



**Team NB Wheelchair Basketball
Selection Process & Criteria
CWBL 2024**

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Selection Mission

To identify and select **the best team(s)** to represent New Brunswick at the 2024 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) National Championships in the 5v5 and 3x3 divisions.

Program & Team Goals

1. To develop wheelchair basketball athletes around the province,
2. To provide athletes the opportunity to train, compete, and represent the province of New Brunswick to the best of their ability,
3. To provide a fun and positive learning environment and experience,
4. To contribute to the overall awareness and development of wheelchair basketball in the province.

Parasport NB Roles & Responsibilities

Parasport NB is the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) for wheelchair basketball. Parasport NB is an autonomous, not-for-profit that is responsible for the regulation of all areas and levels of wheelchair basketball participation and for the governance of the province-wide development of the game. It is the role of Parasport NB to indicate their intention to participate in the 2024 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships and adhere to the following responsibilities:

- Provide administrative support in preparation of CWBLs
- Oversee the operation and development of the CWBL team; including the identification, selection and training of athletes, coaches and managers;
- Ensure athletes and coaching staff are in compliance with eligibility requirements;
- Establish policies to deal with any disciplinary or selection issues;
- Provide competitive uniforms that adhere to the Team NB colors and respect the CWBL and Team NB policies;
- Establish team budget and provide resources and support to the CWBL program and best training environment for success

Team Staff

Parasport NB will appoint a head coach, assistant coach and team manager based on qualified coaches.

Coaches and Managers are responsible for the following:

- Participant preparation, performance and conduct prior to, during and after the tournament;
- Ensure all team members are fully registered with Parasport NB;
- Coaching/managing in a fair and sportsmanlike manner;
- Familiarized with and adhering to Parasport NB's Code of Conduct and rules;
- Ensure that the athletes have read and understand all Code of Conduct matters;
- Work with Parasport NB to support all administrative requirements and adhering to deadlines for information;
- Attend all Team NB training camps and meetings;
- Be the conduit of information between Team NB, WBC and the tournament host for all logistics;

The following selection criteria will be distributed to all eligible athletes at the first camp and will be available on the Parasport NB website and Facebook page. Furthermore, all eligible athletes interested in taking part in program activities will be required to complete the Intent to Participate found on [Google Forms](#).

5v5

Head Coach: TBD

Assistant Coach: TBD

Manager: TBD

3x3

Head Coach: TBD

Assistant Coach: TBD

Manager: TBD

Athlete eligibility

In accordance with the Wheelchair Basketball technical package for the 2024 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships:

5v5

A team must have at least 7 players and may have as many players as they wish, but only up to 12 players may be on a score sheet for each game at CWBL Nationals.

A team may not register more than 6 impact players. ([Section 4 Technical Package](#))

Players are eligible to play in both 5v5 and 3v3 competitions at the 2024 CWBL National Championships

3X3

A team must have at least 3 players in attendance

Teams may have as many players as they wish, but only 5 players may be on a score sheet for each game

Players are eligible to play in both 5v5 and 3v3 competitions at the event

Selection process and criteria

The Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League Nationals Selection Process will take place over the 2023-2024 season. The required commitments, expectations, and selection criteria are clearly identified in the following in the following sections. It is the athlete's responsibility to read and know the commitments, expectations, and selection criteria that will be used to select members of the 2024 CWBL Team.

Parasport NB and the Coaching staff **may add or recall players to the selection process at any time** up until the final team selection is made. Adding players to the process is at the sole discretion of the coaching staff who must consider the effects on team chemistry as well as the positional needs of the team.

Required commitments

(2023-2024) Mandatory participation in local program
Member in good standing of Parasport NB
Participation in training camps

Exceptions:

Exceptions can be requested for the following reasons:

- o Illness or injury that prevents an athlete from competing or training,*
- o Major family emergencies or serious illness/injury*
- o Other unforeseeable or unavoidable circumstances that prevent participation (The coaching staff will decide whether requests are accepted or not).*
- o Exception requests must be made in writing to the Head Coach & Assistant coach & Parasport NB staff (preferably by e-mail or text)***



Events TEAM NB Wheelchair Basketball

All events listed below are subject to change. The coaching staff may cut an athlete at any time if they fall short of the required commitment level or required performance, attitude or behavioral standards.

(2023-2024 season)

Date	Event	Location
February, 2024	Team NB Training Camp	TBD
March 2024	Team NB Training Camp	TBD
April 2024	CWBLs	Fredericton, NB

Selection Criteria for TEAM NB Components of the selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be used by the coaching staff to evaluate and select the twelve athletes for 5v5 and 5 athletes for 3x3 that will represent New Brunswick at the 2024 Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League National Championships.

Athletes from Prince Edward Island will be considered for Team New Brunswick. Team Prince Edward Island is not sending a team to the CWBLs. NB athletes will be given priority over PEI athletes, however the following components will assist the coaches to select the best team for the tournament.

Primary components:

The players who provide the best chance of success will be selected with primary consideration for:

Team line-ups

- Individual classifications, points on the floor (5v5 max 15; 3x3 open), and possible combinations
- Starting units, first change units, foul trouble units
- Specialty units (speed, height, fouling, pressing, press breaking, and tempo change)

All feasible team line-up combinations will be considered, with the greater emphasis being placed on line-up combinations the coaching staff identifies as most effective. Depending on changes to individual performances and classifications, **the line-up combinations are subject to change and greatly influence the team selection.**

Major consideration will be given to **team cohesion and team dynamics** as the selection process will focus on selecting **the best team(s)** who can potentially fit within this concept.

Substitutions

- For particular players for rest purposes (training and games)
- Specialized roles in particular line-ups (e.g. shooting, rebounding, point advantage, speed, foul shooting, fouling)

Substitution situations deemed by the coaching staff to be important to team success will be considered. The focus will be on team performance potential as judged by the coaching staff. This includes the ability of the player to effectively perform their role on attack, defense and transition, plus the ability of the player to impact their teammates productively to create the best possible on court units.

Team cohesion

- Contributions to cohesion both on and off the court
- Interpersonal relationships

Player's contributions to team cohesion and interpersonal relationships with teammates will be assessed by the coaching staff through qualitative observational analysis. Athlete feedback will also be taken into consideration when applicable.

Secondary components:

Player evaluation data

Individual players will be evaluated using qualitative and quantitative data gathered during camps, games, scrimmages, testing and tournaments. This information will be used by the coaching staff to aid team selection based on the primary considerations.

Mental Skills

- Mental toughness
- Focus
- Leadership
- Ability to excel under pressure
- Consistency of preparedness

Speed, acceleration, and chair skills

- Assessment of speed during skill testing drills and the ability to repeatedly maintain or improve times
- Assessment of performance in a variety of chair skills

Shooting and scoring

- Inside shooting success
- Outside shooting success
- Three point shooting success
- Free throw success

Knowledge of the game

- Ability to execute the game plan
- Ability to adapt a game plan
- Decision making on offense, defense, and transition (With and without possession of the ball)
- Ability to react to game situation
- Ball and game management

Physical skills

- Speed
- Endurance
- Agility
- Strength

Defensive skills

- Back picking
- Trapping
- Threat recognition
- Shot blocking

Other components:

Other components that contribute to overall team performance will also be taken into consideration by the coaching staff when selecting the team such as:

- Commitment to the team, and to training;
- Leadership potential;
- Unique characteristics of an individual;
- On and off court team cohesion;
- Ability to fit the overall team style of play and/or specialty systems

The weighting of these components will be based on team needs as judged by the coaching staff.

In the event of situations arising that are not covered by these rules, Parasport NB and the Coaching Staff shall be empowered to make decisions based on the best information available and in accordance with the programs stated goals.

Conflict of interest

In the case where a member of the coaching staff is in a position of conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest, as outlined in the Parasport NB Conflict of Interest policy, the matter will be addressed by the Parasport NB Executive Director in accordance with the Parasport NB conflict of Interest policy. Please refer to the Parasport NB Policies.

Appeal Process

An appeal shall be heard ONLY on the grounds that the process and/or final decision were flawed, and did not respect the selection criteria established in this document.

The grounds for an appeal are limited to:

1. The Selection Committee did not apply the Selection Criteria as approved,
2. The Selection Committee's decision was biased,
3. The Selection Committee made decisions that it was not empowered to make.

Appeal Timelines:

The athlete shall be given 48 hours to request an appeal. The athlete must present their request in writing (by email) to the Executive Director of Parasport NB by e-mail (sally.hutt@parasportnb.ca).

An Appeals Committee shall review the letter and all selection documentation from the Team NB Coaching Staff in order to decide whether or not the request has basis.

If there are no legitimate grounds, the Chair of the Appeals Committee shall call the athlete advising him/her of the decision. This will be followed up by a formal email to the individual.

If the Appeals committee feels that there are grounds for an appeal, the following procedures will take place:

- a) The Chair of the Appeals Committee shall select a designated location, date and time to hear the appeal. This will be completed no more than (5) days after receipt of the appeal request.
- b) The Appeal Committee shall hear the athlete's complaint. He/she may be accompanied by an advocate (parent, guardian, local coach).
- c) The Appeals Committee shall hear from the Team NB Coaching Staff.
- d) The Appeals Committee shall make a final decision within three (3) days of the appeal hearing and the decision shall be final and binding.
- e) The Chair of the Appeals Committee will contact the coach no later than 24 hours after the decision has been rendered to advise him/her of the outcome. This will be followed by a copy of the formal email sent to the athlete and a copy of the appeal findings and recommendations.

The appeal committee shall be composed of 3 unbiased individuals.