



OWSA Report to WBC AGM – September 2015

This past season, Ontario had 12 clubs/teams competing in the Great Lakes Conference (open division basketball) and/or the D-League (Development league).

Jr – Ontario took part in the Canada Games tournament in Prince George, B.C. This event is the top junior event for Canada. This year's games were the toughest yet. Any of the teams at the tournament could have come away with the gold making every game a very hard fought match. We had a strong showing in the games but came up short with a 5th place finish. We have a lot of work ahead of us in the upcoming quad, and are looking forward to getting back on the podium at Canada Games.

Sr. Women's – The growth and development of the women's team is seen every year in Ontario with the women continuing to progress. We have a series of training camps and development opportunities for our women to continue their growth. We have a dedicated group of women in the province and we would like to see them compete at woman's nationals in the upcoming year.

Ontario at World Championships – We are proud of our Ontario athletes and had another strong year of International representation with the Sr. Women's Gold medal winning team. Ontario had 3 staff members and 4 athletes representing Ontario.

In the upcoming year we look forward to welcoming a new provincial league coordinator and a new league structure. We know that this is something needed for our province to continue to grow and will be looking forward to the positive impact this will have on all Ontario wheelchair basketball athletes. Thank you to Wheelchair Basketball Canada for the Special Project Funding that allowed us to lay the groundwork for the restructuring. Mike Frogley has also provided us with many hours of consultations and we are grateful for his advice and his willingness to share his knowledge. I would also like to thank Laura Wilson (OWSA's new ED) for her hard work in making the restructuring possible and how in her first year she committed to making Wheelchair Basketball stronger in our province and I look forward to what the future holds.

Thanks to all of our athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers that make Wheelchair Basketball in Ontario a success. We are stronger because we do it together.

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