



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada
Junior National Championships
Technical Package
2025-26 (Year 3 of Canada Winter Games Cycle)**

The 2025-26 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 2027 Canada Winter Games can be found here.](#)

1. REGISTRATION

1.1 Teams wishing to compete at the Junior National Championship 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 31st, 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: February 28th, 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.

2. TEAMS

2.1 A team must have a minimum of 7 athletes and 1 staff in attendance to be eligible for competition.

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

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

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

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 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Athletes:

24 and under (24U) as of December 31, 2027
Year of birth: 2003 or later

4.2 NT, NU, PE, YT:

Permitted up to four (4) 25U players
Year of birth: 2002 or later

4.3 MB, SK, NB, NL, NS:

Permitted to request up to two (2) 25U players
Year of birth: 2002 or later

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

4.4 The eligibility rules for the Junior National Championship will follow those for the Canada Winter Games in 2027. If an athlete is currently eligible to participate in the 2027 Canada Winter Games, then an athlete is eligible to compete in the Junior National Championship.

4.4.1 The eligibility rules for the 2027 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 or Request for Roster Addition Form (Appendix B)

5. COACHES AND TEAM STAFF

5.1 Certification

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

5.2 Training

5.2.1 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)**.

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

5.3 Screening

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

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

6. COMPETITION

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

6.2 Game Ball: The tournament will be played with the Molten BG - Size 7 ball.

6.3 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.

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

7. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

- 7.1 Teams may face a forfeit or other sanctions 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 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 - 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 2027 Canada Games.
 - a. Intent to Participate must be declared to WBC by November 30, 2025 (15 months out from 2027 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, SK, NB, NL, NS) submit **Request for Roster Addition (Appendix B)** 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 November 30, 2025).
 - 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 2027 Canada Games (January 18, 2027).
 3. WBC evaluates overage exemptions for eligible P/Ts (MB, SK, 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, 2002.

Appendix B – 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 2027 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 2027 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