

Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC)
National Team Selection Process
2026 3X3 Commonwealth Games - Men

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the process for Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) to select four (4) athletes and three (3) alternates to represent Canada at the 2026 3X3 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.

National team selection for 3X3 will include considerations between assembling a team to podium at the event and providing opportunities for emerging senior team athletes in the 5v5 stream.

2. WBC National Team Athlete Pool

The WBC National team athlete pool shall consist of eligible Canadian wheelchair basketball athletes identified and assessed by Wheelchair Basketball Canada as potential national team representatives. Athletes included in the pool are selected from the national team depth chart, which is established in accordance with the WBC Gold Medal Profile Rankings.

3. Timing

The athletes and alternates selected to the 2026 3X3 Commonwealth Games Team will be made known to the national team pool athletes no later than May 29th, 2026. 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 2026

- WBC will communicate an opportunity for AAP carded athletes to provide a declaration of interest for consideration to be selected to represent Canada at the 2026 3X3 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Communication to declare interest sent by email to athletes Monday April 13, 2026.
- Deadline to declare interest by email is Wednesday April 27th, 2026.
- Athlete list for consideration to represent Canada at the 2026 3X3 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland is compiled and shared with the WBC selection committee.

May 2026:

- WBC selection committee contacts nominated athletes and alternates by May 27th, 2026.

4. Evaluation Events

Ongoing – September 2024 to May 2026

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

February 2026

Toronto Cup #2 Games – February 13-15, 2026.

April 2026

CWBL Finals – April 17-19, 2026 – Edmonton, AB.

May 2026

WBC Nationals – May 15-17, 2026 – Richmond, BC.

National Team Athlete Selection Camp #1 - May 18-22, 2026 – Richmond, BC.

Three (3) alternates will be identified to continue in the process and be available to attend all camps/competition as requested. Alternates will form the pool of athletes for selection should circumstances arise that prevent an athlete from the original four to attend the 2026 3X3 Commonwealth Games tournament.

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 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.

- Commitment to WBC's National Team High Performance Values,
- Use WBC's Gold Medal Profile to evaluate the athlete's position on the depth chart,
- Emerging senior team athletes with Gold Medal Profile attributes to challenge for a team position for the 2026 Worlds and the 2028 Paralympics,
- 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,
- In good standing with Sport Canada and fulfilling all AAP Criteria,
- Special line-up combinations, and
- Substitution for players in the primary line-ups are met.

Additional criteria for consideration:

- The ability of the athlete to travel independently to National Team camps/competitions,
- Complete all longlist material for Commonwealth Sport Canada,
- Commitment to the program and to training as demonstrated through attendance at training, camps, competitions, virtual and in person team meetings 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,
- Evaluation during the year in competitive events at an elite level.

NB: Being nominated for a Senior card 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 or 3X3 competition).

Using these criteria, the WBC Selection Committee will choose a team to represent Canada that provides a cohesive environment, an opportunity for emerging senior team 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 2026 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.
- Violations of Canadian Safe Sport Program,
- Investigation for cause; and
- Violations of anti-doping rules.

Upon selection, 3X3 Commonwealth Team athletes are expected to make a full commitment to the 3X3 Commonwealth team competition schedule.

2026 Commonwealth Games

- July 21-29, 2026 - Glasgow, Scotland.

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>