experience as a referee was officiating games with his mother in a men's 40-and-over league.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Even Stevens

**Favorite Musician:** Michael Jackson

**Favorite Book:** Be the Pack Leader

**Favorite Meal:** Potatoes and pasta

**Favorite Movie:** Dumb and Dumber

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Australia

**Bucket List:** Skydive in Dubai

**Hidden Talent:** Dog training

# SEAN CORBIN #33



**NBA Experience:** 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1,460 regular-season games and 90 playoff games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed the 2007 NBA All-Star Game in Las Vegas and at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

Corbin 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:** 13<sup>th</sup> season

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

**Resides:** Avondale, Ariz.

**High School:** Ganesha (Pomona, Calif.)

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

Kevin Cutler has officiated 659 regular-season games and nine playoff games in 12 seasons as an NBA staff 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 National Invitational Tournament and the 2010 NCAA Tournament.

Cutler enjoys playing golf, 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 151 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff 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:** America's Got Talent

**Favorite Movie:** Coach Carter

**Favorite Musician:** Drake

**Favorite Book:** Rich Dad, Poor Dad

**Favorite Meal:** Sushi

**Favorite App:** YouTube

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Thailand

**Bucket List:** Explore Europe with wife

**Hidden Talent:** Playing the piano



## ERIC DALEN #37



**NBA Experience:** 15<sup>th</sup> 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 712 regular-season games and one playoff game in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed the 2012 Rising Stars during NBA All-Star in Orlando.

Dalen made his NBA playoff debut in the 2021-22 season when he officiated Game 1 of a first-round series between the Atlanta Hawks and the Miami Heat.

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.

Dalen officiated five seasons in the NBA G League, where he worked both the All-Star Game and Finals in 2008. He also 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:** 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1,442 regular-season games in 24 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has worked 174 playoff games, including 18 NBA 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.

A Chicago native, Davis was enshrined in the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2021. In 2012, he 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 #22



**NBA Experience:** 6<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** April 14, 1991 (Paducah, Ky.)  
**Resides:** Canton, Ohio  
**High School:** Glen Oak (Canton, Ohio)  
**College:** Malone University '13

JB DeRosa has officiated 256 regular-season games and three playoff games in five seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his debut as a playoff official in the 2021-22 season.

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:** 8<sup>th</sup> season

**Born:** November 20, 1979 (New Orleans, La.)

**Resides:** Houston, Texas

**High School:** Eleanor McMain (New Orleans, La.)

**College:** University of New Orleans '02

Mitchell Ervin has officiated 365 regular-season games and four playoff games in seven seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his debut as a playoff official in the 2021-22 season.

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 refereed six years at the high school level in New Orleans and Houston.

Ervin previously worked for the sports representation firm SportsWest Football, the New Orleans Saints, the New Orleans Sports Foundation and as a middle school physical education teacher and coach. He started an organization, The Ervin Element, to help mentor adolescents and young adults.

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. As a high schooler at Eleanor McMain in New Orleans (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:** TikTok

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Dubai

**Bucket List:** Sky diving

# CHERYL FLORES #91



**NBA Experience:** 1<sup>st</sup> season

**Born:** July 18, 1979 (Los Angeles, Calif.)

**Resides:** Los Angeles, Calif.

**High School:** Bellarmine-Jefferson (Burbank, Calif.)

**College:** Cal State Northridge '03

Cheryl Flores is in her first season as an NBA staff official. She refereed 12 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2021-22 NBA season.

Flores officiated 10 seasons in the WNBA and nine seasons in the NBA G League. She worked the Finals in both leagues in 2022.

The California native has 13 years of officiating experience in college basketball, with stints in the Pac-12, Big 12, Mountain West, West Coast, Big Sky, Western Athletic and Big West conferences.

Flores refereed the NCAA Women's National Championship Game in 2021 and the Women's Final Four in 2019.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Game of Thrones

**Favorite Movie:** Pee-wee's Big Adventure

**Favorite Musician:** James Blake

**Favorite Book:** The Mindful Athlete

**Favorite Meal:** Cherry pie

**Favorite App:** Ten Percent Happier

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Outer space

**Bucket List:** Learn to play piano

# TYLER FORD #39



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

Tyler Ford has officiated 400 regular-season games and 23 playoff games in seven seasons as an NBA staff 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 spent four seasons officiating in the WNBA. He also 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:** Yellowstone

**Favorite Movie:** Remember the Titans

**Favorite Musician:** Old Dominion

**Favorite Book:** The Power of a Positive Team

**Favorite Meal:** Steak

**Favorite App:** Netflix

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Ireland

**Bucket List:** Play golf at Augusta National

## BRIAN FORTE #45



**NBA Experience:** 16<sup>th</sup> 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 892 regular-season games and 30 playoff games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also worked the 2022 NBA All-Star Game in Cleveland.

Forte 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:** 29<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** April 8, 1967 (Silver Spring, Md.)  
**Resides:** Ocean City, Md.  
**High School:** Magruder (Rockville, Md.)  
**College:** University of Maryland '93

Scott Foster has officiated 1,617 regular-season games in 28 seasons as an NBA staff official. Foster has also refereed 226 playoff games, including 23 NBA 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.

His officiating experience includes two years each in the Continental Basketball Association and college basketball (Southern and Big South conferences) and six years at the high school level in his home state of Maryland.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Shameless and Ozark

**Favorite Movie:** Braveheart

**Favorite Musician:** Michael Franti & Spearhead

**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:** 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1,241 regular-season games in 21 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 76 playoff games, including one NBA Finals game. His assignments have included 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:** Be a Man

**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:** 7<sup>th</sup> 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 286 regular-season games and five playoff games in six seasons as an NBA staff official.

Goble made his debut as a playoff official in the 2020-21 season. He worked the 2022 Rising Stars and All-Star Saturday Night at NBA All-Star in Cleveland.

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 16<sup>th</sup> season as an NBA staff 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 #10



**NBA Experience:** 16<sup>th</sup> 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 931 regular-season games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 113 playoff games, including seven NBA 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 seventh season as an NBA staff official.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite Movie:** The Godfather

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

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

**Favorite App:** Amazon

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Australia

**Hidden Talent:** Cuban coffee barista

# JASON GOLDENBERG #35



**NBA Experience:** 6<sup>th</sup> season

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

**Resides:** Atlanta, Ga.

**High School:** Milton (Alpharetta, Ga.)

**College:** University of Georgia '07

Jason Goldenberg has officiated 202 regular-season games in five seasons as an NBA staff official.

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 the world in a mega yacht

# NATE GREEN #65



**NBA Experience:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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 has officiated 92 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA staff official.

Green officiated four seasons in the NBA G League, including the 2019 Finals. His officiating experience also includes six years in college basketball (ACC, Atlantic 10, SEC and American conferences) and five years at the high school level 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 as a pro 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:** 18<sup>th</sup> season

**Born:** May 21, 1974 (Athens, Ga.)

**Resides:** Charlotte, N.C.

**High School:** W.A. Berry (Birmingham, Ala.)

**College:** North Carolina State University '99

David Guthrie has officiated 954 regular-season games in 17 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 85 playoff games, including eight NBA Finals games. Guthrie was part of the officiating crew for the 2019 NBA All-Star Game in his current hometown of Charlotte, N.C.

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:** PGA Tour

**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:** 9<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** November 24, 1980 (Jefferson City, Mo.)  
**Resides:** Atlanta, Ga.  
**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 314 regular-season games in eight seasons as an NBA staff 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 AmeriCup competitions.

The Missouri native graduated from Drury University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2003 and a master's degree in Communication in 2004. Holtkamp was a member of Drury's 2002-03 basketball team, which advanced to the Sweet 16 of the Division II NCAA Tournament. She earned a Master of Divinity from Emory University in 2010.

Holtkamp is married to NBA official Jonathan Sterling.

## 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



# ROBERT HUSSEY #85



**NBA Experience:** 1<sup>st</sup> season

**Born:** January 20, 1993 (Queens, N.Y.)

**Resides:** Orlando, Fla.

**High School:** Mount Dora Christian Academy (Mount Dora, Fla.)

**College:** University of Central Florida '17

Robert Hussey is in his first season as an NBA staff official. He refereed 10 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2021-22 NBA season.

Hussey officiated five seasons in the NBA G League, where he made his playoff debut in 2019 and worked the Finals in 2022. He also officiated two seasons in the WNBA, including the playoffs in 2022.

Hussey officiated the 2022 NBA All-Star Celebrity Game in Cleveland with fellow first-year NBA staff official Matt Kallio.

In addition to his officiating experience in the NBA G League and WNBA, Hussey refereed five years in college basketball (Sunshine State, Sun, Mid-Florida and Southern conferences) and five years at the high school level in Florida.

Hussey enjoys spending time with his family, working out and cooking vegan food.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Chappelle's Show

**Favorite Movie:** John Q and Marvel movies

**Favorite Musician:** J. Cole

**Favorite Book:** The Four Agreements

**Favorite Meal:** Ackee, yellow yam, green banana, dumplings and fried plantain

**Favorite App:** ESPN

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Iceland

**Bucket List:** See seven wonders of the world

# SIMONE JELKS #81



**NBA Experience:** 3<sup>rd</sup> season  
**Born:** March 9, 1986 (Cleveland, Ohio)  
**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 has officiated 34 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA staff official.

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:** The Handmaid's Tale

**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



# MATT KALLIO #88



**NBA Experience:** 1<sup>st</sup> season

**Born:** September 26, 1986 (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

**Resides:** Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**High School:** M.E. LaZerte (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

**College:** University of Alberta '08

Matt Kallio (kal-LEE-oh) is in his first season as an NBA staff official. He refereed 10 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2021-22 NBA season.

Kallio officiated seven seasons in the NBA G League and four seasons in the WNBA. He has worked as a FIBA official since 2012, including assignments at the 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup in China and the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo (which were held in 2021).

At NBA All-Star 2022 in Cleveland, he refereed the NBA G League Next Gem Game and the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game with fellow first-year NBA staff official Robert Hussey.

Kallio has extensive collegiate officiating experience in his native Canada. He worked for 12 years in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) and 11 years for U Sports, the national sport governing body of university sport in Canada.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Game of Thrones

**Favorite Movie:** Good Will Hunting

**Favorite Musician:** Eric Clapton

**Favorite Book:** The Giver

**Favorite Meal:** Steak and asparagus

**Favorite App:** TripIt

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Portugal

**Bucket List:** Norwegian cruise

# BILL KENNEDY #55



**NBA Experience:** 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1,358 regular-season games in 24 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 127 playoff games, including five NBA 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:** 23<sup>rd</sup> season  
**Born:** October 22, 1974 (Flint, Mich.)  
**Resides:** Atlanta, Ga.  
**High School:** Flint Northwestern (Flint, Mich.)  
**College:** Southern University '99

Courtney Kirkland has officiated 1,309 regular-season games in 22 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 50 playoff games, including three NBA Finals games.

Kirkland was a member of the crew that officiated the 2021 NBA All-Star Game in Atlanta, which honored Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). All three officials in the game – Kirkland (Southern University), Tony Brown (Clark Atlanta) and Tom Washington (Norfolk State) – attended HBCUs. Kirkland also officiated the 2020 NBA All-Star Game in Chicago, making him one of five officials in history to work consecutive NBA All-Star 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:** Billions

**Favorite Movie:** The Matrix

**Favorite Book:** Total Money Makeover

**Favorite App:** NBA

# MARAT KOGUT #32



**NBA Experience:** 14<sup>th</sup> season

**Born:** August 5, 1979 (Kiev, Ukraine)

**Resides:** Boca Raton, Fla.

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

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

Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT) has officiated 717 regular-season games in 13 seasons as an NBA staff 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 officiating experience includes three years in the WNBA and four years in the NBA G League. 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 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.

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:** Family Guy

**Favorite Movie:** Catch Me if You Can

**Favorite Musician:** Billy Joel

**Favorite Book:** Tuesdays with Morrie

**Favorite Meal:** Sushi

**Favorite App:** Amazon

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Japan

**Hidden Talent:** Magician

# KARL LANE #77



**NBA Experience:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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 622 regular-season games and nine playoff games in 11 seasons as an NBA staff 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:** 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1,098 regular-season games in 18 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 82 playoff games, including six NBA 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 both the 2020 series between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat and the 2021 series between the Milwaukee Bucks and the Phoenix Suns.

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:** 16<sup>th</sup> 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 873 regular-season games and 23 playoff games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff 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 Treasure Beach Basketball Camp in rural Jamaica. In addition, he contributes to schools and foundations 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:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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 585 regular-season games and 24 playoff games in 11 seasons as an NBA staff 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:** Training Day

**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:** 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1,215 regular-season games in 20 seasons as an NBA staff official. Malloy has also worked 128 playoff games, including 10 NBA Finals games. He 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

# SUYASH MEHTA #82



**NBA Experience:** 3<sup>rd</sup> season  
**Born:** July 15, 1991 (Baltimore, Md.)  
**Resides:** Miami, Fla.  
**High School:** Centennial (Ellicott, Md.)  
**College:** University of Maryland '13

Suyash (Sue-YAHSH) Mehta has officiated 78 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA staff official.

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:** The Office

**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:** Climb Mount Kilimanjaro

**Hidden Talent:** Badminton

# DANNICA MOSHER #89



**NBA Experience:** 1<sup>st</sup> season

**Born:** February 25, 1993 (Freeport, Fla.)

**Resides:** Orlando, Fla.

**High School:** Freeport (Freeport, Fla.)

**College:** University of Central Florida '15 and '18

Dannica Mosher (MOH-sure) is in her first season as an NBA staff official. She refereed 12 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2021-22 NBA season.

Mosher officiated five seasons in the NBA G League and four seasons in the WNBA. In 2022, she worked both the NBA G League Finals and the WNBA Finals.

The Florida native has eight years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the Sunshine State, Sun and American Athletic conferences. She also refereed at the high school level in Florida for five years.

Mosher holds bachelor's degrees in Biology (2015) and Nursing (2018) from the University of Central Florida.

Mosher was a standout basketball player at Freeport High School in Florida. She got her start as a referee working intramural games at Central Florida.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Friends and Ridiculousness

**Favorite Movie:** Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory

**Favorite Musician:** Justin Timberlake

**Favorite Book:** Lying With Strangers

**Favorite Meal:** Oxtail

**Favorite App:** Yelp

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Thailand

**Bucket List:** Own a cat cafe

# RODNEY MOTT #71



**NBA Experience:** 25<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** September 3, 1957 (New Albany, Ind.)  
**Resides:** Las Vegas, Nev.  
**High School:** Bishop Turner (Buffalo, N.Y.)  
**College:** San Diego State University '86

Rodney Mott has officiated 1,392 regular-season games and 51 playoff games in 24 seasons as an NBA staff 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 110 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff 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 Sweet 16 of the of the 2010 Division II NCAA Tournament.

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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 135 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff 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:** Golf

## ANDY NAGY #83



**NBA Experience:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 has officiated 88 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA staff official.

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 Catholic Youth Organization game during a Christmas tournament. He began officiating high school games at 16 and later worked games in the Ohio Regional Campus Conference.

### FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Curb Your Enthusiasm

**Favorite Musician:** ZZ Top

**Favorite Meal:** Filet mignon

**Favorite App:** Amazon

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Maldives

**Bucket List:** To get a hole-in-one

**Hidden Talent:** Barbecue expert



# BRETT NANSEL #44



**NBA Experience:** 7<sup>th</sup> season

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

**Resides:** Bozeman, Mont.

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

**College:** North Dakota State University '01

Brett Nansel (nan-SULL) has officiated 256 regular-season games in six seasons as an NBA 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 basketball 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:** NFHS Network

**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:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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 546 regular-season games in 11 seasons as an NBA staff 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 worked eight years as a high school referee 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:** Yellowstone

**Favorite Movie:** White Men Can't Jump

**Favorite Musician:** Pearl Jam

**Favorite Book:** Sully

**Favorite Meal:** Biscuits and gravy

**Favorite App:** Boggle

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Greece

**Bucket List:** Visit every national park

**Hidden Talent:** Impressionist painting

# GEDIMINAS PETRAITIS #50



**NBA Experience:** 8<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** February 5, 1989 (Kaunas, Lithuania)  
**Resides:** Kensington, Md.  
**High School:** Northwest (Germantown, Md.)  
**College:** University of Maryland '11

Gediminas Petraitis (geh-duh-MIHN-us pih-TRY-tis) has officiated 386 regular-season games and seven play-off games in seven seasons as an NBA 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 147 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff 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 Mid-Eastern Athletic, Southwestern Athletic, 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 University, where he was named the 1993-94 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Rookie of the Year and earned 1994-95 All-CIAA honors. He went on to play two years at the University of Georgia (1996-98).

His interests include golf and leadership development.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Jalen & Jacoby

**Favorite Movie:** Enter the Dragon

**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:** 26<sup>th</sup> 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 1,362 regular-season games and one playoff game in 25 seasons as an NBA staff 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:** Abbott Elementary

**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

# NATALIE SAGO #9



**NBA Experience:** 5<sup>th</sup> 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 171 games in four seasons as an NBA staff official. She also worked the 2022 Rising Stars and All-Star Saturday Night at NBA All-Star in Cleveland.

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. She has two mini Aussiedoodles named Bogey and Divot.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** I (Almost) Got Away With It

**Favorite Movie:** Hardball

**Favorite Musician:** P!nk

**Favorite Book:** Legacy and the Queen

**Favorite Meal:** Pizza

**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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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) has officiated 102 games in three seasons as an NBA staff official.

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



# BRANDON SCHWAB #86



**NBA Experience:** 2<sup>nd</sup> season

**Born:** October 14, 1992 (Orlando, Fla.)

**Resides:** Orlando, Fla.

**High School:** West Orange (Winter Garden, Fla.)

**College:** University of Central Florida '15

Brandon Schwab is in his second season as an NBA staff official. In 2021-22, Schwab officiated 39 regular-season games in his first season on staff. He also refereed 20 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2020-21 season.

The Florida native officiated five years in the NBA G League and four years at the collegiate level, with stints in the Sunshine State Conference (Division II) and Sun Conference (NAIA).

His first officiating experience came when he took part in intramural sports as a student at the University of Central Florida.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Community

**Favorite Movie:** The Matrix

**Favorite Book:** Man's Search for Meaning

**Favorite Meal:** Panang curry and mango with sticky rice

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Machu Picchu

**Favorite App:** Apple Podcasts



# DANIELLE SCOTT #87



**NBA Experience:** 2<sup>nd</sup> season  
**Born:** June 27, 1991 (Woodland Hills, Calif.)  
**Resides:** Valley Village, Calif.  
**High School:** John Burroughs (Burbank, Calif.)  
**College:** Cal State Northridge '13

Danielle Scott is in her second season as an NBA staff official. In 2021-22, Scott officiated 33 regular-season games in her first season on staff. She also refereed 26 regular-season games as a non-staff official during the 2020-21 season.

Her officiating experience includes four seasons in the NBA G League. She refereed the 2020 NBA All-Star Celebrity Game in Chicago.

Scott has eight years of collegiate officiating experience, with stints in the Mid-Eastern Athletic, PacWest and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic conferences. She also officiated eight years of high school basketball in her native Southern California.

Her first officiating experience was refereeing games with her mom in a men's recreational league.

Scott graduated from Cal State Northridge in 2013, earning a bachelor's degree in Business Management with a minor in Finance.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Favorite Movie:** Love & Basketball

**Favorite Book:** Unlearn

**Favorite Meal:** Fettuccini Alfredo

**Favorite App:** Pinterest

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Santorini

**Bucket List:** Learn sign language

**Hidden Talent:** Photography

# EVAN SCOTT #78



**NBA Experience:** 4<sup>th</sup> season

**Born:** May 22, 1992 (Taejon, South Korea)

**Resides:** Richmond, Va.

**High School:** Thomas A. Edison (Alexandria, Va.)

**College:** Radford University '14

Evan Scott has officiated 105 games in three seasons as an NBA staff official.

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. 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:** 12<sup>th</sup> 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 and M.S. '02

Kevin Scott has officiated 592 regular-season games and 25 playoff games in 11 seasons as an NBA staff 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:** 7<sup>th</sup> 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 334 regular-season games in six seasons as an NBA 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:** 30<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** February 5, 1955 (Memphis, Tenn.)  
**Resides:** Memphis, Tenn.  
**High School:** South Side (Memphis, Tenn.)

Michael Smith has officiated 1,656 regular-season games and 59 playoff games in 29 seasons as an NBA staff 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

# JONATHAN STERLING #17



**NBA Experience:** 6<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** April 16, 1982 (Hampton, Va.)  
**Resides:** Atlanta, Ga.  
**High School:** Satellite Beach High (Satellite Beach, Fla.)  
**College:** Flagler College '06

Jonathan Sterling has officiated 224 regular-season games in five seasons as an NBA staff official. He also worked the 2022 Rising Stars and All-Star Saturday Night at NBA All-Star in Cleveland.

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. 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-Sterling.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Chappelle Show and Brother vs. Brother

**Favorite Movie:** Coming to America

**Favorite Musician:** Drake

**Favorite App:** Maps

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Australia

**Bucket List:** Dive with sharks

**Hidden Talent:** Break dancing

## BEN TAYLOR #46



**NBA Experience:** 10<sup>th</sup> 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 499 regular-season games and 22 playoff games in nine seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in 2019.

Taylor 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.

A Tennessee native, Taylor received a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Middle Tennessee State University in 2009.

Taylor enjoys spending the offseason with his wife and son, playing golf and helping teach young referees.

### 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:** 9<sup>th</sup> 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 451 regular-season games and three playoff games in eight seasons as an NBA staff 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:** 13<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** March 12, 1978 (Norwich, Conn.)  
**Resides:** Waterford, Conn.  
**High School:** Ledyard (Ledyard, Conn.)

Josh Tiven has officiated 725 regular-season games in 12 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 64 playoff games, including five NBA Finals games.

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.

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 and 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:** Dermot Kennedy

**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:** 12<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** March 6, 1973 (Enumclaw, Wash.)  
**Resides:** Peoria, Ariz.  
**High School:** Highland (Covache, Wash.)  
**College:** Linfield College (McMinnville, Ore.);  
City University (Renton, Wash.)

Scott Twardoski (twar-DAH-ski) has officiated 587 regular-season games and two playoff games in 11 seasons as an NBA staff official. He was selected to work the playoffs in 2019 and 2022.

Twardoski refereed for six seasons in the NBA G League, where he officiated the All-Star Game and Finals in 2011. He also has seven seasons of WNBA experience, which includes working the 2010 Finals and the 2011 All-Star Game.

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

Twardoski previously 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.

Twardoski works with several charities and non-profit organizations, including Phoenix Rescue Mission and Feed My Starving Children.

## 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:** 9<sup>th</sup> 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 420 regular-season games and one playoff game in eight seasons as an NBA staff official.

Van Dyne made his debut as a playoff official in the 2021-22 season. He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be the first playoff game that he officiated: Philadelphia 76ers at Toronto Raptors in a first-round series on April 20, 2022.

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 wife and three children, playing golf and boating.

## FUN FACTS

**Favorite TV Show:** Entourage

**Favorite Movie:** The Bourne movies

**Favorite Musician:** Jimmie Allen

**Favorite Book:** Moneyball

**Favorite Meal:** Sushi

**Favorite App:** The Chive

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Ireland

**Bucket List:** Visit every baseball stadium

# SCOTT WALL #31



**NBA Experience:** 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1,401 regular-season games and 14 playoff games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff official.

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

He 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.

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:** 7<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** September 20, 1979 (Baton Rouge, La.)  
**Resides:** Houston, Texas  
**High School:** Thibodaux (Thibodaux, La.)  
**College:** Southern University '02

CJ Washington has officiated 239 regular-season games in six seasons as an NBA staff 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.

Washington previously worked in the Houston area as a licensed residential building inspector. He 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 the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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:** Godfather of Harlem

**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:** 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 1,761 regular-season games in 31 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 181 playoff games, including four NBA Finals games.

Washington was a member of the crew that officiated the 2021 NBA All-Star Game in Atlanta, which honored Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). All three officials in the game – Washington (Norfolk State), Tony Brown (Clark Atlanta) and Courtney Kirkland (Southern University) – attended HBCUs. Washington also worked the 2004 All-Star Game in Los Angeles) and the 2017 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 worked alongside Tony Brothers and Dan Crawford in the first Finals game with a three-person crew of Black referees.

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 and Children's Choice, among other organizations.

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:** 13<sup>th</sup> season  
**Born:** May 23, 1979 (Memphis, Tenn.)  
**Resides:** Chicago, Ill.  
**High School:** LaPorte (LaPorte, Ind.)  
**College:** Purdue University '01

James Williams has officiated 693 regular-season games in 12 seasons as an NBA staff official. Williams has also worked 45 playoff games, including three NBA Finals games. He refereed the NBA All-Star Game in 2013 (Houston) and 2022 (Cleveland).

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:** Snowfall

**Favorite Movie:** The Shawshank Redemption

**Favorite Book:** 1619

**Favorite Meal:** Soul food

**Favorite App:** RefMasters

**Would Most Like To Visit:** Africa

**Bucket List:** Becoming Mayor of Chicago

**Hidden Talent:** Throwing a baseball

# LEON WOOD #40



**NBA Experience:** 27<sup>th</sup> 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 1,459 regular-season games and 25 playoff games in 26 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed the 2013 NBA All-Star Game in Houston.

Wood officiated in the Continental Basketball Association for three years and college basketball for one year.

As a player, Wood was the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

A 6-3 guard, Wood also played in the Continental Basketball Association, earning All-CBA Second Team honors in 1989-90. Wood was a member of USA Basketball's gold-medal-winning teams at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1983 Pan-Am Games in Venezuela.

Wood played for the University of Arizona for one season before transferring to Cal State Fullerton, where he was a three-time All-Pacific Coast Athletic Conference First Team selection (1981-84). The Santa Monica, Calif., native was inducted into the Orange County Hall of Fame and the Cal State Fullerton Hall of Fame. His No. 20 jersey was retired by Cal State Fullerton. Wood was a Parade High School All-America Third Team selection in 1979.

His hobbies include golf, tennis and weightlifting.

## 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

# SEAN WRIGHT #4



**NBA Experience:** 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1,002 regular-season games in 17 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed and 82 playoff games, including one NBA Finals game.

Wright made his debut as an NBA Finals official in 2021, when he worked Game 2 between the Milwaukee Bucks and the Phoenix Suns.

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:** 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1,182 regular-season games in 19 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 133 playoff games, including 11 NBA 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 2022-23 season)

### MOST YEARS OF SERVICE

Tom Washington	31
Michael Smith	29
Tony Brothers	28
Scott Foster	28
Bennie Adams	27
James Capers	27
Sean Corbin	27
Scott Wall	27
Leroy Richardson	26
Leon Wood	26
Derek Richardson	25

### MOST PLAYOFF GAMES

Scott Foster	226
Tom Washington	181
James Capers	178
Tony Brothers	174
Marc Davis	174
Zach Zarba	133
Ed Malloy	128
Bill Kennedy	127
John Goble	113
Sean Corbin	90
David Guthrie	85

### MOST REGULAR-SEASON GAMES

Tom Washington	1,761
Michael Smith	1,656
Tony Brothers	1,626
Scott Foster	1,617
James Capers	1,512
Sean Corbin	1,460
Leon Wood	1,459
LeRoy Richardson	1,453
Marc Davis	1,442
Scott Wall	1,401
Rodney Mott	1,392

### MOST NBA FINALS GAMES

Scott Foster	23
Marc Davis	18
Tony Brothers	15
James Capers	14
Zach Zarba	11
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# OFFICIATING UPDATES FOR 2022-23 NBA SEASON

## TRANSITION TAKE FOUL

**New Rule:** Impose a heightened penalty (the offense is awarded 1 FT attempted by any player in the game and possession) when the defense commits a transition take foul. (See Page 97 for more information on the transition take foul.)

**Rationale:** 1) Reduce game stoppages caused by an unaesthetic non-basketball play 2) Increase the number of exciting fast-break opportunities.

**Proof of Concept:** The proposed rule has virtually eliminated transition take fouls in the G League.

### **Identifying a Take Foul:**

- Primary Factor - Defender does not make a legitimate play on the ball.
- Other Common Factors - Defender “gives up” on the play (e.g., wraps up or grabs opponent)  
Defender is out of position and unable to make a legal play on the ball

## MODIFICATIONS TO PLAYING RULES

**Replay Review of Out-of-Bounds Calls:** The experimental rule regarding replay review of out-of-bounds violations that was in place for the 2021-22 season has been adopted on a full-time basis. Accordingly:

1. The game officials no longer can initiate replay review of out-of-bounds violations during the last two minutes of the fourth quarter (and the last two minutes of any overtime period); and
2. Teams may trigger replay review of out-of-bounds violations via a Coach’s Challenge throughout the entire game.

Under this rule, a Coach’s Challenge is the only mechanism capable of initiating replay review of out-of-bounds violations at any point during the game.

**Resumption of Play:** The resumption of play rules have been modified such that, if applicable in connection with a Coach’s Challenge or any call treated as an inadvertent whistle, possession will be awarded to the team that clearly and conclusively would have imminently gained possession at the time of the whistle. If the standard is not met, play will be resumed via a jump ball.

Two factors are relevant to determine whether a team clearly and conclusively would have imminently gained possession of the ball at the time of the whistle:

1. The proximity of opposing player(s) to the ball (or lack thereof); and
2. The actual outcome of the play in the natural and immediate aftermath of the whistle (e.g., a player secured the ball).

## POINTS OF EDUCATION

Non-Basketball Moves  
Traveling  
Freedom of Movement  
Respect for the Game

For more on this season’s Points of Education, visit  
NBA Official at [official.nba.com](http://official.nba.com).

### **Team Bench Behavior**

**Goal:** Reduce disruptions and distractions during live play

**Policy Rationale:** 1) Integrity of competition 2) Safety of game participants

### **Rules:**

**Prolonged standing:** Players not in the game may not remain standing at or away from their team’s bench during the game

**Unsportsmanlike distractions:** Players and coaches are prohibited from attempting to distract their opponents in an unsportsmanlike manner

**Penalties:** Violators are subject to in-game penalties (e.g., technical foul, delay of game) and post-game penalties

## ENHANCED INSTANT REPLAY PROCEDURE

**Purpose:** Provide earlier notice of a scoring change resulting from the Replay Center’s review of a made basket that was incorrectly scored during live action.

### **Procedure:**

1. During live game action, Replay Center reviews a made basket to determine whether it was incorrectly scored by the on-court officials
2. Replay Center informs the courtside administrator of the scoring change
3. The courtside administrator turns on a new blue light located at the scorer’s table
4. Upon noticing the blue light, the on-court officials stop the game at the next neutral opportunity to enable the scoring change to be announced



## HEIGHTENED PENALTY FOR TRANSITION TAKE FOUL

Beginning with the 2022-23 NBA season, the penalty for committing a take foul (a foul in which the defender does not make a play on the ball) to stop a transition scoring opportunity (which exists when, following a change in possession, the offensive team is continuously advancing the ball while it has an advantage based on the speed of the play, the position of the defenders or both) will be as follows:

- The offensive team will be awarded one free throw, which may be attempted by any player on the offensive team in the game at the time that the foul is committed.
- The offensive team will retain possession of the ball.
- The defensive player who commits the take foul will be assessed a common personal foul.

Under the new rule, teams may commit a take foul during the last two minutes of the fourth quarter and the last two minutes of any overtime period (regardless of whether the foul occurs during a fast-break play) without triggering the heightened penalty. This exception will allow the defensive team to use the longstanding tactic of taking a foul to stop the clock during an attempted comeback or prevent the opposing team from potentially tying the game with a three-pointer.

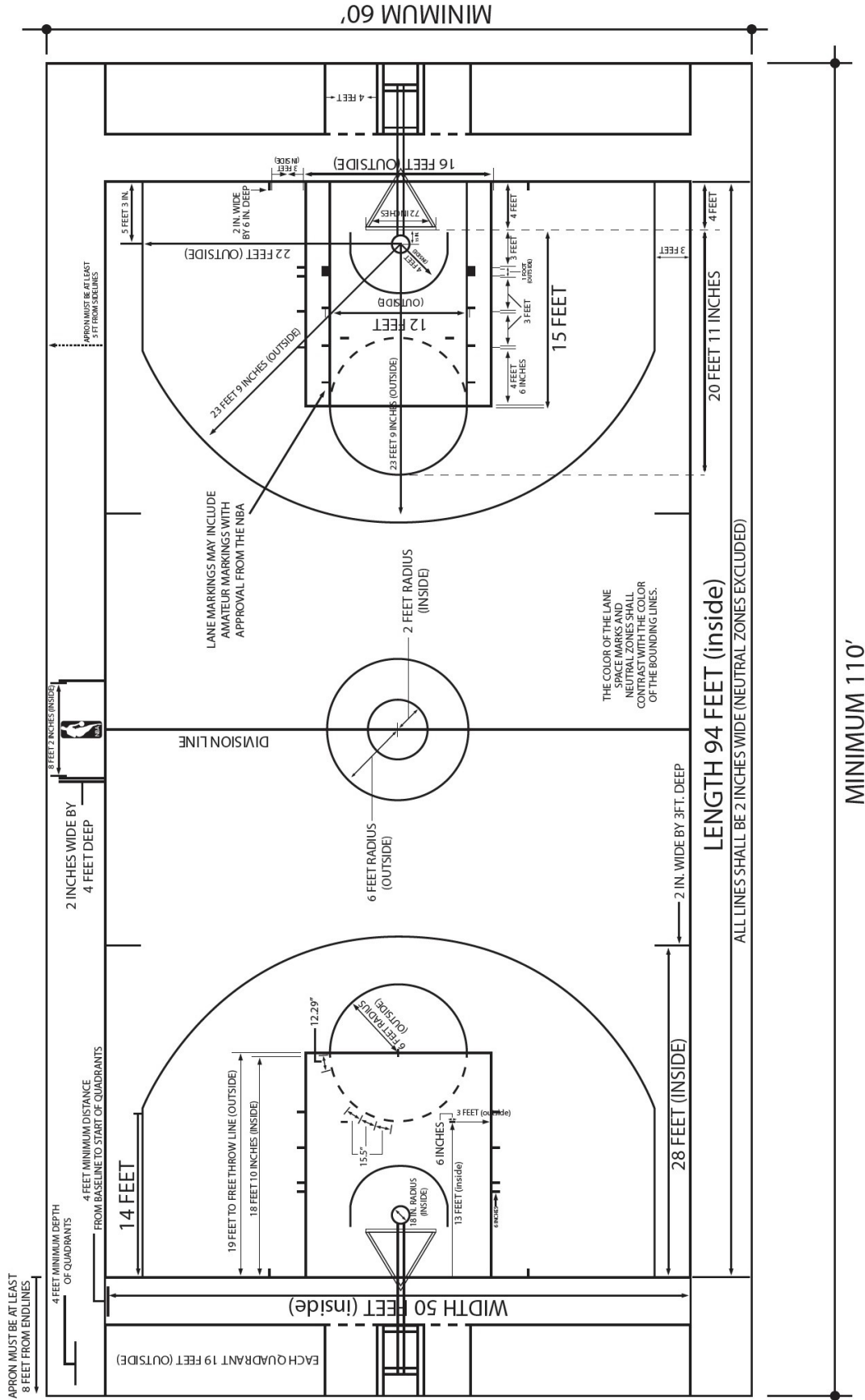
Below are additional clarifications to the new rule:

- A take foul committed immediately after a change of possession but before the offensive team has the opportunity to advance the ball will be subject to the heightened penalty. This will prevent the defensive team from immediately taking a foul to keep the offensive team from generating a transition scoring opportunity in the first place.
- A foul committed against any offensive player (including a player who does not have the ball) will satisfy the definition of a transition take foul if the other elements of the transition take foul rule are satisfied. This will prevent the defensive team from circumventing the new rule by taking a foul on a player who does not have the ball.
- The transition take foul rule does not apply if the offensive player is fouled in the act of shooting. In that case, a shooting foul will be called.

Any foul committed by a defender attempting to make a legitimate play on the ball will remain a common personal foul (regardless of whether the foul occurs during a fast-break play) and will not be subject to a heightened penalty under the new rule. However, the offending player may be assessed a clear-path-to-the-basket foul if the criteria for a clear-path foul are met.



# 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



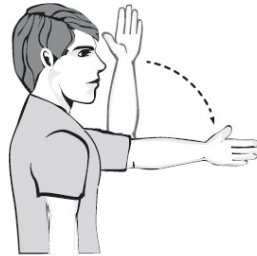
If goal is successful  
raise the other arm

**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**



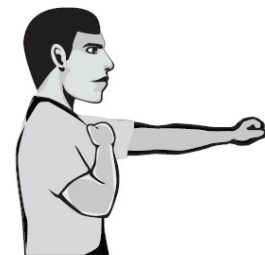
Hands on hips

**CANCEL SCORED  
CANCEL PLAY**



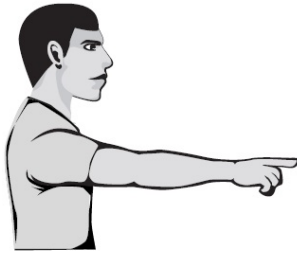
Shift arms across body

**CHARGING**



Clenched fist

**DIRECTION OF PLAY**



Point - Direction  
call team color

**DOUBLE FOUL**



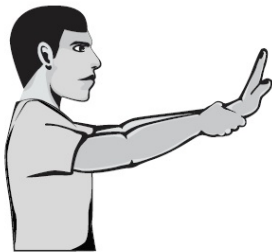
Cross clenched fist  
above head

**GOALTENDING**



"Flag" from wrist

**HAND CHECKING**



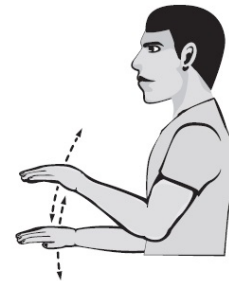
Arm straight out  
opposite arm grabbing wrist.

**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**



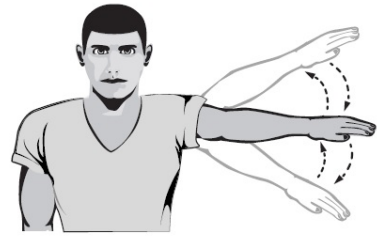
Thumbs up

**LOOSE BALL FOUL**



Extended arms  
to shoulder level

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER  
OUT-OF-BOUNDS**



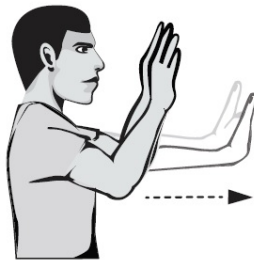
Arms outstretched to side  
from shoulder to waist in  
downward motion

**PERSONAL FOUL**



Clenched fist

**PUSHING**



Signal foul: imitate push

**REPLAY**



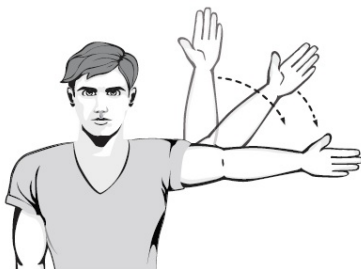
Twirl finger

**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