

**Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) – Women
National Team Selection Process
2018 IWBF World Championship**

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process for athletes to be selected to the National Team to represent Canada at the 2018 IWBF Championships in Hamburg, Germany.

The goal of the Women's program is to assemble the best possible team to perform at the 2018 World Championships. No more than 12 players will be selected to the National Team that will represent Canada at the IWBF 2018 World Championships.

2. Timing

The athletes selected to the National Team will be made known to the national team pool athletes no later than June 30th, 2018 (to be known as the Selection date). The National Team athletes will be formally announced to the public on/or after July 15th, 2018, after the appeal period (14 days) has passed.

3. Decision making process

The final recommendation for selection to the National Team is made by the Senior Women's Head Coach, in consultation with the High Performance Director, the National Academy Director, the U25 Head Coach and the program Assistant Coaches.

The information used to determine the selections will be an ongoing process from the time of the identification of the national team pool athletes up to the Selection date for the 2018 IWBF World Championship. Identified national team pool athletes will be measured against the selection criteria training at National team training camps, elite competitions, National team training block, elite competitions and at the National Training Centre.

NB: Being nominated for a Senior card does not ensure that an athlete will be selected to the National Team to represent Canada at any major competition (Paralympics, World Championship, Qualification Tournament). The criteria used for carding nominations and National Team selection are identical, but their timing is different, which allows for the possibility of certain athletes to surpass others in the months between the conclusion of Carding Camp (which determines carding nominations) and the Selection date (which determines the 12 athletes who will be named to the National Team).

4. Appeals

An athlete who wishes to appeal the decision of the Head Coach regarding their position as a member of the National Team that will represent Canada at the 2018 IWBF World Championship, has the right to do so, by following the WBC Appeals Policy (available at www.wheelchairbasketball.ca or through the National Office). They will have 14 days from the time of the Selection date to file an appeal.

5. Eligibility

Athletes must be Canadian citizens, or otherwise eligible to compete for Canada according to IWBF regulations and be members in good standing with Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

Athletes must have a medically-documented physical disability or be considered minimally-disabled by the IWBF to be considered for selection to the National Team.

The Head Coach has the final authority on deciding whether an athlete should be included in the national team pool in a given year.

Considerations include:

- Commitment to attend the National Team Training Block.
- The ability of the athlete to travel independently to National Team camps/competitions.
- The athlete's future National Team potential, in comparison to the other athletes in the program.
- The classification of the athlete, in comparison to the other athletes in the program.
- The likelihood of the athlete being able to maintain a high enough level of training during the year, as determined by the Head Coach.

6. Criteria for Selection

The primary criteria for selecting athletes to the National Team is to select the best team possible, ensuring the classification needs based on the primary line-up combinations, special line-up combinations, and substitution for players in the primary line-ups are met.

The measurement criteria can be broken down into 7 operational components:

6.1 Technical operational component. Athletes are measured using both contribution data and accuracy/intensity data that assess the core skills of wheelchair basketball (shooting, passing, ball-handling, rebounding, etc.). The data is measured using box score information and the Individual Technical Quality Measure Test (ITQMT) which rates the quality of skills execution.

6.2 Tactical operational component. Athletes are measured by assessing basketball intelligence and their understanding of decision making in WBC's style of play. The tactical operational component will be coach graded.

6.3 Physical operational component. Athletes are measured by assessing their speed, agility and fitness for WBC's style of play. Speed, agility and style of play fitness are measured using the 20m sprint test, u-turn test, obstacle push test, and data collected from lactate tests, heart rate data.

6.4 Mental operational component. Athletes are assessed by measuring the mental skills needed specific to WBC's style of play. Examples of the skills measured include, but are not limited to, goal setting and arousal control. As an example, mental skills are measured using survey data from a mental skills inventory. The mental operational is graded by the coach and mental performance consultant.

6.5 Health operational component. Athletes are assessed by measuring their durability using an index that tracks the number and type of workouts they do. The durability index is calculated on the number of possible workouts an athlete has outlined in their YTP and how many they are able to complete.

6.6 Nutrition operational component. Athletes are assessed by measuring their nutritional knowledge and improvements in their nutritional health. Nutritional operational component will be coach graded.

6.7 Equipment operational component. Athletes are assessed by measuring how their installation is maximized to optimize pushing power, injury prevention and skill execution. This is calculated based on power outputs measured using an ergometer and skill execution in field tests like partner pylon passing, obstacle dribble and one-minute shooting.

6.8 Additional criteria for consideration:

- 6.8.1 Factors related to team cohesion and team dynamics
- 6.8.2 Experience in international competition
- 6.8.3 Commitment to the program and to training as demonstrated through attendance at training and competition throughout the year and submission of training reports to the coaching staff
- 6.8.4 Ability to fit the overall team style of play (speed, full-court press, back-picking, high tempo defense, fast breaking)
- 6.8.5 Evaluation during the year in competitive events at an elite level.
- 6.8.6 The future potential of an athlete to compete in the next Paralympic Games will be considered.

7. WBC athlete program standards

7.1 National Team athletes' post-selection criteria

Athletes selected to the National Team may be removed from the roster for the 2018 IWBF World Championship, up until the final IWBF deadlines, under the following scenarios:

- Failure to meet training or competition commitments, as determined by the Head Coach;
- Injury or illness that will prevent them from training properly in advance of, and/or competing at a high enough level at the World Championship (as determined by the program medical staff in consultation with the Head Coach);
- Violation of the Athlete/National Sport Organization (NSO) Agreement;
- Gross breach of discipline, as per the WBC Code of Conduct;
- Investigation for cause; and
- Violations of anti-doping rules.

It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to determine the athletes that are to be named as alternates, should it be necessary to replace an athlete named to the National Team. All national team pool athletes may be considered by the Head Coach as alternates.