

Wheelchair Basketball Canada
Junior National Championships
2021-2022 (Year 3 of Canada Winter Games Cycle)

The 2022-2023 season will be Year 3 in the Wheelchair Basketball Canada junior quadrennial cycle. One National competition will be conducted in a 5 on 5 format. This competition will serve as the seeding tournament for the 2023 Canada Winter Games.

The Technical Package for the 2023 Canada Winter Games can be found here: [\(To be updated when available online\)](#)

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1 REGISTRATION

1.1 Teams wishing to compete at the Junior National Championship must submit the following by **October 18, 2021:**

- Letter of Intent to Participate (Appendix B)
- Team Roster (Appendix C)
- Request for Roster Addition (Appendix D)
- \$350 Performance Bond

2 PARTICIPANTS

2.1 A team must have a minimum of 7 athletes and 1 staff to be eligible to register for the Junior National Championships.

2.1.A All teams that have male and female athletes on their rosters must also have a male and female coach.

2.2 Teams may have as many athletes on their roster as they wish, but only 12 athletes may be on the score sheet for each game at Junior National Championships.

2.3 All teams/clubs are required to submit their roster to the Wheelchair Basketball Canada and the tournament host by the date outlined in section 1.1.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Athletes:
24 and under (24U) as of December 31, 2022
Year of birth: 1999 or later

3.2 NT, NU, PE, YT:

Permitted up to four (4) 25U players

Year of birth: 1998 or later

3.3 MB, NB, NL, NS:

Permitted to request up to two (2) 25U players

Year of birth: 1998 or later

Requests will be reviewed by Wheelchair Basketball Canada as per Appendix A

3.4 The eligibility rules for the Junior National Championship will follow those for the Canada Winter Games in 2023. If an athlete is currently eligible to participate in the 2023 Canada Winter Games, then an athlete is eligible to compete in the Junior National Championship.

3.4.A The eligibility rules for the 2023 Canada Winter Games are as follows:

Excluded from the Canada Winter Games are:

- Senior National Team members - defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at any of the following events:
 - Paralympic Games
 - Senior World Championships
 - Parapan Am Games

* Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective P/T Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Eligibility Committee. If the athlete is deemed eligible for the Canada Winter Games, they will be deemed eligible for the Junior National Championships

If athletes fall into the category of potentially being deemed eligible on a case by case basis, this should be indicated on the Roster (Appendix C) or Request for Roster Addition Form (Appendix D)

4 COACHES AND TEAM STAFF

4.1 All coaches must meet the requirements outlined below as per the Wheelchair Basketball Canada Safe Sport suite. All coaches should note that the coach certification requirements for the 2023 Canada Winter Games are Competition Development – Certified for **ALL** coaches. The requirements for the Junior National Championships are outlined below in sections 4.2 and 4.3

4.2 Head Coach

- Minimum NCCP Certification Level – Competition Development – Certified
- Respect In Sport Activity Leader Training
- Making Head Way in Sport
- Satisfactory Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check

4.3 Assistant Coach

- Minimum NCCP Certification Level – Competition Advanced – Trained
- Respect In Sport Activity Leader Training
- Making Head Way in Sport
- Satisfactory Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check

4.4 Team Manager/Staff

- Respect In Sport Activity Leader Training
- Making Head Way in Sport
- Satisfactory Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check

5 CLASSIFICATION

5.1 IWBF Classification system will be used.

5.2 Athletes may be classified from 1.0 to 4.5. All able-bodied athletes will be classified as 4.5.

5.3 Total number of points on the floor not to exceed 15 except:

5.3.A A team shall be entitled to one (1) additional point on the floor for each female player on the court.

6 COMPETITION

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

6.2 The game ball shall be an IWBF approved size 7.

7 COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

7.1 All teams must have a “white” and a “dark” uniform.

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

7.3 Eligible jersey numbers: 0-99, including 00. All teams must be prepared to use "white" or "dark" uniforms, with the designated home team prepared to use an alternate uniform if, in the opinion of the referee, the colours may cause confusion.

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

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/>

APPENDIX A - OVERAGE EXEMPTION PROCESS

The following principles and process will outline how requests for overage athletes will be managed.

Principles

1. Athlete development – The overall aim is to support stage appropriate training and competition opportunities for classifiable and age-eligible athletes through recruitment, retention and development. *Selection of classifiable, age-eligible athletes will have priority in all cases.*
2. Meaningful competition and inclusion – Where age exemptions are requested, they will be considered with the primary aim of maintaining development and competition opportunities for classifiable, age-eligible athletes. That is, only if classifiable, age-eligible athletes would lose development and competition opportunities, will the use of other athletes be permitted.
3. Development planning – Smaller provinces and territories are encouraged to recruit and develop classifiable, age-eligible athletes and evidence of this will be considered in support of requests to name other athletes to their teams.
4. Accountability – Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) is responsible for assessing the merits of requests from member Provincial/Territorial (P/T) associations following an agreed-upon adjudication processes (outlined below), and making final recommendations on age exemptions, athletes joining a different P/T team (if their P/T is not sending a team) and team composition to the Canada Games Council (CGC) Sport & Games Committee according to all Canada Games processes and timelines. The CGC Sport & Games Committee has final authority on athlete eligibility.
5. Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC) Small Jurisdiction Strategy (SJS) – If PEI enters a team in the 2023 Canada Games they will be able to access up to four (4) overage athletes through the FPTSC SJS. Overage athletes from a jurisdiction not entering a team may be deemed eligible for Team PEI based on the process below.

Process/Timelines

1. P/TSO Teams declare **Intent to Participate** in WBC's Junior National Championships and the 2023 Canada Games.
 - a. Intent to Participate must be declared to WBC by October 18, 2021 (16 months out from 2023 Canada Games). Teams must have a minimum of 7 age-eligible athletes to declare intent, or reasonable expectations of reaching 7 athletes with age exemptions.
 - b. WBC will communicate with the CGC to ensure alignment between Intent to Participate and CGC Entry by Numbers process.
2. Eligible P/T teams (MB, NB, NL, NS) submit **Request for Roster Addition (Appendix D)** to add athletes through overage exemptions or non-competing P/Ts.
 - a. Overage and athletes from P/Ts not sending teams declare their intent to participate through P/TSOs.
 - b. Request for Roster Addition must be submitted to WBC along with Intent to Participate (by October 18, 2021).

- c. In exceptional circumstances and where a team has not already applied for two overage exemptions, an overage exemption will be considered up to 21 days prior to the 2023 Canada Games (January 28, 2023).
3. WBC evaluates overage exemptions for eligible P/Ts (MB, NB, NL, NS).
 - a. WBC will allocate up to a maximum of two overage athletes for a P/T team listed above.
 - i. Two total per P/T team, regardless of if a team has athletes join from a non-competing P/T.
 - b. Classifiable athletes take priority over able bodied athletes in this process.
4. WBC provides a recommendation to the CGC Sport & Games Committee on allocating athletes from non-competing P/Ts based on the following process.
 - a. Seek to “merge” two P/Ts first (allocate all athletes from a non-competing P/T to the P/T with the smallest athlete pool, use inverse rankings from previous Canada Games if two P/Ts are tied for smallest athlete pool).
 - b. If a) is not feasible, or if there are athletes left over, the remaining athletes are allocated equitably (i.e. Team A has 7 athletes, Team B has 9 athletes, Team A is able to add the first two athletes available).
 - c. Once the process in b) has created teams with an equal number of athletes, the remaining non-competing athletes are allocated based on the inverse order of previous Canada Games rankings.
 - d. CGC will include P/T Chefs de Mission in process when appropriate.

Definitions

Classifiable - To be eligible to play wheelchair basketball under IWBF jurisdiction a player must have a permanent health condition which in the opinion of the IWBF results in an impairment of the lower limbs to a degree where they cannot run, pivot or jump at the speed and with the control, safety, stability and endurance required to play running basketball as an able bodied player

Overage Athlete - An overage athlete can be up to one year older than the age limit for the CWG. In this case, an athlete born on or after January 1, 1998.

Appendix B - Letter of Intent to Participate

Date

Organization Name

Address

City, Province

Postal Code

Wheelchair Basketball Canada
Suite M1062, 27 Auriga Drive,
Nepean, ON
K2E 0B1

Wheelchair Basketball Canada would like to invite you to participate in the 2022 Junior National Championships, to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, March 18-20, 2022 and the 2023 Canada Winter Games to be held in Charlottetown, PEI, in February 2023.

In order to adequately plan and accommodate all possible competitors, Wheelchair Basketball Canada is requiring the submission of a Letter of Intent to Participate accompanied by a \$350 performance bond by **October 18, 2021**.

Submission of this letter officially declares [Team name] intend to participate in the 2022 Junior National Championships and the 2023 Canada Winter Games

I [NAME, POSITION / TITLE], have signing authority for [TEAM NAME].

PRINT NAME, TITLE/POSITION

TEAM

SIGNATURE

Appendix C - Team Roster Form

Team Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Team Colours: _____

TEAM MEMBERS

	Name	Jersey #	Class*	Date of Birth	Notes
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Please add a "" if this player requires a reclassification at this event

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Name	Title/Role	NCCP	Respect in Sport	Making Head Way	CRC/VSC
	Head Coach				
	Assistant Coach				
	Manager				

Appendix D – Request for Roster Addition

Province: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Select one of the following options:

The province/territory indicated above **IS** participating in the Junior National Championships and the 2023 Canada Games and requests the following overage and/or out of province athletes.

The province/territory indicated above **IS NOT** participating in the Junior National Championships and the 2023 Canada Games and the following athletes would like to be assigned to a team from another province.

Athlete Name	Class*	Date of Birth	Athlete Home Province	Athlete Desired Team Assignment

Please add a "" if this player requires a reclassification at this event