



**Team NB Wheelchair Basketball
Selection Process & Criteria
Junior East Regional Championship 2024
Montreal, QC**

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Selection Mission

To identify and select one to two teams to represent New Brunswick at the 2024 Junior East Regional Championships in Montreal, QC from March 8-10, 2024.

Program Goals

1. To develop junior 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 Junior East Regional Championships and will commit to the following:

- Oversee the operation and development of Team NB; 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;
- Provide resources and support to Team NB in preparation of the event.

Parasport NB will be overseeing the team budget along with the coaching staff.

Team Staff

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

Coaches and Managers are responsible for the following:

- Participant preparation, performance and conduct prior to, during and after the event;

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- 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;
- Take care of all administrative requirements and adhering to deadlines for information;
- Attend all Team NB official functions as required;
- Be the conduit of information between Team NB and tournament host for all logistics;
- Supervise athletes at all times and ensure the Code of Conduct is followed.

The following selection criteria will be distributed to all eligible athletes at the first camp at the start of each season and will be available on the Parasport NB Facebook page and website. Furthermore, all eligible athletes interested in taking part in program activities will be required to complete the letter of commitment found in Appendix-A.

Team 1

Head Coach:	TBD
Assistant Coach:	TBD
Manager:	TBD

Team 2

Head Coach:	TBD
Assistant Coach:	TBD
Manager:	TBD

Athlete Eligibility

In accordance with the Wheelchair Basketball technical package for the 2024 Junior East Regional Championships.

Maximum of 5 athletes per team (min 4) : Male or female

Athletes: 24 and under as of December 31, 2027, two 25 and under athletes are eligible

Born: January 1, 2003 or after

Age exemptions for 2 athletes born in 2002, can be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Development Committee in consultation with Provincial Head Coaches.

Players will be identified and selected using the selection criteria set out by the Provincial Coaching Staff (consisting of head coach and the assistant coach) and approved by Parasport NB. See the attached selection criteria.

Selection process and criteria

The Team NB Selection Process will take place over the 2023-2024 wheelchair basketball season. The required commitments, expectations, and selection criteria are clearly identified 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 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. Players may be added if they demonstrated the potential to make the team through their performances in the East Coast Wheelchair Basketball or P506 programs and leagues. 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

Participation in all events is not mandatory; however, here are the required commitments;

- Mandatory participation in local P506 program;
- Member in good standing of your Provincial Sport Organization;
- Encouraged participation at all East Coast Wheelchair Basketball events.



Events

All events listed below are encouraged and 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
October - March	Weekly P506 Program	SJ / Fredericton / Moncton
November 4, 2023	East Coast WC Basketball Camp	Charlottetown, PEI
December 10, 2023	East Coast WC Basketball Camp	Moncton, NB
January 20, 2024	East Coast WC Basketball Camp	Truro, NS
February 24, 2024	East Coast WC Basketball Camp	Charlottetown, PEI
March 8-10, 2024	Junior East Regional Championship	Montreal, QC
April 21, 2024	East Coast WC Basketball Camp	Moncton, NB
April 26-28, 2024	East Coast WC Basketball Tournament (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 athletes that will represent New Brunswick at the 2024 Junior East Regional Championships.

Athletes from Atlantic provinces that do not field a team may be considered for Team NB. NB athletes will be given priority over the Atlantic athletes, however the following components will assist the coaches to select the team for the event.

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 (max 10), and possible combinations;
- 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 athletes who can potentially fit within this concept.

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 selection will also be taken into consideration by the coaching staff when selecting the team such as:

- commitment to Team NB and 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 program's 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 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 that can be virtual. 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 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.



Appendix A – Letter of Commitment
2024 Junior East Regional Championship
Wheelchair Basketball Team NB commitment form

I, _____, am committed to competing for a position on New Brunswick’s 2024 Junior East Regional Championship Wheelchair Basketball Team.

I can become a much better wheelchair basketball player and TEAM member. By making this commitment, I will be helping NB to create its best possible team and a larger group of skilled wheelchair basketball players. I am willing to be part of that program.

I agree to do my part in training and overall personal development to make my best effort to be on the team, and understand that this includes:

- Attending all Team NB functions,
- Being a member in good standing with Parasport NB
- Attending all East Coast Wheelchair Basketball and P506 events and league play
- Attending all mandatory competitions and events
- Managing my time and especially my school work/work to ensure that I can give my team the time it deserves,
- Getting the proper rest an athlete needs, prior to training camps and competitions,
- Maintaining an overall good nutrition,
- Maintaining a positive and supportive attitude with teammates and coaching staff
- Familiarizing myself with and adhering to Parasport NB’s Code of Conduct

Signed by Athlete: _____

Date: _____

Parent or guardian: _____

Date: _____

If athlete is a minor (under age of 19)