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CANADIAN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAMS SET TO DEFEND DUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

(Birmingham, UK) Canada's top wheelchair basketball stars are set to take on the rest of the world with the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships kicking off Wednesday. The Sr. Men's and Women's Teams are looking to successfully defend their dual World Champions titles at the tournament taking place July 7-17, 2010 in Birmingham, UK.

Both the Canadian Teams won gold at the previous tournament held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 2006. For the Canadian Women it was their fourth consecutive World Championships, meaning this year they are vying for an unprecedented fifth straight World Title.

The Canadian Women will play their first game against the hometown Great Britain July 8th at 11:45am (GMT), while the Canadian Men open up against Mexico at 2:00pm (GMT).

Opening ceremonies are taking place Wednesday July 7, 2010 at 2:00pm (GMT).

Canadian athletes and coaches will be available for scheduled interviews throughout the duration of the tournament.

To schedule an interview, or to request additional information, or images, please contact Emma Van Steen, Communications & Media Relations Assistant, at (613)-260-1296 ext. 200, or by email at evansteen@wheelchairbasketball.ca

Team Canada Men Schedule *(all times shown in GMT):*

- vs. Mexico – Thu. July 8, 2010 @ 2:00pm
- vs. Algeria – Fri. July 9, 2010 @ 4:15pm
- vs. France – Sat. July 10, 2010 @ 2:15pm
- vs. Turkey – Sun. July 11, 2010 @ 11:45am

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vs. Australia – Mon. July 12, 2010 @ 6:45pm

Team Canada Women Schedule: *(all times shown in GMT):*

vs. Great Britain – Thu. July 8, 2010 @ 11:45am

vs. Netherlands – Fri. July 9, 2010 @ 2:00pm

vs. Mexico – Sun. July 11, 2010 @ 6:45pm

vs. Australia – Mon. July 12 @ 12:15pm

- *Quarterfinals will take place on Wednesday July 14, 2010*
- *Semifinals will take place on Thursday July 15, 2010*
- *Medal games & closing ceremonies will take place on Saturday July 17, 2010*

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is at the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships and will be providing frequent social media updates, video blogs, and photo galleries, in addition to daily recaps.

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About Wheelchair Basketball Canada

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is the national sports governing body responsible for the organization of wheelchair basketball in Canada. It is a non-profit, charitable organization that is the Canadian member to the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF).

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