



# New England Anchors Basketball

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### Anthony Leonelli Announced as the First Head Coach of the New England Anchors

Worcester, Massachusetts - August 23, 2016 - The New England Anchors, a team entering its inaugural season in the American Basketball Association, have named Anthony Leonelli as the Anchor's head coach. He is the first in team history.

Leonelli was most recently the head coach of the Green Mountain Eagles, recruiting 19 players over two seasons and taking the team to 8 wins in his first year, double the team's previous year win total. The team won the NAC Regular Season in his second year with 21 wins and averaging 94 points per game.

Prior to Green Mountain, Leonelli was an assistant coach at Rhode Island College for two years, where the team appeared in both the 2013 and 2014 NCAA Tournaments and Leonelli was a major component of RIC's recruiting effort. He also spent a year as an assistant at WPI, where the team won the 2012 Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship, and was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Wentworth Institute of Technology for six seasons that included a 2007 NCAA Tournament appearance.

Leonelli will remain with 508 Athletics LLC, a Central Massachusetts company that he founded which provides recreational athletic opportunities to adult athletes as well as elite instruction and consulting to scholastic athletes in the region.

"In a field of outstanding candidates that span five continents, we are fortunate to have one of the brightest young coaches in the game leading our program," said Anchors team president, Tom Marino. "To be able to bring in a native New Englander with Anthony's mind, recruiting track record and basketball acumen to our program gives us a huge step forward."

Leonelli will lead his first workout as head coach at the team's next open-call tryout game at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, MA on August 27.

"Our ownership has prioritized that we develop a culture of winning" Leonelli added. "I couldn't be more excited to help bring high level professional basketball to this region,"

The Anchors open their team's first ever regular season game on October 29 on the road in Boston. Tickets will go on sale on the team's website on October 1.

Players interested in playing for the Anchors can visit [neanchors.com/tryout](http://neanchors.com/tryout) for information on the August 27 event, as well as an event in Trenton, NJ on September 3.

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