



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada  
Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League  
5v5  
Technical Package 2023-2023**

These Regulations govern 5v5 competition at Wheelchair Basketball Canada sanctioned National Championships for the season of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. 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.

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## **1. REGISTRATION**

- 1.1** Teams wishing to compete at a CWBL National Championship or Women's National Championship must submit their registration package (Letter of Intent, Roster, Transportation Form) to Wheelchair Basketball Canada **AND** the Host Organizing Committee by the following Registration Deadlines:

1..1. Women's National Championship – **February 21, 2024**

1..2. CWBL National Championship – **March 24, 2024**

- 1.2** All coaches and team staff must meet the conditions outlined in section 4.4 by the relevant deadline.
- 1.3** Teams that fail to meet the deadlines outlined in 1.1 and/or 1.2 risk forfeiting their tournament entry.
- 1.4** Wheelchair Basketball Canada has final authority over these rules and will make rulings for clarification based on the spirit of the competition.

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## **2. TEAMS**

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

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## **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 Championship Regulations**

**3.3.1** Total number of points on the court not to exceed 17 except:

**3.3.1.1** If a team plays a new player under rule 4.3.

**3.4 CWBL Open National Championship 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.

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**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, drivers license, etc...).

**4.1.2** In a competition with two or more 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 a Player Transfer to play for another team if one or more of the criteria in Appendix A are met.

**4.1.3.1** All player transfers (**4.1.3**) are valid for **one** year. The transfer process must happen on an annual basis unless otherwise stated by Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

**4.1.3.2** A team wishing to register a player transfer under this rule must do so in writing to the Wheelchair Basketball Canada by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

**4.1.4** The Development Committee will rule on eligibility as requested.

**4.2 Impact Player Rule**

**4.2.1** A team may not register more than 6 impact players.

**4.2.2** An impact player is defined as:

**4.2.2.1** Any national (or international) 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.

**4.2.2.2** 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 Championship).

4.2.3 No more than 3 current National Team players will be allowed on the team roster.

4.2.4 Teams must identify their 6 impact players on the Roster Form.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4.3.3.

4.3.2.2 2<sup>nd</sup> year: A player that is playing in their second season on a Women's CWBL team per 4.3.3.

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 Championship, Women's CWBL National Championship, 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 Wheelchair Basketball Canada by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**. The Development 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 coaches must meet the certification requirements in the table below by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

Year	Head Coach
2023-24	Competition Introduction Certified

4.4.2 Training

4.4.2.1 All coaches and team staff must complete CAC Safe Sport Training or the Respect In Sport Activity Leader training program by the **Registration Deadline (1.2)** in order to be present on the bench at any WBC sanctioned event.

4.4.2.2 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 Screening

4.4.3.1 All coaches and team staff must submit proof of a valid Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sectors Check to their team lead by the **Registration Deadline (1.2)** in order to be present on the bench at any WBC sanctioned event.

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

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### 5. COMPETITION

5.1 Unless otherwise stated, [IWBF rules and regulations](#) will be followed.

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### 6. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

6.1 Teams may face a forfeit or other sanctions if they are unable to meet the requirements of the competitive uniform.

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### 7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 Game Ball: The tournament will be played with the Molten BG - 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 Championship competition. Athletes will not be allowed to enter the competition floor until the logos are either covered or removed.

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### 8. DOPING CONTROL

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

- Players may request to play for another team if one or more of the criteria in Appendix A 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 the tournament
  - The player's province or club is participating in a division that is above or below the player's abilities
  - The player does not make the roster for CWBL team
- If one or more of the criteria above are met, the player can submit a request to Wheelchair Basketball Canada 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
- This process will incorporate the team head coaches in order to find a developmentally appropriate and suitable fit for the player.