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## **National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA) Teams Up with the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) to Offer Counseling Services**

**Chicago (February 10, 2017)** – The National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA) today announced a partnership with the [Association for Applied Sport Psychology](#) (AASP). The new partnership will provide NBRPA members, who are former professional basketball players in the NBA, ABA, WNBA, and Harlem Globetrotters, access to sport psychology consultants that can help them transition to life after basketball.

“AASP offers a host of tools and training techniques that are essential for our members to make a successful transition to retirement and begin the next stage of their lives,” said Arnie D. Fielkow, CEO, NBRPA. “AASP consultants will serve as a great resource and benefit for members that are learning to cope with their changing identities and emotional attachment to the game.”

To kick off the new partnership, AASP leaders will join the NBRPA’s 2017 NBA All-Star Weekend Celebration in New Orleans, Louisiana to provide information on AASP services, answer individual questions and begin the process of connecting members with AASP consultants in their area.

“We are thrilled to provide our skills and expertise to NBRPA members,” said Dr. Brent Walker, Past President, AASP. “Leveraging our national network of sport psychology consultants, AASP’s members are available to speak confidentially about personal issues ranging from difficulties with transitioning away from basketball, to starting a second career, to managing changing family roles.”

AASP currently has over 2,400 members in 50 countries worldwide, with backgrounds in a variety of areas including sport science, social work, counseling and clinical psychology. Many NBA teams currently work with an AASP sport psychology professional.

***About the National Basketball Retired Players Association***

*The National Basketball Retired Players Association (NBRPA) is comprised of former professional basketball players from the NBA, ABA, WNBA and Harlem Globetrotters. It is a 501(c) 3 organization with a mission to develop, implement and advocate a wide array of programs to benefit its members, supporters and the community. The NBRPA was founded in 1992 by basketball legends Dave DeBusschere, Dave Bing, Archie Clark, Dave Cowens and Oscar Robertson. The NBRPA works in direct partnerships with the NBA and the National Basketball Players Association. Arnie D. Fielkow is the President and CEO, and the NBRPA Board of Directors includes Chairman of the Board Thurl Bailey, Vice Chairman Dwight Davis, Treasurer Eldridge Recasner, Secretary Nancy Lieberman, Rick Barry, James Donaldson, Mike Glenn, Spencer Haywood, LaRue Martin Jr., David Naves, Johnny Newman and Casey Shaw.*

***About Association for Applied Sport Psychology ([www.appliedsportpsych.org](http://www.appliedsportpsych.org))***

*Founded in 1986, the Association for Applied Sport Psychology (AASP) has been the preferred organization for sport psychology consultants and professionals who work with athletes, coaches, non-sport performers (dancers, musicians), business professionals, and tactical occupations (military, firefighters, police). AASP currently has over 2,400 members in 50 countries worldwide, with backgrounds in a variety of areas including sport science, social work, counseling and clinical psychology. Follow AASP on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).*