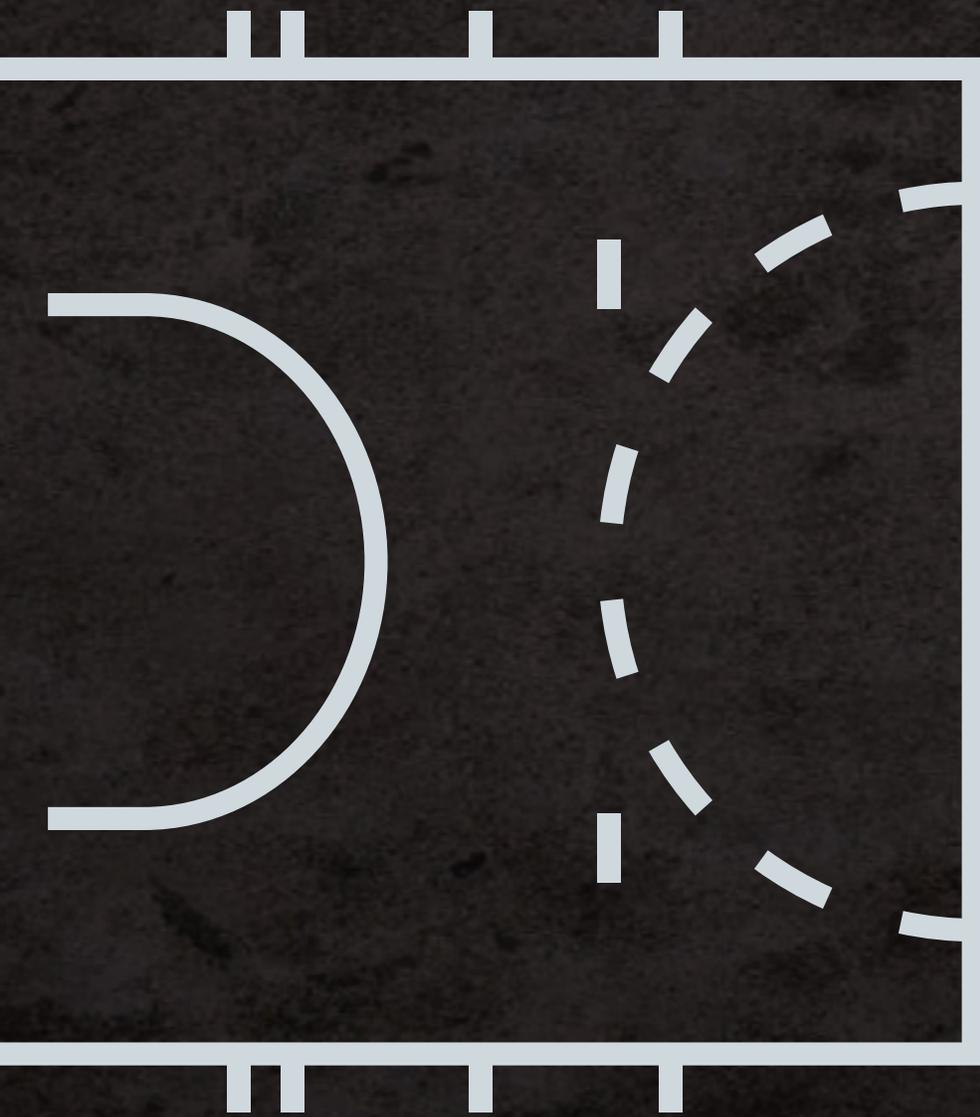


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The site features the NBA Rulebook, NBA Video Rulebook and NBA Replay Archive. Last Two Minute Reports, referee game assignments and pool reporter transcripts are also available.

The NBA Video Rulebook microsite serves as a resource to teams, media and fans. It features explanation of the rules of the game through videos selected from NBA games. To view the Video Rulebook, please visit <https://videorulebook.nba.com/>.

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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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2025-26 NBA KEY DATES

2025

September 23	First allowable date for players participating in preseason games in Abu Dhabi, UAE; Australia; and China to report to their teams (no earlier than 11 a.m. local time)
September 24	Training camps open for teams participating in preseason games outside North America
September 29	First allowable date for all other veteran players to report to their teams (no earlier than 11 a.m. local time)
September 30	NBA training camps open
October 2	NBA preseason games begin
October 2 & 4	NBA Abu Dhabi Games: New York Knicks vs. Philadelphia 76ers
October 3 & 5	Melbourne Series: New Orleans Pelicans vs. NBL teams
October 6	NBA Canada Series: Denver Nuggets vs. Toronto Raptors
October 10 & 12	NBA China Games: Brooklyn Nets vs. Phoenix Suns
October 17	NBA preseason ends
October 20	Rosters set for NBA opening night (5 p.m. ET)
October 21	NBA regular season begins
October 25	NBA G League Draft
Oct. 27-Nov. 6	NBA G League training camp
October 31	Emirates NBA Cup Group Play begins
November 1	NBA Mexico City Game: Dallas Mavericks vs. Detroit Pistons
November 6	Rosters set for start of NBA G League season (5 p.m. ET)
November 7	NBA G League Tip-Off Tournament begins
November 28	Emirates NBA Cup Group Play ends
December 9 & 10	Emirates NBA Cup Quarterfinals (Team markets)
December 13	Emirates NBA Cup Semifinals (Las Vegas)
December 16	Emirates NBA Cup Championship (Las Vegas)
December 19-22	NBA G League Winter Showcase
December 27	NBA G League regular season begins

2026

January 5	10-day NBA contracts may now be signed
January 10	All NBA contracts are guaranteed for remainder of season
January 15	NBA Berlin Game: Memphis Grizzlies vs. Orlando Magic
January 18	NBA London Game: Memphis Grizzlies vs. Orlando Magic
January 20-24	NBA Rivals Week
February 5	NBA Trade Deadline (3 p.m. ET)
February 13-18	NBA All-Star break
February 13-15	NBA All-Star 2026 (Los Angeles)
March 1	NBA Playoff Eligibility Waiver Deadline
March 28	NBA G League regular season ends
March 31	NBA G League Playoffs begin
April 12	NBA regular season ends
April 13	Rosters set for NBA Playoffs (3 p.m. ET)
April 14-17	NBA Play-In Tournament
April 18	NBA Playoffs begin
June 3	NBA Finals begin

2025-26 REFEREE OPERATIONS PROFILES



BYRON SPRUELL

President, League Operations

As President, League Operations, Byron 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 more than \$2.1 billion in size with growth in key priority markets such as China, India, Japan, Germany, the 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, World Business Chicago and the United Way. 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, 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 Executive Committee and chairs the Undergraduate Education and Student Life Committee.

Spruell met his wife, Sedra, at Notre Dame. They have a son, Devyn, and a daughter, Aleah.



ALBERT SANDERS JR.

Executive Vice President, Head of Referee Operations

Albert Sanders Jr. began with the NBA as Executive Vice President, Head of Referee Operations in October 2023.

In his role, Sanders directs the NBA officiating program with responsibility for the recruitment, hiring, supervision and evaluation of all referees. He also oversees the NBA Replay Center, manages initiatives on transparency and technological innovation, and collaborates directly with teams on a range of topics.

Sanders joined the NBA from Google, where he started in 2017 and most recently served as Global Director of Government Affairs & Public Policy. He led an international team for Google Cloud, supporting global operations, artificial intelligence and infrastructure policy, product development and go-to-market strategy.

Prior to Google, Sanders provided legal and strategic advice to officials at the highest levels of government. His public service experience includes positions as Associate Counsel to President Barack Obama, Counsel for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and Counselor to the General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

A native of Compton, Calif., Sanders earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Morehouse College, a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and a Certificate of Study in Business Management & Public Policy from The Wharton School. After law school, he worked as a litigation associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.



MONTY MCCUTCHEN

Senior Vice President, Head of Referee Development & Training

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. His last Finals assignment was Game 3 of the 2017 series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors

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

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



KANE FITZGERALD

Vice President of Referee Operations and Replay Center Principal

Kane Fitzgerald is in his fourth season as Vice President of Referee Operations and Replay Center Principal. He came off the court as a top-performing official after the 2021-22 season to assume his current role.

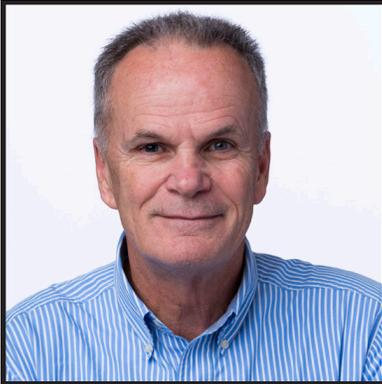
Fitzgerald is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the NBA Replay Center. His Referee Operations duties include creating training videos and interpreting the rules of the game for officials, teams, broadcasters and media.

Fitzgerald officiated 779 regular-season games in 13 seasons as an NBA staff official. He 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 as an official to be his first NBA Finals: Game 3 between the Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors in 2019.

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 Atlantic Sun, Big South and Ohio Valley 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

Mike Callahan is in his seventh 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 as a referee came in 1990, when he officiated a game at the Spectrum in Philadelphia for the first time.



MARK WUNDERLICH

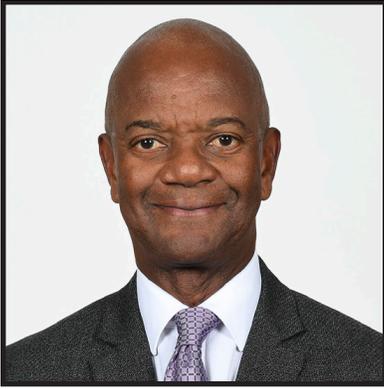
Vice President, Referee Operations

Mark Wunderlich is in his 12th season as a member of the NBA’s Referee Development and Performance group.

Wunderlich was an NBA staff official from 1989-2010. He worked more than 1,100 regular-season games and 80 playoff games, including two NBA Finals games. He also officiated the NBA All-Star Game twice.

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.



GEORGE TOLIVER

Associate Vice President, Referee Operations

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 the 1970-71 and 1971-72 seasons. 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.

In 2025, Toliver established the Swish 21 Scholarship Fund through The Community Foundation. The scholarship, which is awarded to a senior at King George High School who is planning to attend college, is a way for Toliver to give back to the community in which he grew up. The 21 represents Toliver's number when he played at King George and the letters stand for "Success With Integrity, Spirit and Humility."

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, Phoenix Mercury associate head coach Kristi Toliver, is a three-time WNBA All-Star and two-time WNBA champion.



Eddie F. Rush

Referee Development Performance Advisor

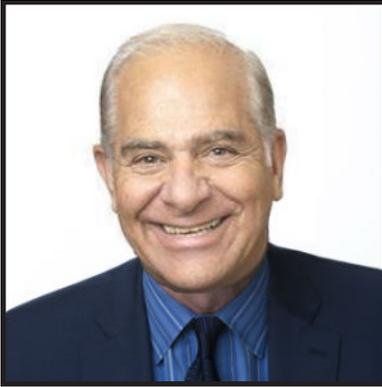
Eddie F. Rush is in his 11th season as a member of the Referee Development and Performance group.

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 NBA All-Star Game in 2001 (Washington, D.C.) and 2008 (New Orleans).

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

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

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



Bennett Salvatore

Referee Development Performance Advisor

Bennett Salvatore is in his 12th 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 NBA All-Star Game in 1993 (Salt Lake City) and 2002 (Philadelphia) 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

Joey Crawford is in his 11th 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 NBA All-Star Game in 1986 (Dallas), 1992 (Orlando, Fla.) and 2000 (Oakland, Calif.), and the 1993 McDonald's Championship in Germany.

Before joining the NBA, Crawford officiated in the Eastern Basketball Association (which became the Continental Basketball Association) 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 Center Operations Leader

Pete Williams is in his 12th 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 developed a strong acumen for identifying and digesting NBA basketball strategies as a video coordinator with the New Jersey Nets from 2004-10 and a scout for the Charlotte Bobcats from 2010-14. He also served as the General Manager for Hoop1 Video, a renowned national basketball content provider.

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

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Pronunciation Guide

Agon Abazi (UH-gone Uh-BAHZ-ee)
Brandon Adair (UH-dare)
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Nick Buchert (BOOK-ert)
Gina Catanzariti (Kuh-TAN-Zar-EE-tee)
Nate Cearley (KEER-lee)
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)
Brent Haskill (Has-CULL)
Intae Hwang (IN-tay Wang)
Matt Kallio (kal-LEE-oh)
Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT)
Biniam Maru (BIH-nee-um Muh-ROO)
Suyash Mehta (Sue-YAHSH)
Sha'Rae Mitchell (SHUH-ray)
Ashley Moyer-Gleich (gleash)
Klajdi Mulla (KLY-dee MOO-lah)
Brett Nansel (nan-SUL)
Chelisa (SHUH-lisa) Painter
Gediminas Petraitis (geh-duh-MIHN-us pih-TRY-tis)
Phenizee Ransom (Fen-uh-ZEE)
Jenna Reneau (REH-know)
Natalie Sago (SAY-go)
Jenna Schroeder (SHROW-der)
Scott Twardoski (twar-DAH-ski)
Justin Van Duyne (van-DINE)



RAY ACOSTA #54

NBA Experience: 9th season

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

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

College: University of Central Florida '07

Ray Acosta has officiated 442 regular-season games and six playoff games in eight seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2022-23 season.

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 American Athletic, Atlantic Sun, Big South, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Southern and Sun Belt 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

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: 8th season

Born: September 4, 1985 (Norfolk, Va.)

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

College: Virginia Wesleyan University '12

Brandon Adair (UH-dare) has officiated 319 regular-season games in seven seasons as an NBA staff official. He officiated the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2023 in Salt Lake City.

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 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. In April, he was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Adair has done charitable work with Walk MS and the Norfolk Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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

Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Skydiving



BRENT BARNAKY #36

NBA Experience: 16th season

Born: May 30, 1975 (Hamilton, Ohio)

High School: Clearwater (Clearwater, Fla.)

College: University of Central Florida '97; Shepard Broad College of Law '01

Brent Barnaky (barn-UH-key) has officiated 874 regular-season games and 14 playoff games in 15 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, Mexico City in 2018 and Paris in 2025. He also worked the Rising Stars competition during NBA All-Star 2014 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 the Lakers' 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 Big East, Conference USA and SEC. He officiated the NBA G League Playoffs from 2008-10 and the NBA G League Finals in 2009 and 2010.

Barnaky earned a juris doctorate from Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law in Florida. He has experience as a civil trial lawyer.

Barnaky and his wife have three children.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Hardwood Classics

Favorite Movie: For Love of the Game

Favorite Musician: Chris Botti

Favorite Book: Ego Is the Enemy

Favorite Meal: Chicken parmesan

Favorite App: FaceTime

Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Great Barrier Reef scuba dive



DANNICA BAROODY #89

NBA Experience: 4th season

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

High School: Freeport (Freeport, Fla.)

College: University of Central Florida '15 and '18

Dannica Baroody has officiated 68 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA staff official. She refereed 12 regular-season games as a non-staff official in 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 assignments 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

Most Like To Visit: Croatia

Bucket List: Own a cat cafe



CURTIS BLAIR #74

NBA Experience: 18th season

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

High School: Patrick Henry (Roanoke, Va.)

College: University of Richmond '92

Curtis Blair has officiated 956 regular-season games and 47 playoff games in 17 seasons as an NBA staff official. In the 2018-19 season, he made his playoff debut as an NBA referee and worked the NBA All-Star Game in Charlotte, N.C.

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 from the University of Richmond with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Blair was the leading scorer on Richmond's 1990-91 and 1991-92 basketball teams. In the first round of the 1991 NCAA Tournament, he had team highs of 18 points, six assists and three steals as Richmond upset Syracuse 73-68 to become the first No. 15 seed to defeat a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Blair was inducted into the Richmond Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008.

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

Most Like To Visit: Brazil

Hidden Talent: Tennis



TONY BROTHERS #25

NBA Experience: 32nd season

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

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

College: Old Dominion University '86 & '22 (M.A.)

Tony Brothers has officiated 1,804 regular-season games in 31 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 216 playoff games, including 19 NBA Finals games.

His assignments have also included the NBA China Games in 2008, the NBA Mexico City Game in 2024 and the NBA All-Star Game in 2009 (Phoenix) and 2024 (Indianapolis).

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

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 Virginia and one year of work at the junior college level.

Brothers earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Old Dominion University in his native Norfolk, Va., in 1986 and returned to ODU to complete a Master of Public Administration in 2022, demonstrating his lifelong commitment to learning and public service.

In 2018, Brothers was awarded an honorary doctorate from Norfolk State University and delivered the fall commencement address. That year also marked a deeply personal milestone, as he established the Dorothy B. Brothers Auditorium at NSU in honor of his late mother, creating a lasting tribute to her legacy and her belief in the power of education and community.

Brothers has strong ties to his home state of Virginia. He currently serves as the commissioner of the Virginia Basketball Officials Association. In 2023, Brothers was inducted into the Hampton Roads Hall of Fame.

Brothers has six children.

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

Most Like To Visit: Israel

Hidden Talent: Cooking



NICK BUCHERT #3

NBA Experience: 16th season

Born: April 17, 1983 (Orlando, Fla.)

High School: University (Orlando, Fla.)

College: University of Phoenix

Nick Buchert (BOOK-ert) has officiated 874 regular-season games and 18 playoff games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed the Rising Stars competition during NBA All-Star 2014 in New Orleans.

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

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 done volunteer work with March of Dimes, among other community outreach projects.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones and The Walking Dead

Favorite Movie: Gladiator

Favorite Musician: David Gray

Favorite Book: October Sky

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite App: Bandsintown

Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Attend Super Bowl



JOHN BUTLER #30

NBA Experience: 7th season

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

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

College: Grand Canyon University '25

John Butler has officiated 277 regular-season games and one playoff game in six seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2024-25 season.

At NBA All-Star 2024 in Indianapolis, Butler worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events.

Butler officiated five seasons in the NBA G League, where his assignments included the Playoffs from 2015-19 and the Finals in 2018 and 2019. He also refereed in the WNBA for two seasons.

Butler has four years of collegiate officiating experience, working in the Big West, Pacific West and West Coast conferences. He also officiated high school games in California for three years.

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

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Chappelle's Show

Favorite Movie: Do the Right Thing

Favorite Musician: Jay-Z

Favorite Book: Chop Wood Carry Water

Favorite Meal: Red beans and rice

Favorite App: The Bible

Most Like To Visit: Africa



JAMES CAPERS #19

NBA Experience: 31st season

Born: November 8, 1961 (Chicago, Ill.)

High School: Hales Franciscan (Chicago, Ill.)

College: Northern Illinois University '84

James Capers has officiated 1,634 regular-season games in 30 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 204 playoff games, including 17 NBA Finals games.

Capers officiated the NBA All-Star Game in 2010 (Arlington, Texas) and 2018 (Los Angeles). He has worked NBA games in Beijing, Johannesburg, London, Paris and Tokyo.

Capers considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be Game 7 of the 2025 NBA Finals between the Indiana Pacers and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

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

The Chicago native has served on the Executive Board of the National Basketball Referees Association (NBRA) and helped negotiate collective bargaining agreements with the NBA. He is the liaison between the NBRA and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Capers was also the first official appointed to serve on the NBA Competition Committee. He has been the referee representative on the Jr. NBA Board.

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

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: Malcolm X

Favorite Musician: Jill Scott

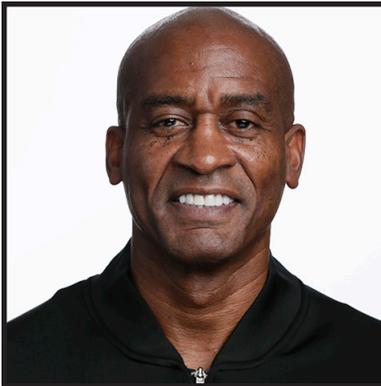
Favorite Book: The Greatest: My Own Story (Muhammad Ali autobiography)

Favorite Meal: Lobster roll on Martha's Vineyard

Favorite App: Pandora

Bucket List: Attend Wimbledon

Hidden Talent: Bid whist



DERRICK COLLINS #11

NBA Experience: 25th season

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

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

College: Xavier University of Louisiana '88

Derrick Collins has officiated 1,389 regular-season games and 35 playoff games in 24 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also worked the 2024 NBA All-Star Game in Indianapolis.

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 Big 12, Conference USA, SEC, Southland, Southwestern Athletic and Sun Belt. The New Orleans native also officiated high school basketball in Louisiana.

Collins holds a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA), where he played four seasons on the basketball team and was a 1985-86 NAIA All-America Honorable Mention selection. In 2023, he was inducted into the XULA Athletic Hall of Fame.

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

Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Fly an airplane



JOHN CONLEY #56

NBA Experience: 5th season

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

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

College: University of Central Florida '13 and '15 (M.A.)

John Conley has officiated 141 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff official. He 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 also has 10 years of officiating experience in college basketball, working in the Mid-Florida, Southern, Sun, Suncoast and Sunshine State conferences.

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

The Florida native earned a bachelor's degree in Sport and Exercise Science and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Central Florida.

Conley has served on the Executive Board of the National Basketball Referees Association.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: I Think You Should Leave

Favorite Musician: Michael Jackson

Favorite Book: Be the Pack Leader

Favorite Meal: Potatoes and pasta

Favorite Movie: Dumb and Dumber

Most Like To Visit: Australia

Bucket List: Skydive in Dubai



SEAN CORBIN #33

NBA Experience: 31st season

Born: March 18, 1966 (Baltimore, Md.)

High School: Towson Catholic (Towson, Md.)

College: Coppin State University '90

Sean Corbin has officiated 1,630 regular-season games and 100 playoff games in 30 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens and the 2007 NBA All-Star Game in Las Vegas.

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 SEC as well as the Big East, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Southern conferences. He also has four years of high school officiating experience.

The Baltimore native played basketball and baseball at Coppin State University.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Mission Impossible

Favorite Movie: The Godfather and The Godfather Part II

Favorite Musician: Euge Groove

Favorite Book: Why Does Everything Have to Be About Race?

Favorite Meal: Steak and lobster

Favorite App: News

Most Like To Visit: Singapore

Bucket List: Drive cross country in RV

Hidden Talent: Cooking



KEVIN CUTLER #34

NBA Experience: 16th season

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

High School: Ganesha (Pomona, Calif.)

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

Kevin Cutler has officiated 829 regular-season games and 14 playoff games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: Game 3 of a first-round series between the Houston Rockets and the Minnesota Timberwolves 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: Positive Intelligence

Favorite Meal: Chicken

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: 8th season

Born: March 4, 1991 (Homs, Syria)

High School: Burbank (Burbank, Calif.)

College: Glendale Community College '13

Mousa Dagher (MOOSE-ah Dagger) has officiated 298 regular-season games in seven seasons as an NBA staff official. He also worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2025 in San Francisco.

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

A native of Syria, 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 and pickleball, 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

Most Like To Visit: Thailand

Bucket List: Time travel to experience
New Year's Eve twice

Hidden Talent: Playing the piano



ERIC DALEN #37

NBA Experience: 18th season

Born: July 12, 1972 (Minnetonka, Minn.)

High School: Minnetonka (Minnetonka, Minn.)

College: University of Minnesota

Eric Dalen (DAY-len) has officiated 857 regular-season games and three playoff games in 17 seasons as an NBA staff official. Dalen officiated the 2025 NBA All-Star Game in San Francisco. He also refereed the Rising Stars competition during NBA All-Star 2012 in Orlando.

Dalen made his playoff debut as an NBA official 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 played tight end on the University of Minnesota football team. 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

Most Like To Visit: Cruise around the world

Bucket List: Take a ride in a fighter jet



MARC DAVIS #8

NBA Experience: 28th season

Born: December 13, 1967 (Chicago, Ill.)

High School: St. Ignatius Prep (Chicago, Ill.)

College: U.S. Naval Academy

Marc Davis has officiated 1,626 regular-season games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has worked 218 playoff games, including 23 NBA Finals games.

Among his other NBA assignments, Davis officiated the NBA All-Star Game in 2014 (New Orleans) and 2020 (Chicago).

In addition to his nearly three decades as an NBA referee, 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: Three Colors: Pan-African

Favorite Musician: John Coltrane

Favorite Book: Lonesome Dove

Favorite Meal: Pancakes

Favorite App: Cisco AnyConnect

Most Like To Visit: Venice

Bucket List: Fly a helicopter along the Chicago River



JB DEROSA #14

NBA Experience: 9th season

Born: April 14, 1991 (Paducah, Ky.)

High School: Glen Oak (Canton, Ohio)

College: Malone University '13

JB DeRosa has officiated 420 regular-season games and 12 playoff games in eight 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.

As a college basketball official, DeRosa worked men's games from 2014-17 and women's games from 2009-13. His assignments included games in the Atlantic 10, Big East, Conference USA and SEC.

DeRosa is the son of former NBA official Joe DeRosa. JB began as a referee at age 13, officiating local CYO and recreational league games in northeast Ohio.

DeRosa 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

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

Bucket List: Play golf at Pebble Beach

Hidden Talent: Cooking



MITCHELL ERVIN #27

NBA Experience: 11th season

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

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

College: University of New Orleans '02

Mitchell Ervin has officiated 557 regular-season games and 24 playoff games in 10 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 in his hometown of New Orleans, when the Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry scored 53 points against the New Orleans Pelicans on Oct. 31, 2015. He also worked the Rising Stars competition at NBA All-Star 2019 in Charlotte, N.C.

Before joining the NBA, Ervin officiated in the NBA G League for four years, working the Playoffs and Finals in 2014 and 2015 and the All-Star Game in 2014.

His résumé includes eight years of collegiate officiating experience, with assignments in the Big 12, Conference USA, Sun Belt and other conferences. He refereed six years at the high school level in New Orleans and Houston.

Ervin previously worked for the sports agency SportsWest Football, the New Orleans Saints, the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation and as a middle school physical education teacher and coach. He and his wife founded a non-profit organization, The Ervin Element, to help mentor adolescents and catalyze anti-bullying initiatives.

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, 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 Book Series

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Drake

Favorite Book: Between the World and Me

Favorite Meal: Chargrilled oysters

Favorite App: TikTok

Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Skydiving



CHE FLORES #91

NBA Experience: 4th season

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

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

College: Cal State Northridge '03

Che Flores (They/Them) has officiated 99 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA staff official. Flores refereed 12 regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2021-22 NBA season.

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

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

As a women's college basketball referee, Flores officiated the Final Four in 2019 and the national championship game in 2021.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Stranger Things

Favorite Movie: KPop Demon Hunters

Favorite Musician: Disclosure

Favorite Book: The Song of Achilles

Favorite Meal: Tuna frites

Favorite App: GolfNow

Most Like To Visit: Seoul, South Korea

Bucket List: Walk the Camino de Santiago



TYLER FORD #39

NBA Experience: 11th season

Born: June 8, 1985 (Lima, Ohio)

High School: Allen East (Lafayette, Ohio)

College: Ball State University '07 and '09 (M.A.)

Tyler Ford has officiated 593 regular-season games in 10 seasons as an NBA official. He has also worked 51 playoff games, including one NBA Finals game.

Ford made his debut as an NBA Finals official in 2025 after being named an alternate Finals official in 2023 and 2024. He considers that first NBA Finals game to be his most memorable NBA assignment: Game 3 between the Indiana Pacers and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

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

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. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Sport Administration from Ball State University.

Ford enjoys spending time with his family and 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

Most Like To Visit: Ireland

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National



BRIAN FORTE #45

NBA Experience: 19th season

Born: August 18, 1975 (Fairfax, Va.)

High School: Westminster (Atlanta, Ga.)

College: Furman University '99

Brian Forte (for-TAY) has officiated 1,084 regular-season games and 48 playoff games in 18 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: Game 1 of a first-round series between the Brooklyn Nets and the Toronto Raptors on April 19, 2014.

In addition to his NBA experience, Forte officiated six seasons in the NBA G League, where he worked two Finals series. He also refereed college basketball games in the SEC and Southern Conference. In 2007, he was selected to officiate in the NCAA Tournament.

Forte received a bachelor's degree in Computing and Business from Furman University. He previously worked as a computer programmer.

Forte is the son of former NBA referee Joe Forte.

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

Most Like To Visit: Spain



SCOTT FOSTER #48

NBA Experience: 32nd season

Born: April 8, 1967 (Silver Spring, Md.)

High School: Magruder (Rockville, Md.)

College: University of Maryland '93

Scott Foster has officiated 1,867 regular-season games in 31 seasons as an NBA staff official. Foster has also refereed 263 playoff games, including 26 NBA Finals games. He worked the NBA All-Star Game in 2010 (Arlington, Texas) and 2019 (Charlotte, N.C.).

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 (Big South and Southern conferences) and six years at the high school level in Maryland.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Ted Lasso and Welcome to Wrexham

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

Most Like To Visit: Italy

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

Hidden Talent: Body surfing



PAT FRAHER #26

NBA Experience: 25th season

Born: January 13, 1974 (St. Paul, Minn.)

High School: Hastings (Hastings, Minn.)

College: University of Minnesota '97

Pat Fraher (FRAY-er) has officiated 1,432 regular-season games in 24 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 91 playoff games, including two NBA Finals games. His assignments have included the 2015 NBA All-Star Game in New York.

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 Minnesota.

Fraher was a recipient of the Evans Scholarship, which provides full tuition and college scholarships to golf cadet-scholars. He earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota.

At Hastings High School in Minnesota, Fraher was a member of the football, basketball and golf teams.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Yellowstone

Favorite Movie: Caddyshack

Favorite Musician: Billy Joel

Favorite Book: Paper Tiger

Favorite Meal: BBQ

Favorite App: NBA (of course!)

Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National and Pebble Beach

Hidden Talent: Sleeping anywhere



JACYN GOBLE #68

NBA Experience: 10th season

Born: February 22, 1981 (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 478 regular-season games and 15 playoff games in nine seasons as an NBA staff official.

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

Goble officiated four years in the NBA G League, refereeing 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 19th 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

Most Like To Visit: Tahiti

Bucket List: Roll own cigar in Cuba



JOHN GOBLE #10

NBA Experience: 19th season

Born: November 25, 1978 (Miami, Fla.)

High School: Miami Senior (Miami, Fla.)

College: Florida International University '01

John Goble (go-BULL) has officiated 1,074 regular-season games in 18 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 151 playoff games, including 12 NBA Finals games. Goble worked the 2023 NBA All-Star Game in Salt Lake City.

His officiating experience includes four seasons in the NBA G League, where he was selected to work the 2007 Finals. He also refereed in several collegiate conferences, including Conference USA, the SEC and the 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 10th 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

Most Like To Visit: Australia

Hidden Talent: Cuban coffee barista



JASON GOLDENBERG #35

NBA Experience: 9th season

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

High School: Milton (Alpharetta, Ga.)

College: University of Georgia '07

Jason Goldenberg has officiated 350 regular-season games in eight seasons as an NBA staff official. He also worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2025 in San Francisco.

Goldenberg joined the NBA officiating staff after five years as a referee in the NBA G League, where he worked the 2015 Finals.

Goldenberg has four seasons of collegiate officiating experience, with assignments in the Big South, Ohio Valley and Southern 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: Rūfūs Du Sol

Favorite Book: Ego Is the Enemy

Favorite Meal: Chicken parmesan

Favorite App: NBA

Most Like To Visit: Australia

Bucket List: Sail around the world
in a mega yacht



NATE GREEN #41

NBA Experience: 7th season

Born: December 2, 1977 (Des Moines, Iowa)

High School: Theodore Roosevelt (Des Moines, Iowa)

College: Indiana State '05; MBA at Indiana State '12

Nate Green has officiated 222 regular-season games in six 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, American, Atlantic 10 and SEC 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 local travel baseball organization. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and riding motorcycles.

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

Most Like To Visit: Africa



DAVID GUTHRIE #16

NBA Experience: 21st season

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

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

College: North Carolina State University '99

David Guthrie has officiated 1,103 regular-season games in 20 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 122 playoff games, including 13 NBA Finals games. Guthrie was part of the officiating crew for the 2019 NBA All-Star Game in Charlotte, N.C.

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

Before joining the NBA, Guthrie officiated in the NBA G League and the Continental Basketball Association. As an NBA G League referee, he worked the Playoffs from 2003-05 and the Finals in 2004 and 2005.

Guthrie has collegiate officiating experience in several conferences, including the ACC and SEC. He refereed 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

Most Like To Visit: Hawaii

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National and Cypress Point

Hidden Talent: Hitting fungoes



ROBERT HUSSEY #85

NBA Experience: 4th season

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

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

College: University of Central Florida '17

Robert Hussey has officiated 116 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA staff official. He refereed 10 regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2021-22 NBA season.

At NBA All-Star 2022 in Cleveland, Hussey refereed the NBA G League Next Gem Game and the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game with Matt Kallio, who is now also in his fourth season as an NBA staff official.

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.

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

Favorite Musician: J. Cole

Favorite Book: The Four Agreements

Favorite Meal: Ackee and yellow yam

Favorite App: ESPN

Most Like To Visit: Iceland

Bucket List: See the Seven Wonders of the World



INTAE HWANG #73

NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: August 10, 1979 (Masan, South Korea)

High School: Masan Joongang (Masan, South Korea)

College: Busan University of Foreign Studies '06

Intae Hwang has officiated 76 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA staff official. He refereed seven regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2022-23 NBA season.

Hwang officiated two seasons in the NBA G League, including the 2023 Finals, and one season in the WNBA. He also has 15 years of experience as a FIBA official. Highlights include working the women's gold medal game at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio and the men's 2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup in China.

A native of South Korea, Hwang officiated 11 seasons in the Korean Basketball League (KBL). During his KBL stint, he refereed 22 playoff games, eight Finals games and the 2019 All-Star Game.

Off the court, Hwang enjoys spending time outdoors with his family, going to the library and eating at Korean restaurants.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: Parasite

Favorite Musician: Yim Jae-beom

Favorite Book: Du bon usage de la lenteur

Favorite Meal: Korean BBQ

Favorite App: NBA REPS



SIMONE JELKS #81

NBA Experience: 6th season

Born: March 9, 1986 (Cleveland, Ohio)

High School: Charles F. Brush (Lyndhurst, Ohio)

College: University of Southern California '08; M.P.H.: Case Western Reserve University '11; M.Ed.: Cleveland State University '13

Simone Jelks has officiated 88 regular-season games in five 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 Horizon League and Mid-American Conference.

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 left Charles F. Brush High School in Lyndhurst, Ohio, as the career leader in points, steals, rebounds and free throws made. 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 for six years.

Jelks gave birth to a son, Mecca Bleu, in January 2024. She has shared her story about experiencing infant loss following her first pregnancy.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Handmaid's Tale

Favorite Movie: Love & Basketball

Favorite Musician: J. Cole

Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Meal: Collard greens and peach cobbler

Favorite App: Skylight

Most Like To Visit: Africa

Hidden Talent: Spoken word poetry



MATT KALLIO #53

NBA Experience: 4th season

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

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

College: University of Alberta '08

Matt Kallio (kal-LEE-oh) has officiated 106 regular-season games in three seasons as an NBA staff official. He refereed 10 regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2021-22 NBA season.

At NBA All-Star 2022 in Cleveland, Kallio refereed the NBA G League Next Gem Game and the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game with Robert Hussey, who is now also in his fourth season as an NBA staff official.

Kallio officiated seven seasons in the NBA G League and four seasons in the WNBA. He has extensive experience as a FIBA official, including assignments at the FIBA Basketball World Cup in China (2019) and the Philippines (2023), as well as the Summer Olympics in Tokyo (2021) and Paris (2024).

A native of Canada, Kallio served as an official for 12 years in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association 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: Tuesdays with Morrie

Favorite Meal: Steak and asparagus

Favorite App: TripIt

Most Like To Visit: Portugal

Bucket List: Norwegian cruise



BILL KENNEDY #55

NBA Experience: 28th season

Born: November 10, 1966 (Phoenix, Ariz.)

High School: St. Mary's (Phoenix, Ariz.)

College: Arizona State University

Bill Kennedy has officiated 1,524 regular-season games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 157 playoff games, including eight NBA Finals games.

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

In addition to his NBA tenure, 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. 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.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Musician: Luther Vandross

Favorite Meal: Filet mignon and a good bottle of red

Most Like To Visit: Jerusalem

Bucket List: See the Egyptian pyramids

Hidden Talent: Karaoke



COURTNEY KIRKLAND #61

NBA Experience: 26th season

Born: October 22, 1974 (Flint, Mich.)

High School: Flint Northwestern (Flint, Mich.)

College: Southern University '99

Courtney Kirkland has officiated 1,487 regular-season games in 25 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 76 playoff games, including five 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), the late Tony Brown (Clark Atlanta) and Tom Washington (Norfolk State) – attended HBCUs. Kirkland also officiated the 2020 NBA All-Star Game in Chicago. He is one of five NBA officials to ever work consecutive 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.

For more than 20 years, Kirkland led Manage the Grays, a developmental camp that taught and trained basketball referees, helping many reach their goal of officiating at the highest level.

He enjoys playing golf, exercising and writing.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Billions

Favorite Movie: The Matrix

Favorite Book: Atomic Habits

Favorite App: NBA



MARAT KOGUT #32

NBA Experience: 17th season

Born: August 5, 1979 (Kiev, Ukraine)

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

College: St. John's University '08

Marat Kogut (MAH-rot co-GUT) has officiated 883 regular-season games and one playoff game in 16 seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2023-24 season.

Kogut considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: Game 1 of a first-round series between the Milwaukee Bucks and the Indiana Pacers on April 21, 2024. His father, wife and children attended the game.

His officiating experience includes three years in the WNBA and four years in the NBA G League. Kogut also refereed in several NCAA Division I conferences.

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 guitar and piano, making his own Neapolitan pizza, volleyball and golf.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Family Guy

Favorite Movie: Catch Me if You Can

Favorite Musician: Queen

Favorite Book: The Happiest Man on Earth

Favorite Meal: Neapolitan pizza

Favorite App: Amazon

Most Like To Visit: Croatia

Hidden Talent: Magician



KARL LANE #77

NBA Experience: 15th season

Born: February 26, 1975 (Little Rock, Ark.)

High School: Glendbard East (Lombard, Ill.)

College: Philander Smith University

Karl Lane has officiated 810 regular-season games and 22 playoff games in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official.

He considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be his first playoff game: Game 2 of a first-round series between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Miami Heat on April 16, 2018.

His officiating experience includes four seasons in the NBA G League and nine years each at the collegiate (Gulf South and Southwestern Athletic 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: Game of Thrones

Favorite Movie: Star Wars movies

Favorite Musician: Jay-Z

Favorite Book: Star Wars books

Favorite Meal: Mexican

Favorite App: Candy Crush

Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: See the Seven Wonders of the World

Hidden Talent: Home repair



MARK LINDSAY #29

NBA Experience: 19th season

Born: August 21, 1977 (Drexel Hill, Pa.)

High School: Malvern Prep (Malvern, Pa.)

College: West Chester University '99

Mark Lindsay has officiated 1,032 regular-season games and 45 playoff games in 18 seasons as an NBA staff official. He officiated the 2023 NBA All-Star Game in Salt Lake City.

Lindsay considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be Game 5 of the 2022 Eastern Conference Finals between the Boston Celtics and the Miami Heat.

Lindsay refereed for five seasons in the NBA G League, where he was assigned playoff games in 2005, 2006 and 2007. He officiated in several collegiate conferences, including the ACC, Atlantic Sun, Big South, Colonial Athletic Association 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 a real estate agent.

Lindsay directs the Proactive Referee Officiating Camp, which raises money to benefit underprivileged youth who attend the Treasure Beach Youth Basketball Camp in rural Jamaica.

Lindsay is married with three children. He 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

Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Family trip to Italy

Hidden Talent: Spelling



TRE MADDUX #23

NBA Experience: 15th season

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

High School: Wyandotte (Kansas City, Kan.)

College: Dakota State University

Tre Maddox has officiated 723 regular-season games and 33 playoff games in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also officiated the 2025 NBA All-Star Game in San Francisco.

Maddox considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be the first regular-season game that he officiated: 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, PacWest and West Coast 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

Most Like To Visit: Dubai

Bucket List: Attend The Open Championship

Hidden Talent: Playing the piano



ED MALLOY #7

NBA Experience: 24th season

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

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

College: Thomas Jefferson University '93

Ed Malloy has officiated 1,393 regular-season games in 23 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 150 playoff games, including 11 NBA Finals games. Malloy officiated the 2017 NBA All-Star Game in New Orleans.

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

The Pennsylvania native attended St. Joseph's University before transferring to Thomas Jefferson University, where he was a standout basketball player under legendary head coach Herb Magee, who was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2011.

Malloy helped lead Jefferson to a 30-2 record and a spot in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Tournament in the 1992-93 season.

Malloy earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing from Thomas Jefferson.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Jeopardy!

Favorite Movie: Top Gun: Maverick

Favorite Musician: AC/DC

Favorite Book: Tom Clancy novels

Favorite Meal: Penne alla vodka

Favorite App: Spotify

Most Like To Visit: Sorrento, Italy



BINIAM MARU #94

NBA Experience: 1st season

Born: December 1, 1993 (Chicago, Ill.)

High School: Uplift Community (Chicago, Ill.)

College: University of Illinois '16

Biniam Maru (Bih-nee-um Muh-roo) is in his first season as an NBA staff official. As a non-staff official, he officiated two regular-season games in both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 NBA seasons.

Maru has spent six years as a referee in the NBA G League, where he worked playoff games in each of the last four seasons, including the 2025 Finals. He served as a WNBA official in 2023 and 2024 and was an alternate referee for the Playoffs in both seasons.

At NBA All-Star 2025 in San Francisco, Maru refereed the NBA G League Up Next Game and the NBA All-Star Celebrity Game.

Maru has seven years of officiating experience in college basketball, with stints in Division II, Division III and junior college. He was also a high school referee in Illinois for seven years. Maru began officiating basketball games at age 17.

The Chicago native graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. He has been a high school substitute teacher since 2016.

Maru's interests include sports, music, cycling, working out and watching movies.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Martin

Favorite Movie: Inception

Favorite Musician: DMX

Favorite Book: The Millionaire Next Door

Favorite Meal: Sushi

Favorite App: ESPN

Most Like To Visit: Ethiopia



SUYASH MEHTA #82

NBA Experience: 6th season

Born: July 15, 1991 (Baltimore, Md.)

High School: Centennial (Ellicott, Md.)

College: University of Maryland '13

Suyash (Sue-YAHSH) Mehta has officiated 198 regular-season games in five 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 and 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

Most Like To Visit: Morocco

Bucket List: Play golf at Pebble Beach

Hidden Talent: Badminton



SHA'RAE MITCHELL #98

NBA Experience: 3rd season

Born: November 12, 1985 (Provo, Utah)

High School: Valley (Sacramento, Calif.)

College: UC Santa Barbara '09

Sha'Rae (Shuh-Ray) Mitchell has officiated 77 regular-season games in two seasons as an NBA staff official. As a non-staff official, she refereed NBA regular-season games in 2021-22 (four) and 2022-23 (11).

Mitchell officiated five seasons in the NBA G League, where she refereed playoff games three years and was a Finals alternate. She officiated two seasons in the WNBA, including one year of playoff assignments.

The California native has five years of officiating experience in college basketball, with stints in the Big Sky, Pac-12, West Coast and Western Athletic conferences. Mitchell refereed the California state high school championship in 2015 and 2016.

Prior to becoming a referee, Mitchell worked on the women's basketball coaching staffs at Stanford University, UCLA and Coastal Carolina University.

Mitchell played basketball at UC Santa Barbara, where she was named to the All-Big West Tournament Team and earned All-Big West Honorable Mention accolades in the 2007-08 season. She lettered in six varsity sports at Valley High School in Sacramento, Calif.

Mitchell is the mother of twins. She enjoys reading, hiking and collecting shoes.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Law & Order: SVU

Favorite Movie: Pretty Woman

Favorite Musician: Beyonce

Favorite Book: Conversations with God (1-3)

Favorite Meal: Caesar salad

Favorite App: ESPN and Spotify

Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Get my Ph.D.

Hidden Talent: Breakdancing



RODNEY MOTT #71

NBA Experience: 28th season

Born: September 3, 1957 (New Albany, Ind.)

High School: Bishop Turner (Buffalo, N.Y.)

College: San Diego State University '86

Rodney Mott has officiated 1,526 regular-season games and 56 playoff games in 27 seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed the 2013 NBA All-Star Game in Houston.

Before joining the NBA, Mott spent five 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. He holds a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.

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

Most Like To Visit: Jerusalem

Hidden Talent: Interior design



ASHLEY MOYER-GLEICH #13

NBA Experience: 8th season

Born: August 5, 1987 (Lebanon, Pa.)

High School: Cedar Crest (Lebanon, Pa.)

College: Millersville University '10

Ashley Moyer-Gleich (gleash) has officiated 238 regular-season games and one playoff game in seven seasons as an NBA staff official. She made her playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2023-24 season, working Game 3 of a first-round series between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Orlando Magic.

At NBA All-Star 2023 in Salt Lake City, Moyer-Gleich officiated the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events.

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, Ivy League and Patriot League, among other conferences. She also has five years of high school officiating experience in Pennsylvania.

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

Off the court, Moyer-Gleich likes being outdoors with her family, planning events and shopping. She also enjoys Bikram yoga and taking her children to Hersheypark.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Beat Bobby Flay

Favorite Movie: The Bodyguard

Favorite Musician: Rihanna

Favorite Book: Think Like a Monk

Favorite Meal: Spanish food

Favorite App: Future

Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: African safari

Hidden Talent: Double Dutch



MATT MYERS #43

NBA Experience: 8th season

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

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

College: Hampton University '06

Matt Myers has officiated 287 regular-season games in seven 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, working in the Big South, Mid-Eastern Athletic and Southern conferences, among others. He also has five years of high school officiating experience in Virginia.

Myers' interest in officiating came from his father, who refereed locally in Missouri for more than 30 years.

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.

Myers has his scuba certification. In the summer of 2024, he completed a dive in Zanzibar. He also went on a safari in Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. An avid traveler, Myers has visited more than 50 countries.

His other interests include photography, golf and pickleball.

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

Most Like To Visit: Bora Bora

Bucket List: Attend the Masters

Hidden Talent: Golf



ANDY NAGY #83

NBA Experience: 6th season

Born: July 16, 1991 (Toledo, Ohio)

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

College: Owens Community College '16

Andy Nagy has officiated 254 regular-season games and one playoff game in five seasons as an NBA staff official. Nagy made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2024-25 season, when he worked Game 4 of a first-round series between the Boston Celtics and the Orlando Magic.

Nagy refereed six seasons in the NBA G League, where he worked the Playoffs three consecutive years (2016, 2017 and 2018) and the Finals two straight years (2017 and 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 age 16 and later worked games in the Ohio Regional Campus Conference.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld

Favorite Musician: Metallica

Favorite Meal: Filet mignon

Favorite App: Spotify

Most Like To Visit: Maldives

Bucket List: To get a hole-in-one

Hidden Talent: Barbecue expert



BRETT NANSEL #44

NBA Experience: 10th season

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

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

College: North Dakota State University '01

Brett Nansel (nan-SULL) has officiated 421 regular-season games in nine seasons as an NBA staff official. He worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2024 in Indianapolis.

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

Most Like To Visit: Australia

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

Hidden Talent: Tenor saxophone



PAT O'CONNELL #90

NBA Experience: 1st season

Born: April 24, 1992 (Bayonne, N.J.)

High School: Middletown South (Middletown, N.J.)

College: Ramapo College of New Jersey '14

Pat O'Connell is in his first season as an NBA staff official. As a non-staff official, he refereed NBA regular-season games in 2021-22 (three), 2022-23 (six), 2023-24 (seven) and 2024-25 (six).

O'Connell has officiated seven years in the NBA G League, where he worked three consecutive Finals in 2023, 2024 and 2025. He has also refereed games in the Basketball Africa League (BAL), including the 2025 BAL Playoffs.

Additional assignments have included the NBA G League Next Up Game during NBA All-Star 2023 in Salt Lake City and the 2025 NBA G League Showcase Championship.

O'Connell worked in the NBA Replay Center as a replay operator during its inaugural season in 2014-15 and again in 2015-16. He also spent two seasons in the NBA's Referee Development Program.

The New Jersey native has three years of college basketball officiating experience in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

O'Connell's father, Brian O'Connell, is a longtime NCAA Division I men's basketball referee. Pat played college basketball at Caldwell University and Ramapo College of New Jersey.

His interests include traveling, working out, yoga and collecting sneakers.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Sopranos

Favorite Movie: Wedding Crashers

Favorite Musician: J. Cole

Favorite Book: Legends and Soles

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite App: Peloton

Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Attend Olympics



J.T. ORR #72

NBA Experience: 15th season

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

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

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

J.T. Orr has officiated 708 regular-season games and one playoff game in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official. Orr made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2023-24 season, when he worked Game 1 of a first-round series between the New Orleans Pelicans and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Orr officiated five seasons in the NBA G League and 13 years at the collegiate level in the Big West, Pac-12 and West Coast conferences, among others. He was a referee in the 2011 NCAA Tournament and the 2005 California Community College State Championship.

Orr also worked eight years as a high school referee in Southern California. He officiated state championship games in 2003 and 2004.

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: Curb Your Enthusiasm

Favorite Movie: Tombstone

Favorite Musician: Pearl Jam

Favorite Book: The Outsiders

Favorite Meal: Homemade biscuits and gravy

Favorite App: Wordle

Most Like To Visit: Glacier National Park

Bucket List: Start a dog rescue

Hidden Talent: Impressionist painting



GEDIMINAS PETRAITIS #50

NBA Experience: 11th season

Born: February 5, 1989 (Kaunas, Lithuania)

High School: Northwest (Germantown, Md.)

College: University of Maryland '11

Gediminas Petraitis (geh-duh-MIHN-us pih-TRY-tis) has officiated 579 regular-season games and 22 playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA staff official.

In the 2018-19 season, Petraitis made his playoff debut as an NBA official and refereed the Rising Stars competition at NBA All-Star in Charlotte, N.C.

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.

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

Most Like To Visit: Iceland

Bucket List: Cycling in French Alps

Hidden Talent: Ballroom dancing



JD RALLS #80

NBA Experience: 2nd season

Born: May 13, 1992 (Baltimore, Md.)

High School: Edgewood (Edgewood, Md.)

College: Penn State University '13

JD Ralls is in his second season as an NBA staff official. In 2024-25, he officiated 37 regular-season games in his first season on staff. As a non-staff official, Ralls refereed NBA regular-season games in 2021-22 (three), 2022-23 (six) and 2023-24 (eight).

Ralls officiated seven seasons in the NBA G League, where he refereed playoff games six years, Finals games four years and the championship game of the Winter Showcase three years. In 2022 and 2023, he was a referee for the championship game of the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas and the Basketball Africa League Finals.

The Baltimore native has seven years of officiating experience in college basketball, with stints in the ACC, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, CAA and MEAC conferences. He refereed the Maryland state high school championship in 2015 and 2016.

Ralls graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Marketing and Management. He was a standout high school basketball player at Edgewood High School in Maryland, where he scored more than 1,000 points and earned All-State honors in 2009-10.

Ralls enjoys traveling, visiting museums, reading, cooking, collecting sneakers, watching movies, listening to music and playing sports.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Power

Favorite Movie: The Forge

Favorite Musician: Anthony Hamilton

Favorite Book: Die With Zero

Favorite Meal: Shrimp pasta

Favorite App: Bible

Most Like To Visit: Maldives

Hidden Talent: Sign language



PHENIZEE RANSOM #70

NBA Experience: 8th season

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

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

College: University of Georgia '98

Phenizee (FEN-uh-ZEE) Ransom has officiated 312 regular-season games in seven 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 assignments in the Big South, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Ohio Valley, Southern, Southwestern Athletic 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: 60 Minutes

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

Most Like To Visit: Cairo

Bucket List: Learn to play the piano

Hidden Talent: Public speaking



JENNA RENEAU #93

NBA Experience: 1st season

Born: August 21, 1991 (Krum, Texas)

High School: Krum (Krum, Texas)

College: University of North Texas '14

Jenna Reneau (REH-know) is in her first season as an NBA staff official. As a non-staff official, she refereed NBA regular-season games in 2021-22 (12), 2022-23 (five), 2023-24 (seven) and 2024-25 (six).

Reneau officiated for nine years in the NBA G League, refereeing three straight Finals from 2023-25. As a WNBA official, she worked four consecutive Playoffs from 2022-25, the Finals in 2024 and the All-Star Game in 2025.

The Texas native has five years of experience as a FIBA official. Reneau was one of 30 referees selected to officiate men's and women's games in the 2024 Paris Olympics, where she worked the women's bronze medal game.

Reneau was a college basketball referee for nine years. She was the first of two women to be hired in the men's ACC consortium, working ACC, Atlantic 10 and Big East games. She also officiated women's games in Conference USA, the Mountain West and the Sun Belt.

Reneau got her start as an official working youth volleyball games while attending Krum High School in Texas. At Krum, she earned All-District honors as a basketball player.

Reneau began officiating middle school and high school basketball games while attending the University of North Texas, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Communication studies and Alternative Dispute Resolution. In college, she received the North Texas Basketball Officials Association's Iron Woman of the Year award for officiating the most games of any member official in the 2012-13 season.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Office

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers

Favorite Musician: Fleetwood Mac

Favorite Book: Vibrant

Favorite Meal: Lunch

Favorite App: Life Time

Most Like To Visit: The beach

Bucket List: Hot air balloon ride

Hidden Talent: Spikeball



TYLER RICKS #95

NBA Experience: 2nd season

Born: March 17, 1991 (Lawrenceville, Ga.)

High School: Mill Creek (Hoschton, Ga.)

College: University of Georgia '16

Tyler Ricks is in his second season as an NBA staff official. In 2024-25, he officiated 27 regular-season games in his first season on staff. As a non-staff official, Ricks refereed NBA regular-season games in 2022-23 (six) and 2023-24 (eight).

Ricks officiated nine seasons in the NBA G League. He refereed playoff games six years and Finals games two years.

The Georgia native has six years of officiating experience in college basketball, with assignments in the Atlantic Sun, Big South, Gulf South and Peach Belt conferences, as well as in the National Junior College Athletic Association and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He also spent three years as a high school referee, including officiating the Georgia state championship in 2015.

Ricks lettered in track & field and baseball at Mill Creek High School in Hoschton, Ga. He enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters and attending football games at the University of Georgia, his alma mater.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Office

Favorite Movie: Wedding Crashers

Favorite Musician: Lily Rose

Favorite Book: James Patterson books

Favorite Meal: Seafood

Favorite App: ESPN

Most Like To Visit: Japan

Bucket List: Cooking class in Italy with wife



NATALIE SAGO #9

NBA Experience: 8th season

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

High School: Farmington (Farmington, Mo.)

College: University of Missouri-St. Louis '13

Natalie Sago (SAY-go) has officiated 362 regular-season games in seven seasons as an NBA staff official. She also worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2022 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, working in the Atlantic 10, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Missouri Valley and Summit League conferences, among others. She was also a high school referee for two years in Missouri.

Sago's father, Shelton, was a high school basketball official in Missouri for 35 years and a rules interpreter for the Missouri State High School Activities Association. He worked multiple state championships. Shelton was also a high school football official for 30 years.

In high school, Natalie was part of a Farmington basketball team that finished as the Missouri state runner-up in the 2006-07 season. 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.

Sago has two mini Aussiedoodles named Bogey and Divot.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Unsolved Mysteries

Favorite Movie: Home Alone

Favorite Musician: Morgan Wallen

Favorite Book: The Let Them Theory

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite App: Instagram

Most Like To Visit: Fiji

Bucket List: Watch a game in all 30 MLB stadiums

Hidden Talent: Juggling



JENNA SCHROEDER #20

NBA Experience: 7th season

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

High School: Clio (Clio, Mich.)

College: Saginaw Valley State University '09

Jenna Schroeder (shROW-der) has officiated 235 regular-season games in six seasons as an NBA staff official.

Other assignments have included the NBA Paris Games in 2025 and the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2024 in Indianapolis.

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

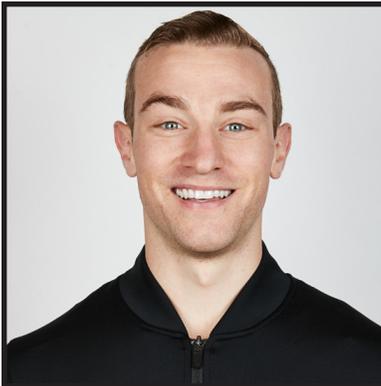
Favorite TV Show: 30 Rock

Favorite Movie: Dirty Dancing

Favorite Musician: Bob Seger

Most Like To Visit: Australia

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



BRANDON SCHWAB #86

NBA Experience: 5th season

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

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

College: University of Central Florida '15

Brandon Schwab has officiated 165 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff official. He also refereed 20 regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2020-21 NBA season.

The Florida native officiated five years in the NBA G League and four years at the collegiate level, working in the Sun and Sunshine State conferences.

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: I Think You Should Leave

Favorite Movie: The Matrix

Favorite Book: The Three-Body Problem series

Favorite Meal: Coffee and a croissant

Most Like To Visit: Iceland

Favorite App: Waking Up

Bucket List: Hike the Tour du Mont Blanc



DANIELLE SCOTT #87

NBA Experience: 5th season

Born: June 27, 1991 (Woodland Hills, Calif.)

High School: John Burroughs (Burbank, Calif.)

College: Cal State Northridge '13

Danielle Scott has officiated 126 regular-season games in four seasons as an NBA staff official. She also refereed 26 regular-season games as a non-staff official in the 2020-21 NBA season.

Scott worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2025 in San Francisco.

Her officiating experience includes four seasons in the NBA G League and eight years each at the collegiate level (Mid-Eastern Athletic, PacWest and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic conferences) and high school ranks (Southern California). Scott began as an official when she worked games with her mother in a men's recreational league.

The California native earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management with a minor in Finance from Cal State Northridge.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Favorite Movie: Love & Basketball

Favorite Book: Think Like a Monk

Favorite Meal: Chicken tikka masala

Favorite App: Pinterest

Most Like To Visit: Iceland

Bucket List: Learn sign language

Hidden Talent: Photography



EVAN SCOTT #78

NBA Experience: 7th season

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

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

College: Radford University '14

Evan Scott has officiated 244 regular-season games in six 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, Coast to Coast Athletic and Old Dominion 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

Most Like To Visit: Amalfi Coast



KEVIN SCOTT #24

NBA Experience: 15th season

Born: April 24, 1978 (Oconee County, S.C.)

High School: Stephens County (Toccoa, Ga.)

College: Georgia Southern University B.S. '00 and M.S. '02

Kevin Scott has officiated 774 regular-season games in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 54 playoff games, including two NBA Finals games. Scott officiated the 2025 NBA All-Star Game in San Francisco.

Scott made his debut as an NBA Finals official in 2023, when he refereed Game 3 between the Denver Nuggets and the Miami Heat.

Scott considers his most memorable NBA regular-season 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

Most Like To Visit: Great Barrier Reef

Bucket List: African safari

Hidden Talent: Facial recognition



AARON SMITH #51

NBA Experience: 10th season

Born: September 11, 1987

High School: West Chester East (West Chester, Pa.)

College: West Chester University '10; M.S.: Old Dominion University '23

Aaron Smith has officiated 480 regular-season games and two playoff games in nine seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2022-23 season.

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, Smith officiated four seasons in the Big South Conference, including the conference championship game in 2016.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in History from West Chester University, where he played one season of varsity basketball. He received a master's degree in Sport Management from Old Dominion University in 2023.

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: Top Boy

Favorite Movie: The Martian

Favorite Musician: John Legend

Favorite Book: Born a Crime

Favorite Meal: Any breakfast meal

Favorite App: Peloton

Most Like To Visit: Thailand and Vietnam

Bucket List: Compete on Jeopardy!



MICHAEL SMITH #38

NBA Experience: 33rd season

Born: February 5, 1955 (Memphis, Tenn.)

High School: South Side (Memphis, Tenn.)

Michael Smith has officiated 1,802 regular-season games and 60 playoff games in 32 seasons as an NBA staff official. He officiated the NBA All-Star Game in 2008 (New Orleans) and 2023 (Salt Lake City).

Other career highlights include working the 1997 NBA Rising Stars competition, the 2000 NBA Mexico City Game and the 2003 NBA Paris Game.

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

A Memphis, Tenn., native, Smith was inducted into the Memphis Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in March 2024.

Smith played basketball and baseball at South Side High School in Memphis.

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

Most Like To Visit: White House

Bucket List: Skydiving



JONATHAN STERLING #17

NBA Experience: 9th season

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

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

College: Flagler College '06

Jonathan Sterling has officiated 356 regular-season games in eight seasons as an NBA staff official. He also worked the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday Night events at NBA All-Star 2022 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, Peach Belt, Southern, Southern Intercollegiate Athletic, Sun Belt and Sunshine State conferences. He also officiated Conference USA games.

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.

His interests include detailing cars, bike riding, golf, water sports, scuba diving and traveling.

FUN FACTS

Favorite Movie: Coming to America

Favorite Musician: Future

Favorite App: Maps

Most Like To Visit: Australia

Bucket List: Dive with sharks

Hidden Talent: Breakdancing



BEN TAYLOR #46

NBA Experience: 13th season

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

High School: Cannon County (Woodbury, Tenn.)

College: Middle Tennessee State University '09

Ben Taylor has officiated 668 regular-season games in 12 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 49 playoff games, including one NBA Finals game.

Taylor made his debut as an NBA Finals official in 2025, when he refereed Game 2 between the Indiana Pacers and the Oklahoma City Thunder. He was named as an alternate official for the NBA Finals in 2023 and 2024.

Taylor considers his most memorable NBA regular-season assignment to be a 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.

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: Ribeye steak

Favorite App: TripIt

Most Like To Visit: Scotland

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National

Hidden Talent: Dancing



DEDRIC TAYLOR #21

NBA Experience: 12th season

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

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

College: Florida International University

Detric Taylor has officiated 587 regular-season games and four playoff games in 11 seasons as an NBA staff official. He made his playoff debut as an NBA referee in the 2019-20 season.

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 Atlantic Sun, Conference USA, Mid-Eastern Athletic, SEC, Southern and Sun Belt.

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

Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Skydiving

Hidden Talent: Trumpet and juggling



JOSH TIVEN #58

NBA Experience: 16th season

Born: March 12, 1978 (Norwich, Conn.)

High School: Ledyard (Ledyard, Conn.)

Josh Tiven has officiated 920 regular-season games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also worked 99 playoff games, including 10 NBA Finals games. Tiven officiated the 2024 NBA All-Star Game in Indianapolis.

In the 2019-20 season, Tiven made his debut as an NBA Finals official when he refereed Game 1 between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Miami Heat.

Tiven considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be Game 7 of the 2021 Eastern Conference Semifinals between the Milwaukee Bucks and Brooklyn Nets, won by the Bucks 115-111 in overtime.

The Connecticut native 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.

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: Chicken parmesan with vodka sauce

Favorite App: Instagram

Most Like To Visit: Hawaii

Bucket List: Play golf at Augusta National

Hidden Talent: Yo-yo expert



SCOTT TWARDOSKI #52

NBA Experience: 15th season

Born: March 6, 1973 (Enumclaw, Wash.)

High School: Highland (Coville, Wash.)

College: Linfield College (McMinnville, Ore.); City University (Renton, Wash.)

Scott Twardoski (twar-DAH-ski) has officiated 748 regular-season games and two playoff games in 14 seasons as an NBA staff official. He was selected to work the NBA Playoffs in the 2018-19 and 2021-22 seasons.

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 work in professional leagues, Twardoski refereed college basketball games for 12 years in the Big 12, Big Sky, Pac-12 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; Feed My Starving Children; Restore Hope for the Valley; and Sports Officials Care, for which he serves as a board member.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Shrinking

Favorite Book: Core 52

Favorite Meal: Steak and mushrooms

Favorite App: Telestrations

Most Like To Visit: Norway

Bucket List: Photograph the Northern Lights

Hidden Talent: Landscape and astrophotography



JUSTIN VAN DUYNÉ #64

NBA Experience: 12th season

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

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

College: University of La Verne '05

Justin Van Duyne (van-DINE) has officiated 613 regular-season games and 11 playoff games in 10 seasons as an NBA staff official.

Van Duyne 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: Game 3 of a first-round series between the Philadelphia 76ers and the Toronto Raptors on April 20, 2022.

Van Duyne 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 Big West, Mountain West, Pac-12, West Coast and Western Athletic.

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.

Van Duyne enjoys spending time with his wife and three children, playing golf, collecting and playing pinball machines, 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: theCHIVE

Most Like To Visit: Ireland

Bucket List: Visit every MLB stadium



SCOTT WALL #31

NBA Experience: 30th season

Born: September 11, 1966 (Jacksonville, Ill.)

High School: Shawnee Mission NW (Shawnee, Kan.)

College: Emporia State University

Scott Wall has officiated 1,481 regular-season games and 14 playoff games in 29 seasons as an NBA staff official.

Wall considers his most memorable NBA assignment to be the 2012 NBA All-Star Game in Orlando, Fla., where the Western Conference defeated the Eastern Conference 152-149.

Other career highlights include working the Rising Stars competition and All-Star Saturday night events at NBA All-Star 2002 in Philadelphia, the 2007 NBA China Games and the 2012 NBA Mexico Game.

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

Wall volunteers with the Georgianna 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

Most Like To Visit: Rome

Bucket List: Skydiving



CJ WASHINGTON #12

NBA Experience: 10th season

Born: September 20, 1979 (Baton Rouge, La.)

High School: Thibodaux (Thibodaux, La.)

College: Southern University '02

CJ Washington has officiated 401 regular-season games in nine seasons as an NBA staff official.

Prior to being hired by the NBA, he officiated for eight years in the NBA G League, which included Finals and All-Star Game assignments.

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

Washington previously worked as a licensed residential building inspector and a residential real estate appraiser.

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

Most Like To Visit: Italy

Bucket List: Attend a football game at Notre Dame Stadium



JAMES WILLIAMS #60

NBA Experience: 16th season

Born: May 23, 1979 (Memphis, Tenn.)

High School: LaPorte (LaPorte, Ind.)

College: Purdue University '01

James Williams has officiated 880 regular-season games in 15 seasons as an NBA staff official. Williams has also worked 82 playoff games, including seven NBA Finals games. He refereed the NBA All-Star Game in 2013 (Houston) and 2022 (Cleveland).

Williams officiated two seasons in the WNBA. He was also a referee in the NBA G League, working two Finals series and the 2010 All-Star Game. Williams served as a college basketball official for nine years.

The Memphis, Tenn., native 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.

Williams enjoys reading, sports, movies, travel, working out and biking.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: Snowfall

Favorite Movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Book: The Soul of Money

Favorite Meal: Soul food

Favorite App: RefMasters

Most Like To Visit: Africa

Bucket List: Becoming mayor of Chicago

Hidden Talent: Rapping



LEON WOOD #40

NBA Experience: 30th season

Born: March 25, 1962 (Columbia, S.C.)

High School: Saint Monica (Santa Monica, Calif.)

College: Cal State Fullerton '84

Leon Wood has officiated 1,536 regular-season games and 25 playoff games in 29 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 10th pick in the famed 1984 NBA Draft, which also included Hakeem Olajuwon, Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley. He played in the NBA for six seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers, Washington Bullets, New Jersey Nets, San Antonio Spurs, Atlanta Hawks and Sacramento Kings, averaging 6.4 points, 3.2 assists and 1.2 rebounds in 274 games.

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). Cal State Fullerton retired his No. 20 jersey and inducted him into the school's Hall of Fame.

At Saint Monica Preparatory in Santa Monica, Calif., Wood was named to the Parade High School All-America Third Team in 1979. He was later inducted into the Orange County Sports Hall of Fame.

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

Most Like To Visit: Africa and Australia



SEAN WRIGHT #4

NBA Experience: 21st season

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

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

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

Sean Wright has officiated 1,177 regular-season games in 20 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 104 playoff games, including three 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 Atlantic Sun, Big South, Colonial, Ohio Valley, SEC, Southern 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

Most Like To Visit: Greece

Bucket List: Fly a plane

Hidden Talent: Chess



ZACH ZARBA #15

NBA Experience: 23rd season

Born: April 29, 1975 (New York, N.Y.)

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

College: SUNY New Paltz '97

Zach Zarba has officiated 1,370 regular-season games in 22 seasons as an NBA staff official. He has also refereed 173 playoff games, including 16 NBA Finals games. Other assignments have included the 2016 NBA All-Star Game in Toronto and the 2025 NBA Paris Games.

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

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 officiating experience in both college basketball (ACC, Atlantic Sun, Colonial Athletic, Northeast, Ohio Valley and SEC conferences) and the high school ranks (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's community service work includes support for the Brooklyn Youth Sports Club, It's from the Sole and Camp Felix.

FUN FACTS

Favorite TV Show: The Wire

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Meal: Shrimp oreganata

Favorite App: Twitter

Most Like To Visit: Italy

Hidden Talent: Cooking

NBA OFFICIALS: ACTIVE LEADERS

(Statistics entering 2025-26 season)

MOST YEARS OF SERVICE

Michael Smith	32
Tony Brothers	31
Scott Foster	31
James Capers	30
Sean Corbin	30
Scott Wall	29
Leon Wood	29
Marc Davis	27
Bill Kennedy	27
Rodney Mott	27

MOST PLAYOFF GAMES

Scott Foster	263
Marc Davis	218
Tony Brothers	216
James Capers	204
Zach Zarba	173
Bill Kennedy	157
John Goble	151
Ed Malloy	150
David Guthrie	122
Sean Wright	104

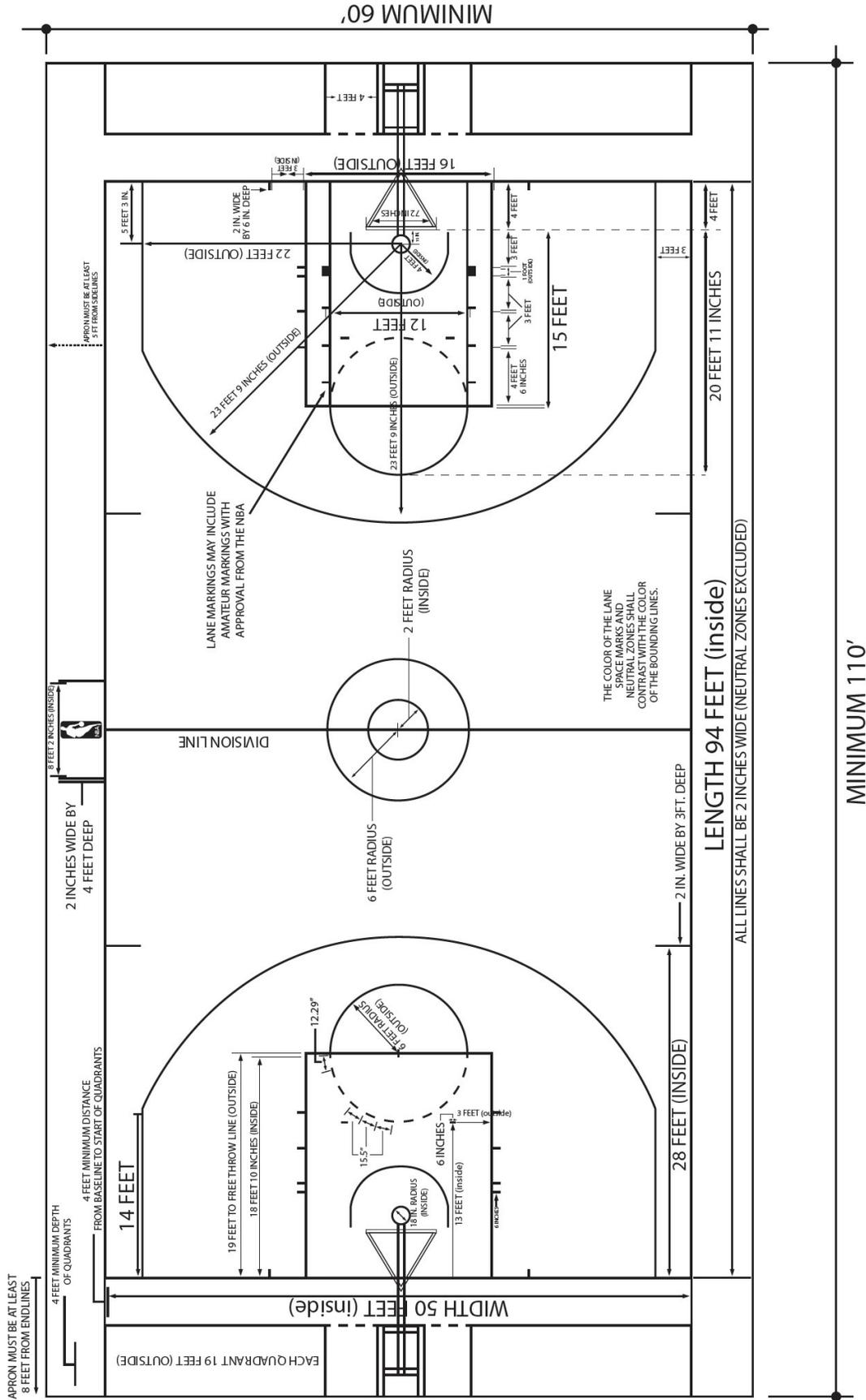
MOST REGULAR-SEASON GAMES

Scott Foster	1,867
Tony Brothers	1,804
Michael Smith	1,802
James Capers	1,634
Sean Corbin	1,630
Marc Davis	1,626
Leon Wood	1,536
Rodney Mott	1,526
Bill Kennedy	1,524
Courtney Kirkland	1,487

MOST NBA FINALS GAMES

Scott Foster	26
Marc Davis	23
Tony Brothers	19
James Capers	17
Zach Zarba	16
David Guthrie	13
John Goble	12
Ed Malloy	11
Josh Tiven	10
Bill Kennedy	8

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



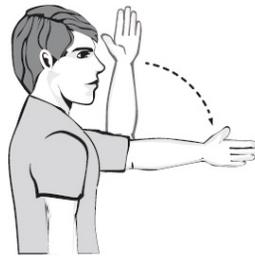
If goal is successful
raise the other arm

**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



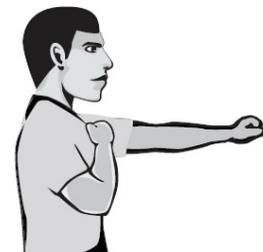
Hands on hips

**CANCEL SCORED
CANCEL PLAY**



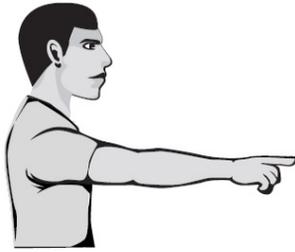
Shift arms across body

CHARGING



Clenched fist

DIRECTION OF PLAY



Point - Direction
call team color

DOUBLE FOUL



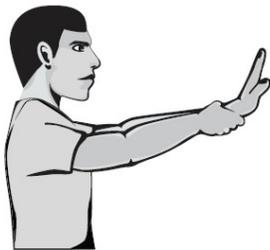
Cross clenched fist
above head

GOALTENDING



"Flag" from wrist

HAND CHECKING



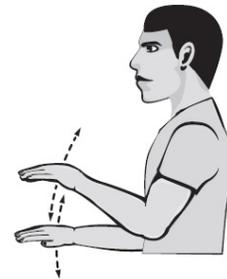
Arm straight out
opposite arm grabbing wrist.

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



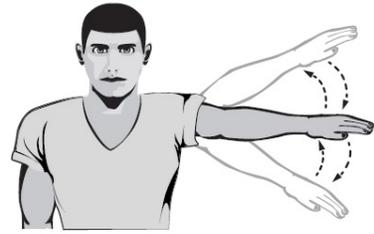
Thumbs up

LOOSE BALL FOUL



Extended arms
to shoulder level

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER
OUT-OF-BOUNDS**



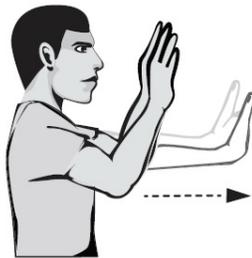
Arms outstretched to side
from shoulder to waist in
downward motion

PERSONAL FOUL



Clenched fist

PUSHING



Signal foul: imitate push

REPLAY



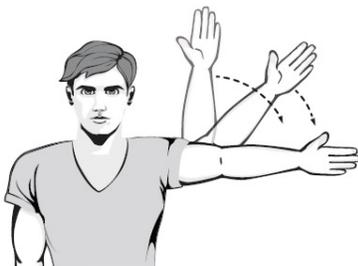
Twirl finger

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