



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada
National Championships
5v5
Technical Package 2024-2025**

These Regulations govern 5v5 competition at the Wheelchair Basketball Canada National Championships for the season of 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025. These Regulations are the only Regulations specified and no other publication is applicable apart from the official IWBFF 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.

[Click here for the 3x3 Technical Package](#)

1. REGISTRATION

- 1.1 Teams wishing to compete at the Women's and Men's National Championships must submit their registration package (Letter of Intent, Roster, Transportation Form) to Wheelchair Basketball Canada by:

Registration Deadline - April 22, 2025

- 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 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.

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 **Women's National Championship**

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 Men's National Championship

3.4.1 Total number of points on the court not to exceed 15.

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 Players may request a Player Transfer to play for another team if one or more of the criteria in Appendix A are met.

4.1.2.1 All player transfers (**4.1.2**) are valid for **one** year. The transfer process must happen on an annual basis unless otherwise stated by Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

4.1.2.2 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)**.

4.1.3 The Development Committee will rule on eligibility as requested.

4.2 New Player Rule (**Women's National Championship Only**):

4.2.1 A New Player is defined as:

4.2.1.1 1st year: A player that is playing for the first time on a Women's team and did not play in any other WBC sanctioned event per **4.2.2**.

4.2.1.2 2nd year: A player that is playing in their second season on a Women's team per **4.2.2**.

4.2.2 For the purpose of this rule:

4.2.2.1 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 Finals, Women's National Championship, Junior Regionals, Junior Nationals and Canada Games.

4.2.2.2 A player that has played in any league (NWBA, European Leagues, etc...) previously and returned is not eligible to register under this rule.

4.2.3 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)**.

4.2.4 The Development Committee will have final authority to approve a player under this rule.

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 to their team lead by the **Registration Deadline (1.1)**.

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

5. COMPETITION

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

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.

7. EQUIPMENT

7.1 Women's Game Ball: The tournament will be played with the Molten BG - Size 6 ball.

7.2 Men's Game Ball: The tournament will be played with the Molten BG - Size 7 ball.

7.3 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 competition.

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

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 their province.
- 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.