

5 interesting facts about the NBA

I. The NBA logo

It includes the silhouette of a real NBA player. Jerry West played from 1960 to 1974 for the Los Angeles Lakers. He has been incorporated in the NBA logo since 1969, which means that he has been the “face” of the NBA for more than 50 years.

II. 17% of American 7 footers play in the NBA

According to Pablo Torre there is a 17% chance to make the NBA as an American men 7 feet (= 2.13 metres) or taller between the ages of 20 and 40.

III. Shortest and tallest player in the same team

The shortest player and the tallest player in NBA history played once for the same team. Muggsy Bogues with 5 feet 3 (= 1.60 metres) and Manute Bol with 7 feet 7 (= 2.31 metres) both played for the team Washington Bullets in the 1987/1988 season.

IV. Air Jordan's were once banned from the NBA

During that time the players were told to wear basketball shoes which matched their jerseys. The early Jordan's came in black and red combinations which led to a fine of \$5000 for each game that he played with these sneakers on. Jordan did not care because all the fine was paid by Nike on his behalf.

V. 60% of NBA players become broke after 5 years of retirement

According to a study by Sports Illustrated 60% of NBA players, who earn millions of dollars during their careers, go broke.