

Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC)
National Team Selection Process
2025 IWBF U23 Men's World Championships

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process for Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) to select twelve (12) athletes and two (2) alternates to represent Canada at the 2025 IWBF U23 Men's World Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

National team selection for U23 Men will include considerations between assembling a team to podium at the event and providing opportunities for emerging Wheelchair Basketball Canada athletes.

2. Timing

The athletes and alternates selected to the 2025 IWBF U23 Men's World Championships National Team will be made known to the national team pool athletes no later than April 30th, 2025. The National Team athletes will be formally announced to the public on/or after the appeal period (7 days) has passed.

3. Decision making process

The final recommendation for selection to the National Team is made by the WBC selection committee which consists of the:

- High-Performance Director,
- Program Head Coach, and
- Next Gen Player Development Coordinator

April 2025

- Athlete list for consideration to represent Canada at the 2025 IWBF U23 Men's World Championships in Sao Paulo, Brazil is compiled and shared with the WBC selection committee by April 17, 2025
- WBC selection committee contacts nominated athletes and alternates by April 23rd, 2025
- 2025 IWBF U23 Men's World Championships National Team will be made known to the national team pool athletes no later than April 30th, 2025

4. Evaluation Events

Ongoing – September 2024 to April 2025

Domestic club, professional, university, provincial team camps, National team and games and competitions.

November 2024

Kitakyushu Cup - November 15-18, 2024

March 2025

Junior West Championship – March 28-30, 2025

April 2025

IWBF Men's U23 Americas Championship – March 30 to April 6, 2025

Junior East Championship – April 4-5, 2025

CWBL Finals – April 10-13, 2025

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 an eligible Impairment for the sport of Wheelchair Basketball and player meets the IWBF minimum impairment criteria, listed in the official IWBF players' classification master list and be deemed eligible by the IWBF classification rules to be considered for selection to the National Team.

The WBC selection committee has the final authority on deciding whether an athlete should be included for final consideration.

6. Criteria for Selection

The primary criteria for selecting athletes to camps and National Teams is led by the Next Gen Player Development Coordinator and is outlined below.

- Use WBC's Gold Medal Profile to evaluate the athlete's position on the depth chart,
- Medical/Physical status at the time of selection and projected availability,
- Factors related to team cohesion and dynamics, including acceptance and execution of presented roles,
- Based on confirmed classification, the athlete can contribute within proposed line-ups,
- Special line-up combinations, and
- Substitution for players in the primary line-ups are met.

Additional criteria for consideration:

- Commitment to WBC's National Team High Performance Values,
- The ability of the athlete to travel independently to National Team camps/competitions.
- Commitment to the program and to training as demonstrated through attendance at training, camps and competition throughout the year
- Commitment to regular and prompt communication as requested with WBC and program team staff
- Consistent reporting and submission of training reports as required in the athlete's monitoring system.
- Ability to fit the overall team style of play (speed, full-court press, back-picking, high tempo defense, fast breaking)
- Evaluation during the year in competitive events at an elite level.

NB: Being nominated for a carding does not guarantee that an athlete will be selected to the National Team to represent Canada at any major competition (Paralympics, World Championship, Qualification Tournament).

Using these criteria, the WBC Selection Committee will choose a team to represent Canada that provides a cohesive environment, an opportunity for emerging athletes and positions Canada to challenge for the podium.

7. WBC athlete program standards

National Team athletes' post-selection criteria

Athletes selected to the National Team may be removed from the roster for any 2025 events, up until the final IWBF deadlines, under the following scenarios:

- Failure to meet training or competition commitments, as determined by the WBC selection committee.
- Injury or illness that will prevent them from training properly in advance of, and/or competing at a high enough level. (as determined by the program medical staff in consultation with the WBC selection committee);
- Violation of the WBC Athlete Agreement.
- Gross breach of discipline, as per the WBC Code of Conduct.
- Investigation for cause; and
- Violations of anti-doping rules.

8. Appeals

An athlete who wishes to appeal the decision of the WBC Selection Committee regarding their position as a member of the National Team that will represent Canada 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 7 days from the time of the Selection date to file an appeal.

<https://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/WBC-Safe-Sport-Policy-Manual-FINAL-1.pdf>