

2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships for Men and Women

Event Overview

May 17 - 20, 2012

Richmond Olympic Oval, Richmond BC

The sport...

Wheelchair Basketball has been played in Canada for over 60 years. The sport is played from a recreational and community level, to a highly competitive international level. Rules for wheelchair basketball vary little from standard basketball rules. In Canada, FIBA (international) rules are used with minor changes to reflect the use of a wheelchair. These changes do not change the way the game is played, but instead are used to interpret the rules affected by the use of a wheelchair. Wheelchair basketball is played by people with a variety of physical disabilities along side their able-bodied peers with the use of a classification system. Wheelchair basketball is an integrated activity for all who wish to participate.



The tournament...

2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships & Women's CWBL Finals
May 17-20th, 2012 @ the Richmond Oval, Richmond, BC

The annual National Wheelchair Basketball Championships plays host to Canada's best wheelchair basketball players over three days of exciting action. Many of these athletes have their sights set on making it to the 2012 Paralympic Games in London with Team Canada.

The people...

Over 140 athletes from across Canada will compete over the 3-day tournament. Each team is comprised of up to 12 players, plus coaches and a manager. An event of this type is supported by approximately 100 event officials, volunteers, and supporters. As well, we anticipate numerous spectators over the course of the tournament. A Volunteer Event Organizing Committee has been created to support the hosting of this event. This committee has a wide cross section of individuals who will bring valuable experience to the event and will undoubtedly contribute to the overall success of the tournament.

The venue...The Richmond Olympic Oval

The world class Richmond Olympic Oval is the venue for these Championships. Created for the 2010 Olympic Games, this facility has been used by BCWBS programs and events including the America's Cup World Championships Qualifier in 2009 as well as by BCWSA in hosting the 2009 Rugby National Championships and 2010 World Championships. This venue will provide access to 2-full size courts for competition, storage areas for competition chairs, hospitality rooms, concessions, ample underground parking, p/a systems, team locker rooms and more to ensure a successful event presentation.



Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour...

Rick Hansen, one of the founding directors of the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society and past participants, is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour which culminates in the Lower Mainland of BC May 19-22nd, 2012. As Rick visits each city from his original tour on the exact same tour dates of 25 years ago he is scheduled to celebrate his tour stop in Richmond May 20th, the proposed date of our final championship game day at the Richmond Olympic Oval. BCWBS would like to commemorate Rick's original tour as a unique gesture to show our appreciation of his support of wheelchair basketball over the years.

Who We Are...

The **BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS)** is a non-profit organization and registered charity which promotes the sport and provides support to wheelchair basketball programs throughout British Columbia. For over twenty-five years, BCWBS has delivered exceptional integrated and inclusive programs and experiences to people with and without physical disabilities of all age groups. BCWBS promotes opportunities for participation, recreation, competition, and excellence in the sport of wheelchair basketball in British Columbia. Prestigious alumni include Eugene Reimer, Terry Fox, Rick Hansen and Marni Abbott-Peter. BCWBS is seen as a leader in sport development and is a model wheelchair basketball sport organization in North America.



Learn more about BCWBS and how to get involved at: www.bcwbs.ca; email info@bcwbs.ca; or call us at 604-333-3530

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2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships **Partnership Opportunities**

BC Wheelchair Basketball welcomes your support of the **2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships**. The event has four qualifying levels of sponsorship for all individuals and organizations offering support to the event. Cash is considered at 1.5 times its value.

GOLD

\$7,500 + cash sponsorship and/or in-kind donation

Gold Benefits:

- Product category exclusivity
- Prominent display of three (3) company banners at event venue (banners to be supplied by company)
- Primary logo recognition on tournament signage at event venue
- Two (2) invitations to the Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner on May 20th, 2012
- Opportunity for participation and public recognition during opening ceremonies, banquet, awards ceremonies and closing ceremonies, medal presentations
- Verbal recognition throughout event, at awards banquet and awards ceremonies
- Primary logo recognition on all promotional materials for the event including:
 - tournament program, poster, and registration package
 - media promotion/press releases
 - BCWBS newsletter, website, and annual report
- On-site display space to promote your company's product or services
- Opportunity for product placement or company information in participant registration package

SILVER

\$3,750 - \$7,499 cash sponsorship and/or in-kind donation

Silver Benefits:

- Product category exclusivity
- Prominent display of two (2) company banners at event venue (banners to be supplied by company)
- Scaled logo recognition on tournament signage at event venue
- One (1) invitation to the Hall of Fame and Awards Dinner May 20th, 2012
- Opportunity for public recognition during closing ceremonies and medal presentations
- Verbal recognition throughout event, at awards banquet and awards ceremonies
- Scaled logo recognition on all promotional materials for the event including:
 - tournament program, poster, and registration package
 - media promotion/press releases
 - BCWBS newsletter, website, and annual report
- On-site display space to promote your company's product or services
- Opportunity for product placement or company information in participant registration package

BRONZE

\$1,500 - \$3,749 cash sponsorship and/or in-kind donation

Bronze Benefits:

- On-site display of one (1) company banner at event venue (banner to be supplied by company)
- Scaled logo recognition on tournament signage at event venue
- Scaled logo recognition on all promotional materials for the event including:
 - tournament program, poster, and registration package
 - media promotion/press releases
 - BCWBS newsletter (500 circulation), website, and annual report
- Verbal recognition throughout event, at awards banquet and awards ceremonies
- Opportunity for product placement or company information in participant registration package

SUPPORTER

Less than \$1,499 cash and/or in-kind donation

BC Wheelchair Basketball welcomes financial or product donations in support of the 2012 Nationals Championships. Product donations for participant welcome packages, tournament awards, draw prizes, hospitality room, and others are greatly appreciated.

Supporter Benefits:

- Name recognition in event program
- Name recognition on event signage
- Name recognition in BCWBS newsletter, website and annual report
- Opportunity for product placement or company information in participant registration package

Sponsorship Packages can be tailored to incorporate your company's ideas with the needs of the Nationals Championship event. Consider one of the following options for a sponsorship package:

- ❖ Title Sponsorship
- ❖ Welcome Breakfast
- ❖ Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet
 - ❖ Championship Game Day
- ❖ Registration Night Hospitality Suite
 - ❖ Tournament Program

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Event History

The National Wheelchair Basketball Championships have a history dating back to 1968. On an annual basis the provinces select a team to represent them at this prestigious event, where they compete for the Robert W. Jackson Trophy in honour of the first president of Wheelchair Basketball Canada's (WBC) partner organization, the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association. The women's conference was organized in 1989-90 and has grown with teams across the country since its inception. The women's finals are played in conjunction with the WBC National Championship and teams compete for the Dr. Don Royer Trophy in honour of a Hall of Famer who has made a significant contribution to the development of the game.

Record of the National Championships and Women's CWBL Finals Champions

National Championships

YEAR	LOCATION	WINNER
1968	Edmonton, AB	BC
1969	Hamilton, ON	BC
1970	Games not held due to financial reasons	
1971	Montréal, QC	BC
1972	Calgary, AB	Nova Scotia
1973	Vancouver, BC	BC
1974	Winnipeg, MB	BC
1975	Montréal, QC	BC
1976	Cambridge, ON	BC
1977	Edmonton, AB	Ontario
1978	St.John's, NF	BC
1979	Toronto, ON	BC
1980	Winnipeg, MB	BC
1981	Fredericton, NB	BC
1982	Vancouver, BC	BC
1983	Montréal, QC	BC
1984	Saskatoon, SK	Alberta
1985	Winnipeg, MB	Alberta
1986	Edmonton, AB	Alberta
1987	Halifax, NS	Alberta
1988	Winnipeg, MB	Alberta
1989	Montréal, QC	Alberta
1990	Vancouver, BC	Alberta
1991	Vancouver, BC	Ontario
1992	Ottawa, ON	Ontario
1993	Edmonton, AB	Alberta
1994	Saint John, NB	Ontario
1995	Saskatoon, SK	Ontario
1996	Montréal, QC	Ontario
1997	Vancouver, BC	BC
1998	Winnipeg, MB	Ontario
1999	Calgary, AB	Ontario
2000	Edmonton, AB	BC
2001	Toronto, ON	BC
2002	Montreal, QC	Ontario
2003	Toronto, ON	Ontario
2004	Coquitlam, BC	Ontario
2005	Edmonton, AB	Ontario
2006	Kitchener, ON	Ontario
2007	Winnipeg, MB	BC

National Championships

YEAR	LOCATION	WINNER
2008	Vancouver, BC	BC
2009	Montreal, QB	BC
2010	Saskatoon, SK	BC
2011	Longueuil, QB	BC

Women's CWBL Finals

YEAR	LOCATION	WINNER
1990	Vancouver, BC	Red Deer Rebels
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1992	Ottawa, ON	Calgary RM Rollers
1993	Edmonton, AB	Aurora Lights
1994	Saint John, NB	Aurora Lights
1995	Saskatoon, SK	Calgary RM Rollers
1996	Montréal, QC	Aurora Lights
1997	Vancouver, BC	Calgary RM Rollers
1998	Winnipeg, MB	Ottawa Jazz
1999	Calgary, AB	Calgary RM Rollers
2000	Edmonton, AB	Calgary RM Rollers
2001	Toronto, ON	Ottawa Jazz
2002	Montreal, QC	Calgary RM Rollers
2003	Toronto, ON	Calgary RM Rollers
2004	Coquitlam, BC	Edmonton Inferno
2005	Edmonton, AB	Edmonton Inferno
2006	Kitchener, ON	Edmonton Inferno
2007	Winnipeg, MB	Edmonton Inferno
2008	Montreal, QB	Edmonton Inferno
2009	Montreal, QB	Edmonton Inferno
2010	Saskatoon, SK	BC
2011	Longueuil, QB	Quebec



2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships **BCWBS Hosting Goals and** **Key Areas of Emphasis**

The **BC Wheelchair Basketball Society** (BCWBS) is thrilled to be hosting the 2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships May 17th – 20th, 2012 at the Richmond Olympic Oval in Richmond, BC. BCWBS is committed to providing a first class event to wheelchair basketball participants from across Canada.

EVENT HOSTING GOALS

The BC Wheelchair Basketball Society's goals for hosting the 2012 Canadian National Wheelchair Basketball Championship are as follows:

- To highlight and celebrate the 25th anniversary of Rick Hansen World Tour within the wheelchair basketball community across BC and Canada.
- To enhance the development of BCWBS high performance athletes, coaches, officials, classifiers, volunteers and administrators.
- To have the event serve as an awareness vehicle for the recruitment of new athletes and volunteers; and raise the profile and general public awareness of wheelchair basketball.
- To develop successful partnerships with community groups and organizations which contribute to the overall success of the event and future hosting opportunities.
- To present a professional and well organized national championship event worthy of the top of wheelchair basketball athletes in Canada.
- To operate the event in a self-sufficient and financially responsible manner.



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

An event organizing committee will be created to support the hosting of this event. Building on the success of the strong organizing committee created for the recent CWBL Open Finals, America's Cup Qualifier and National Championships hosted by BCWBS, the organizing committee will be constructed of a wide range of individuals who bring valuable skills and experience to the event in order to ensure another successful event. The BCWBS Managing Director will oversee this committee. Proposed organizing committee areas include Sport Technical, Volunteers, Protocol, Promotions, Finance/Fundraising and Team Services. A representative from the BCWBS Board of Directors will also sit on this committee.

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Athlete Profiles

Jessica Vliegenthart



Jessica Vliegenthart, a native of Kamloops BC, began playing wheelchair basketball in 2006 and is currently a member of the Canadian Women's National Team. Jessica used to train horses and was a forest fire fighter. In August 2004, while patrolling a forest in the Northwest Territories, she was thrown from a crew truck when it flipped over and broke her back. As Jessica played basketball prior to her injury she quickly took to the game of wheelchair basketball and has progressed through the BC athlete development system from local to provincial, national and international level competition. She has just completed her studies as a law student at the University of Victoria and has her sights set on the 2012 Paralympic Games in London with Team Canada.

Erik Hagreen



Erik Hagreen got introduced to the sport in 1995 in Prince George BC when he was 19. A former high school player, he has heard the local team was short of players and decided to give competing in a chair a shot. When Erik moved to Vancouver three years later, he began playing regularly with the likes of Jaimie Borisoff and Richard Peter, and other provincial and national team athletes. Erik has been a long-time starter on the B.C. team that plays domestically. His success has not gone unnoticed as Erik was awarded several All-stars in BC CWBL Division 1 and also at the Nationals as well. Erik Hagreen won the B.C. Wheelchair Basketball Society's male athlete of the year in 2005, the only male able-bodied player to have been so honoured.

Richard Peter



Richard Peter is Coast Salish, a member of the Cowichan First Nation on Vancouver Island, currently resides in Vancouver when not playing basketball in the Italian Wheelchair Basketball League. Injured at the age of four, he has not let his injury interfere with his independence and love for sports and recreation. An all around athlete, Richard has excelled in wheelchair basketball, but has also competed in racquetball, tennis, athletics, and ball hockey.

Highlights from Richard's involvement on the Canadian Men's National Wheelchair Basketball Team include a gold medal at the 2000 & 2004 Paralympic Games, a silver medal at the 2008 Paralympics and a gold medal at the 2006 Gold Cup World Championships.