

## **Wheelchair Basketball Canada U23 Team Selection Criteria America Zone Qualifiers 2022**

### 1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process for Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) to nominate athletes to the America Zone Qualifier in January 7-16, 2022 in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico. The Qualifier will determine the two (2) teams in the America zone who will move onto the World U23 Championships / Canada will select up to 12 rostered athletes. The goal of the Canada U23 program is to qualify for the World U23 Championships in Chiba, Japan from May 23rd - June 5th, 2022

### 2.0 Timing

With the recent announcement from IWBF that a America Zone Qualifier is required for teams interested in the U23 World Championships WBC has put together a Criteria for selection of athletes to be chosen from across Canada. It is recognized that an actual training selection camp will not be held at this time and once qualified for Worlds a formal selection camp will be held.

### 3.0 Decision Making Process

The final recommendation for selection to the America Zone qualifier Canada U23 team is made by the U23 Men's Head Coach in consultation with the High Performance Director, and the program Assistant Coaches.

Information used to inform decision making will be from previous 2019 Canada U23 Talent ID Camps, IPPs that have been tracked with athletes that are currently monitored, Provincial Coach recommendations and from attendance at this past summer (July 2021) Virtual U23 camp.

### 4.0 Appeals

An athlete who wishes to appeal the decision of the Head Coach regarding their position as a member of the Canada U23 team that will represent Canada at the America Zone qualifier, has the right to do so, by following the WBC appeals Policy (available at [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca) or through the National Office).

### 5.0 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 by the IWBF to be considered for selection to the Canada U23 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.

Athletes are required to have a recognized physical impairment as per the updated 2021 IWBF classification rules as released October 1, 2021. **IWBF Website:**  
<https://iwbf.org/2021/08/02/iwbf-to-implement-changes-to-classification-rules-and-regulations/>

**All Athletes must have COVID 19 proof of vaccination with 2 doses as per Wheelchair Basketball Canada regulations.**

Consideration include but not limited to:

- Commitment to WBC U23 Team High Performance values
- Commitment to training in a decentralized training environment in respective Province
- Commitment to attend U23 training sessions, zoom calls and qualifications when invited
- The ability of the athlete to travel independently to U23 training camps and competitions
- The classification of the athlete, in comparison to the other athletes in U23 program pool
- Athlete ability to continue to train and be ready to compete for Canada at the America Zone qualifier
- Athlete fee assessment (to be determined amount) may be included for Qualifier and World Championship Event.

## 6. Criteria for Selection

The primary criteria for selecting athletes to the U23 Americas Qualifier is / selecting athletes that make 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 goal is to qualify for the World Jr Championships to be held in Chiba, Japan in late May 2022.

Measurement criteria can also be broken down into the following categories

Category	Examples
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oncourt / Steady, positive and specific communication</li> <li>- Off Court / Communicates well with Head Coach and Wheelchair Basketball Canada when called upon</li> <li>- communication is timely and informative</li> <li>- all information requested is properly filled out</li> </ul>
Attitude / Motivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive attitude on and off court with coaches, IST and other</li> </ul>

	teammates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Open to feedback and dialogue with others</li> <li>- Shows good listening skills and willingness to improve</li> </ul>
Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete is independent, mature, honest, motivated and able to perform hygiene routines as required on their own</li> </ul>
Intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete shows in control chair and body aggression on court and energy without taking unnecessary fouls</li> </ul>
Role understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete performs on court chair positioning, maturity, intelligence and able to make in game adaptations to style of play</li> </ul>
Technical ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athletes base technical skills passing, shooting, ball handling, dribbling and pushing are considered to be level appropriate for a U23 athlete</li> </ul>
Tactical ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete base tactical skills are at a U23 level where decisions can be made at a quick pace both offensively and defensively. Both on and off ball</li> </ul>
Team Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete is committed to the team no matter if playing on court or cheering from the sidelines.</li> <li>- athlete contributes to a positive team atmosphere</li> </ul>
Point Line Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Line up criterion is used by coaches to field a competitive Canada U23 team</li> <li>- Athletes know their classification and internationally IWBF is a 14pt line up</li> <li>- All athletes are looked upon as per their classification and the number of competitive 14pt line ups that can be created</li> </ul>
Nutrition and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete is familiar with healthy eating habits and demonstrates this when eating and bringing appropriate snacks for training or competition</li> <li>- Athlete health both on and off the court is stable without injuries that IST staff have not been informed about</li> </ul>