



Athlete Rep Report for WBC AGM September 2015

The following updates were provided by the team reps of both the Men's and Women's Senior teams. Currently we do not have separate athlete reps in the Junior Men's and Women's teams or the Academy program, however there are some athletes who cross over into these programs that continue to provide ongoing feedback throughout the year to the Board of Directors.

Men's Senior Team

The major success for the Men's team this year was qualifying for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio at the Parapan American Games in Toronto in August 2015. This was a very important goal that they had set out to achieve that came with challenges along the way, including losing their head coach half way through the year, which they overcame as a team and pulled together to accomplish their goal. The Men have come a long way over the last year and have improved as a team and as a whole program, including the U23 athletes and prospect athletes being involved in various camps throughout the season. The Men are excited for the year ahead of them including all of the training and competitions they will be involved in.

Women's Senior Team

The Women's team also accomplished their main goal this year of qualifying for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. Their success was due to the amount of time they spent with teammates throughout the year, learning how each other plays and how they can all fit into the new style of play. The Senior team had some challenges this year with some of their camps and competitions not being attended by the entire team due to U25 commitments or injuries; however the women took advantage of every situation that they received to learn with each other in smaller groups. The U25 World Championship competition in Beijing, China did provide extra training and competition time for those athletes involved in both programs and the Senior team reaped the benefits in the long run. The women are looking forward to being together as much as possible throughout the next year on their road to Rio, and improving every step of the way.

Both the Men's and Women's teams are thankful for all the national support that they received throughout the season and especially during the Parapan American Games. The support from the local teams, provincial organization and support from family and friends did not go unnoticed and contributed to the success of both teams this year.

Respectfully submitted by,

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