



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) – Men
National Team Selection Process
2022 America’s Cup (Qualifier),
2022 Dubai World’s Championship and
2022 Commonwealth Games (3X3)**

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process for Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) to select athletes to represent Canada at the following events in 2022

- 2022 America’s Cup (Qualifier) in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- 2022 Dubai World’s Championship in Dubai, U.A.E.
- 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games 3X3, in Birmingham, GBR.

The goal of the Men’s program is to assemble the best possible teams to perform and also have development for the future in mind at the: 2022 America’s Cup (Qualifier) and 2022 Dubai World’s Championship and 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games 3X3.

No more than 12 players will be selected to the National Team that will represent Canada at the 2022 America’s Cup (Qualifier) and 2022 Dubai World’s Championship and no more than four (4) players will be selected to the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games 3X3.

2. Timing

The athletes selected to the National Team will be made known to the national team pool athletes no later than the dates listed below known at the event selection dates. The National Team athletes will be formally announced to the public on/or after the appeal period (14 days) has passed.

2022 America’s Cup July 9-20 – Selection Date June 16th, 2022

2022 Dubai World’s Championship Nov 9-29 – TBD Date to be shared after America’s Cup.

2022 Commonwealth Games July 26-Aug 3 – Selection Date June 16th, 2022

3. Decision making process





The final recommendation for selection to the National Team is made by the Senior Men's Head Coach, in consultation with the High Performance Director, and program 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 selected events. Identified national team pool athletes will be measured against the selection criteria at National team training camps, elite competitions, decentralized training environment (training reporting), elite competitions and at the National Training Centre.

For America's Cup 2022 (qualifier) and Dubai 2022 (World's Championship) the selection will follow these steps:

- Camp of May 2022: invitation of those athletes who are considered of interest for the National team (pool of 17 maximum) for the summer depending by all the factors above mentioned with eventual possibility of invitation extended to athletes who were not necessarily carded. After this camp it will choose a group of 12 athletes who better have demonstrated to adhere to the requirements for the summer.
- Camp of June 2022 in Italy: pool of 12 athletes chosen during the previous camp and at the end of the tournament the definitive selection of the 12 who are going to compete for the Qualifier will be announced.
- Camp of end of June 2022 in Toronto: just the 12 athletes who had been chosen to represent the team for the qualifier will compete against the Netherlands in 4 games in order to refinish the details prior the competition.
- Camp in the FALL (place TBD): with the 12 athletes chosen to represent Canada at the World's Championship with the possibility of adds and/or changes in the roster depending by the performance during the qualifiers and the information gathered during the summer.

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 similar, 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 up to 12 athletes who will be named to the National Team).

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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 2022 America's Cup (Qualifier), 2022 Dubai World's Championship and the 2022 Commonwealth Games, 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 and be deemed eligible by the IWBF classification rule 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 but not limited to:

- Commitment to compliance with sharing training from the athletes DTE (eg. First beat HR data).
- Commitment to attend the National Team Camps and Competitions.
- 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.

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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 the following:

6.1 Performance On Demand

- Execution on skills trained in practice during critical event/play.
- Emotion/Arousal regulation during critical event/play.
- Duration of execution during critical event/play.
- Experience level of athlete.
- Execution of technical skills
- 5-Cone Drill
- Execution of tactical skills

6.2. Optimize Training Gains

- Setting training objectives
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- Ability to complete prescribed training programs
- Ability to complete additional training during specified training period
- Ability to sustain focus during training
- 20M Sprint Time

6.3 Support teammate training and performance

- Peer evaluation for impact on basketball development.
- Peer evaluation for impact on personal development.

6.4 Maintain appropriate health & well-being

- Implementation of health related skills & strategies
- Compliance to recovery plans
- Engagement with IST & other resources
- Engagement with outside resources





6.5 Commitment to Culture of Excellence

- Engagement with IST & other resources
- Initiative taken with coaches, IST & other resources
- Ability to complete prescribed training programs
- Ability to complete additional training (mental, physical, tactical, technical, well-being) during -specified training period
- Engagement with athletes during structured training.
- Provides direct feedback
- Equipment

6.6 Additional criteria for consideration:

- 6.6.1 Factors related to team cohesion and team dynamics
- 6.6.2 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
- 6.6.3 Commitment to regular and prompt communication with the Head Coach, IST Staff, WBC staff and the athlete's monitoring system in use for reporting.
- 6.6.4 Ability to fit the overall team style of play (speed, full-court press, back-picking, high tempo defense, fast breaking)
- 6.6.5 Evaluation during the year in competitive events at an elite level.
- 6.6.6 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 any 2022 events, 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 2022 America's Cup (Qualifier) 2022 Dubai World's Championship and 2022 Birmingham

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Commonwealth Games. (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.

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