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WNBA Referees Join Forces With the NBRA

August 1st, 2016 – Today, the WNBA Referees agreed to join the National Basketball Referees Association for purposes of representation in collective bargaining. In addition, the NBA has voluntarily agreed to recognize the NBRA as the WNBA Referees' collective representative. Prior to this alignment, the WNBA Referees were individually contracted and did not have the negotiating leverage afforded by a union such as the NBRA.

"By aligning with the NBRA, we expect to reach a comprehensive agreement with the league that will bring more consistency in the terms and conditions of employment and more stability in our careers," said Michael Price, a WNBA referee and early organizer of the representation movement.

"The NBRA has extensive experience representing basketball referees and in negotiating collective bargaining contracts with the league, and by joining us, the WNBA Referees will immediately benefit from that experience," said Marc Davis, an NBA referee and NBRA representative. "We will now commence the collective bargaining process with the league to put in place a fair and consistent contract for the WNBA Referees. This is a big step for the WNBA and their referees and we are proud to be a part of it."

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