Wheelchair Basketball Canada  
Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League  
Technical Package 2019-2020

These Regulations govern the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships and Women’s Nationals organized by Wheelchair Basketball Canada for the season of 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020. These Regulations are the only Regulations specified and no other publication is applicable apart from the official IWBF Rules and Interpretations.

In writing these Regulations, we have tried to ensure that the result of any wheelchair basketball match is decided on the court and within the spirit of the game.

1. REGISTRATION

1.1. Teams wishing to compete at a CWBL National Championship must submit an official letter of intent to participate and a performance bond ($350) to Wheelchair Basketball Canada by January 31st, 2020.

1.2. Teams and players must submit their requests for Player Transfer (4.1.3) by February 28, 2020.

1.3. Teams must submit their requests for New Player Eligibility (4.3) for the CWBL Women’s National Championships by February 28, 2020.

1.4. Teams must submit their registration package along with their team roster to Wheelchair Basketball Canada AND the Host Organizing Committee by March 6, 2020.

1.5. All coaches and team staff must meet the conditions outlined in section 4.4 March 6, 2020

1.6. Teams that fail to meet the deadlines outlined in 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and/or 1.5 risk forfeiting their performance bond or tournament entry.

1.7. The Domestic Committee has final authority over these rules and will make rulings for clarification based on the spirit of the competition.

2. TEAMS

2.1. It is up to each province to determine the process by which team(s) will be selected for a Division 1 CWBL event.

2.2. A team must have a minimum of 7 players and 1 staff in attendance to be eligible to play games at CWBL National Championships.

2.3. 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 CWBL Nationals.

3. CLASSIFICATION

3.1. Wheelchair Basketball Canada classification system (1.0) through (4.5).

3.2. Able-bodied athletes classified as (4.5).
3.3 CWBL Women’s National Championships Regulations

3.3.1 Total number of points allowed on the court:

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3.3.2 If a team plays a player who is eligible under the New Player Rule (4.3), the team will be entitled to add 1 or 0.5 additional point(s) to the total number of classification team points on the court for each eligible player that is on court.

3.3.3 The number of classification team points allowed on the court is capped as outlined in 3.3. This cap indicates the maximum number of added points allowable for the 5 players on court at any time including concessions for new players and second year players.

3.3.3.1 Please note that the new player rule will be phased out for Division 1 play in the 2023-24 season.

3.3.4 In the event that a Maritime/Atlantic Canada team is entered for 2019-2020, the team will be allowed to play with 19 points with no cap for the purpose of development. (This point total will be reviewed on an annual basis)

3.4 CWBL Open National Championships Regulations

3.4.1 Total number of points on the court not to exceed 15 except:

3.4.1.1 If a team plays a female player the team will be entitled to add one (1) additional point to the total for each female player that is on court.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Players:

4.1.1 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, driver’s license, etc…).

4.1.2 In a competition with two divisions, a player may play for more than one team as long as the teams are playing in different divisions and both coaches feel that the player’s development would benefit from additional court time.

4.1.3 Players may request to play for another team if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- The player wishes to play for multiple teams (only if there are two divisions)
- The player’s province or club is not participating in CWBL Women’s
- The player’s province or club is participating in a division that is above or below the players abilities
- The player does not make the 12 person roster for CWBL team
4.1.4 If one or more of the criteria above are met, the player can submit a request to the Domestic Committee to be assigned to another team. The player can indicate their preference for assignment, however the player assignment process will be based on the following criteria:

- The player’s current level of development
  - Experience (National Team, Development Team, NWBA/International experience, number of CWBL events attended)
  - Classification of player
  - New player status
- The team need of the teams in the requested division
  - Rosters of teams
  - Classification need of teams
  - New player status
- Player and team preference
  - Player request
  - Team request
- Additional Considerations
  - Would the player’s addition allow an Open Division team to play in Division 1

4.1.5 This process will incorporate the team head coaches in order to find a developmentally appropriate and suitable fit for the player.

4.1.6 All player transfers (4.1) are valid for one year. The transfer process must happen on an annual basis unless otherwise stated by the Domestic Committee.

4.1.7 A team wishing to register a player transfer under this rule must do so in writing to the Domestic Committee by the Registration Deadline (1.2).

4.1.8 The Domestic Committee under guidance from the Men’s and Women’s Commissioners will rule on eligibility as requested.

4.2 Impact Player Rule

4.2.1 These rules only apply to the Open Division if there are two divisions at a CWBL event. Otherwise, these rules apply to all teams.

4.2.2 A team may not register more than 6 impact players.

4.2.3 An impact player is defined as:

4.2.3.1 Any national team program player (past or present) who has been involved in the men’s/women’s National Team Program; or, any able-bodied athlete, male or female, who has appeared on a CWBL or CWBL Women’s roster in five (5) years or more.

4.2.3.2 A National Team Program Player is understood to be one that has been on the National Team 12 player roster (having been Senior carded for more than one year) or one that has played an IWBF sanctioned event (Paralympic Games, Para Pan American Games or World Championships).

4.2.4 No more than 3 current National Team players will be allowed on the team roster.
4.2.5 Teams must identify their 6 impact players on the roster sheet that is submitted with their registration to Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

4.3 New Player Rule (CWBL Women's Championship Only):

4.3.1 All players are eligible under this rule unless they are considered an Impact Player.

4.3.2 A New Player is defined as:

4.3.2.1 1st year: A player that is playing for the first time on a Women’s CWBL league team and did not play in any other WBC sanctioned event per 4.4.3.

4.3.2.2 2nd year: A player that is playing in their second season on a Women’s CWBL team per 4.2.3.

4.3.3 For the purpose of this rule:

4.3.3.1 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 CWBL Open Championships, Women’s CWBL National Championships, Junior Regionals, Junior Nationals and Canada Games.

4.3.3.2 A player that has played in any league (NWBA, European Leagues, etc…) previously and returned is not eligible to register under this rule.

4.3.4 A team wishing to register a player under this rule must do so in writing to the Domestic Committee by the Registration Deadline (1.3). The Committee will have final authority to approve a player under this rule.

4.4 Coaches and Team Staff:

4.4.1 Certification

4.4.1.1 The head coach on the official roster must be fully certified in the Competition Introduction context under the National Coaching Certification Program by the registration deadline.

4.4.1.2 The assistant coach on the official roster must have a trained status in the Competition Introduction context under the National Coaching Certification Program by the registration deadline.

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4.4.2 Training

4.4.2.1 All coaches and team staff must complete the Respect In Sport Activity Leader ethics training program by the registration deadline in order to be present on the bench at any WBC sanctioned event.
4.4.3 Screening

4.4.3.1 All coaches and team staff must submit proof of a valid Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sectors Check to the WBC Head Office by the registration deadline in order to be present on the bench at any WBC sanctioned event.

4.4.3.2 All coaches must complete the Coaching Association of Canada's Making Headway online concussion e-learning module by the registration deadline in order to be present on the bench at any WBC sanctioned event.

4.4.3.3 As per the WBC Screening Policy, these documents will be valid for 3 years.

5. COMPETITION

5.1 Unless otherwise stated, IWBF rules and regulations will be followed.

5.2 When possible the pools will be based on rankings from the previous year, and the geographical make-up of the teams. Unranked teams will be drawn in to pools after seeded teams. All teams will be placed in pairs and drawn for pool assignment (Ex. 1-2 paired and drawn in to different pools).

6. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

6.1 All teams must have “white” and “dark” uniforms.

6.2 The first named on the schedule is the home team and must wear white.

6.3 Uniforms include shirts, undershirts and shorts / pants. Undershirts must be the same dominant colour as the shirt. Shorts / pants do not have to be the same colour as the shirts.

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

7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 Game Ball: The tournament will be played with the Molten GG - Size 7 ball.

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 CWBL National Championships competition. Athletes will not be allowed to enter the competition floor until the logos are either covered or removed.

8. DOPING CONTROL

The Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (CCES) may perform random doping control test at these 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