



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada**  
**Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Women's National Championship**  
**Technical Package 2017-2018**

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**1. PARTICIPANTS**

- 1.1** A team must have a minimum of 7 players and 1 staff in attendance to be eligible to play games at CWBL Women's Finals
- 1.2** All teams/clubs must be registered in the CWBL through the Wheelchair Basketball Canada.
- 1.3** Teams may have as many players on their roster as they wish, but only 12 players may be on the score sheet for each game at Finals.
- 1.4** The Domestic Committee under guidance from the Women's Commissioner will rule on eligibility as requested.

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**2. CLASSIFICATION**

- 2.1** Wheelchair Basketball Canada classification system (1.0) through (4.5).
- 2.2** Able-bodied athletes classified as (4.5).
- 2.3** Total number of points on the court not to exceed (17), except:
- 2.3.1** If a team plays a player who is eligible under the New Player Rule (3.5), the team will be entitled to add one (1) additional point to the total for each eligible player that is on court.
- 2.3.2** If a team plays a player who is eligible under the New Player Rule in their second year, the team will be entitled to add a half (0.5) additional point to the total for each eligible player that is on court.

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**3. ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1** A player's name may only appear on the roster of one CWBL Women's team during the season.
- 3.1.1.** If the player is attending the Academy, that player must be released by the club in the city of their permanent residence before being able to play for the Academy at the CWBL Women's National Championship. The same goes for the opposite situation in which a player is attending the Academy and wishes to play for the

club in the city of their permanent residence. That player must be released by the Academy in order to play for the club in the city of their permanent residence at the CWBL Women's National Championship. These players are able to appear on the Academy roster as well as the roster of their club playing out of their permanent residence as the Academy uses the CWBL league for training purposes.

**3.2.** A player must play for the team that is geographically closest to their permanent residence. The permanent residence of the player will be determined by the address on their most recent photo identification card (ex. passport, health card, drivers license, ect...).

**3.2.1.** If there is no women's team situated in the city of the player's permanent residence, then the nearest city that has an active women's club will become the club that is eligible to have that player on their roster. A player who desires placement on a team, must notify the Wheelchair Basketball Canada office no later than 60 days prior to the competition. The club to which the player is assigned, has the option of keeping the player or releasing them. If the player does not wish to play for that team, they have the option of writing the Domestic Committee stating the reasons why and the Domestic Committee will rule on the decision. Players who are assigned to a club must adhere to rule 3.4. If they are unable to do so, the player must include this in their letter to the Domestic Committee. This process, if necessary, must happen on an annual basis.

**3.2.1.1.** Should the club release the player, or the Domestic Committee rules in favour of the player's request to not play for that team, the Domestic Committee will assign the player to a team participating in the CWBL Women's National Championship. This assignment will take into account several factors including, but not limited to, need for players, classification gaps, geographic proximity, and strength of team. This process, if necessary, must happen on an annual basis.

**3.2.1.2.** Once assigned to a team through the steps stated in 3.2.1 and 3.2.1.1, the club to which the player is assigned has the option of keeping the player or releasing them. If the player does not wish to play for that team, they have the option of writing the Domestic Committee stating the reasons why and the Domestic Committee will rule on the decision. This process, if necessary, must happen on an annual basis.

**3.3.** Teams must submit their final rosters to the Wheelchair Basketball Canada office no later than **February 6, 2018.**

**3.4** Teams must play a minimum of 4 games during the season to be eligible to compete at Women's CWBL National Championships. None of those 4 games must necessarily be played against other women's teams.

### **3.5 New Player Rule:**

**3.5.1** All players are eligible under this rule unless they are considered an Impact Player. An Impact Player is defined as a player that is carded by the Athlete Assistance Program.

**3.5.2** A New Player is defined as:

**3.5.2.1.** 1<sup>st</sup> year: A player that is playing for the first time on a Women's CWBL league team and did not play in any other National Wheelchair Basketball tournament (Nationals or CWBL Finals).

**3.5.2.2.** 2<sup>nd</sup> year: A player that is playing in their second season on a Women's CWBL team per 3.5.3.

**3.5.3** For the purpose of this rule:

**3.5.3.1** If a player's name has appeared on a sanctioned score sheet at any time during a year, this will be considered as their first year. This includes Open Division, Women's Division, Junior, Canada Games and provincial teams at Nationals.

**3.5.3.2** A player that has played in any league previously and returned is not eligible to register under this rule.

**3.5.4** A team wishing to register a player under this rule must do so in writing to the Domestic Committee 30 days before Women's CWBL National Championships. The Committee under leadership of the Women's Commissioner will have final authority to approve a player under this rule.

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## **4. COMPETITION**

**4.1** Unless otherwise stated, IWBF rules will be followed.

**4.2** The pools will be based on rankings from the previous year, and the geographical make-up of the teams. Teams will be placed in pairs and drawn for pool assignment.

**4.3** Teams will be required to submit an official letter of intent to participate and a performance bond (\$350) to Wheelchair Basketball Canada by **January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.

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## **5. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM**

**5.1** All teams must have "white" and "dark" uniforms.

**5.2** The first named on the schedule is the home team and must wear "white".

*Additional note: uniforms include undershirts and shorts / pants. Both of which must be of the same dominant colour of the playing shirt.*

**5.3** Teams will surrender their team's performance bond if they are unable to meet the requirements of the competitive uniform.

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## **6. DOPING CONTROL**

The Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (CCES) may perform random doping control test at the Women's CWBL National Championships. The CCES is authorized to administer the collection of urine samples in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program, as adopted by Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

More information about the Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport can be found at <http://www.cces.ca/>

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## **7. EQUIPMENT**

**7.1** Game Ball: The tournament will be played with Molten - Size 6 balls.

**7.2** Athlete chairs are not allowed to have any other logo on their chair except for chair manufacturer logo, team crest or athlete sponsored logos. All other logos must be

removed or blacked out for Women's CWBL National Championships competition. Athletes will not be allowed to enter the competition floor until the logos are either covered or removed.