



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada  
Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Finals  
5v5  
Technical Package 2025-2026**

These Regulations govern 5v5 competition in the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League and at the Wheelchair Basketball Canada sanctioned CWBL Finals for the season of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026. 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 the CWBL Finals will register through Wheelchair Basketball Canada's registration system, RAMP Interactive. This is a 2-step registration process:

1. Team contacts register their team and provide athletes with team link
2. Athletes and team staff register to the team to populate the roster

1.1.1 **Deadline for team registration: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Team registration (completed by team contact) via RAMP includes: Intent to Participate, team information and payment of team fees to host organization.

1.1.2 **Deadline for athlete and staff registration: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

Team contacts are required to submit jersey numbers and transportation forms by the athlete registration deadline.

1.2 All coaches and team staff must meet the conditions outlined in section 4.3 by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

1.3 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 for competition.

2.2 A team may have as many players on their roster as they wish.

2.3 A team may list a maximum of 12 players on a Score Sheet.

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### 3. CLASSIFICATION

- 3.1 International Wheelchair Basketball Federation classification system (1.0) through (4.5).
- 3.2 Able-bodied athletes classified as (4.5).
- 3.3 Total number of points on the court in Division 1 and Division 2 not to exceed 15 except:
  - 3.3.1 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.
- 3.4 Division 3 will be played in an open points format.

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### 4. ELIGIBILITY

#### 4.1 Players:

- 4.1.1 Players are eligible to play for a team if they have played 1 tournament and/or 5 games with the team in the 12 month period prior to the CWBL Finals.
  - 4.1.1.1 Participation in the East Coast Wheelchair Basketball League and endorsement from the teams Provincial Sport Organization can replace 4.1.1
- 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 Limit of 2 total player transfers/imports for a team.
  - 4.1.3.3 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 Senior 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 Senior 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.

#### **4.3 Coaches and Team Staff:**

##### 4.3.1 Certification

4.3.1.1 The Head Coach must be Competition Introduction Certified by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

##### 4.3.2 Training

4.3.2.1 All coaches and team staff must complete [CAC Safe Sport Training](#) or the Respect In Sport Activity Leader training program by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

**4.3.2.2** All coaches must complete the Coaching Association of Canada's [Making Headway](#) online concussion e-learning module by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

##### 4.3.3 Screening

4.3.3.1 All coaches and team staff must submit proof of a valid Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sectors Check by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

4.3.3.2 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 except for chair manufacturer logo, team crest or athlete sponsored logos. All other logos must be removed or blacked out for competition.

7.2.1 Wheelchair Basketball Canada reserves the right to review, approve, remove and/or black out logos that conflict with national and event sponsors.

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## **8. DOPING CONTROL**

The Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (CCES) may perform random doping control tests 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

- 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.