



National Gay Basketball Association

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To the NGBA Community:

We understand that the past months have been a challenge to everyone in many different ways. Changes at home and in our social and personal lives have been greatly affected. Some things may eventually return to normal, but many aspects will become the “new normal.”

Within our basketball community, we are hit especially hard. Without being able to gather, there is no logistical way to host a basketball tournament. When postponing the World Pride Basketball Championships, we were hoping that things would be back to some sort of “normal” before the Chicago tournament.

After consulting with a team of city leaders, infectious disease experts, and NGBA leadership, we have concluded that there is absolutely no way to host the Chicago 30th Annual Coady Roundball Tournament in a safe and risk-free environment. ([Click here to learn more about the Coady Roundball History](#)). We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary by inducting members to the NGBA Hall of Fame.

With the health of our members, that of their families, and others at the top of our priorities; we cannot host a national event until things begin to return to normal. At this time, the Chicago and future tournaments are postponed. We as the NGBA staff will continue to monitor the COVID situation as we plan for future tournaments and sites.

While facing the future, and making strategic decisions for our organization, we are looking for your input. Whether you are a player, fan, or supporter-- we want your voice to be a part of our planning. We have partnered with a consulting firm that is conducting an anonymous survey, and presenting the gathered data to the NGBA for future planning. Please be honest in your feedback so that we can continue to build an organization that supports our players and members in the best ways.

---CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY---

You may share the survey link with others: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NGBA2020>

We miss each of you and the energy you bring to the league. We wish to see you soon, and hope you stay healthy and safe during this time.

Mark Chambers
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