**Dr. Robert Szyman Leadership Award**

Each year the Junior Division recognizes one of its members for their vision, leadership and service with respect to the NWBA, the sport of wheelchair basketball and the development of its athletes and coaches.

Dr. Robert Szyman began his partnership with wheelchair basketball in 1971 as the Assistant Head Coach of the University of Illinois Fighting Illini Wheelchair Basketball Team. Since that time, Bob has played a crucial role not only in the development of the sport both nationally and internationally, but in the success of the United Sates on an international level. Bob’s accomplishments include:

* Assistant Coach then Head Coach, University of Illinois Fighting Illini, 1971 –1978
* Head Coach, USA Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Toronto Paralympic Games,
* 1976
* Commissioner, NWBA Midwest Conference, 1976 – 1978
* Director of 2nd National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, 1977
* Head Coach, USA Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Pan American Games, Rio
* de Janeiro, Brazil, 1978
* Head Coach, USA women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Paralympic Games, Arnhem,
* The Netherlands (Bronze Medal), 1980
* Head Coach, Courage Rolling Gophers Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, 1985 –
* 1989 National Champions 1987, 1988, 1989
* Assistant Coach, USA Men’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Gold Cup, Bruge, Belgium
* (Silver Medal), 1990
* Assistant Coach, USA Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, Gold Cup, Sydney,
* Australia (Silver Medal), 1998
* Commissioner, NWBA Junior Division, 1982 – 2003
* Secretary General, IWBF, 1999-2003
* 2004 Inductee to the NWBA Hall of Fame
* Head Coach, RIC Express Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, 2003 – Present,
* 2005 National Champions

For all that Bob has accomplished throughout the years, it is the successful application of his vision and leadership through his service as the Commissioner of the Junior Division for 22 years that we honor with the annual presentation of the Dr. Robert Szyman Leadership Award.

Without the leadership of Bob Szyman, the Junior Division would not enjoy the growth and success that it does today. In an effort to recognize those who continue Bob’s work, those who help shape and grow the Junior Division, help develop the athletes and coaches that will take this organization and this sport well into the 21st century, the Dr. Robert Szyman Leadership Award will be presented to a nominee at the annual NJWBT.

In order to nominate a person for this award, simply fill out the Nomination Form and return it to the Junior Division Executive Committee Secretary, Adam Lindsay (alindsay@alphatransport.com) no later than **Saturday, February 8**.

The Junior Division Executive Committee will review the nomination forms and vote for the recipient of the award.

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Please review the preceding page as it summarizes the accomplishments of the award’s namesake as well as the qualities that the Executive Committee will evaluate in order to choose the recipient of the award. Please keep these qualities in mind as you answer the questions in support of your nominee. The more information that you provide, the more able the panel will be to accurately and fairly choose the most deserving recipient.

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| How do you know the nominee? |
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| How long has the nominee been involved with the NWBA Junior Division and the sport of wheelchair basketball? |
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| What impact has the nominee had on the program for which they are involved? The NWBA Junior Division? The sport as a whole? |
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| In reading over the accomplishments of the award’s namesake and the qualities that laid the foundation for that success, how does the nominee reflect those same qualities? |
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| Why do you think your nominee deserves to be the recipient of the award? |
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