



ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

Great Lakes Conference Division 2 (Competitive)



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All Great Lakes Conference Division 2 (Competitive) players and coaches must be familiar with the rules and regulations of the league as described herein. These regulations have been formulated to support achievement of our league goals.

A. GOALS

- To provide a league at a competitive level for players/teams in Ontario.
- To provide a competitive league that facilitates fair and equitable competition, sportsmanship, and athlete development.
- To provide a positive sport experience in which to develop players across Ontario in a competitive game environment appropriate to their abilities.
- To facilitate athlete, coach, and officials development.
- To encourage and support regional wheelchair basketball programs/clubs throughout Ontario.
- To minimize the economical and geographical barriers to participation in wheelchair basketball.
- To foster a sense of inclusion within the wheelchair basketball community by bringing players together from across Ontario in the spirit of sport and camaraderie.
- To encourage participants to adopt healthy, independent, and active lifestyles.
- To support the growth and development of wheelchair basketball in Ontario.

B. TEAM REGISTRATION

All teams must submit a team roster with 'Impact' players noted (see below for definitions) along with their Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association membership fees – including performance bond – by the deadline dates below:

Rate: **\$25 per person + \$250** (refundable performance bond), must be **received** by Josée Matte, OWSA Wheelchair Basketball League Coordinator, **by October 16, 2015** in order to participate in the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league.

- All teams must have a minimum of 7 players and a coach on their roster. Teams may register up to a maximum of 15 players but only 12 players may participate in each league game or tournament. It is recommended to register as many players as possible to ensure your full participation in league games and tournaments.
- All teams must identify a **team representative** to act as the main contact with the OWSA. They need to be able to communicate with the OWSA regularly on email basis and are responsible for forwarding any league/tournament related information to their team members.

Late Additions:

Non-impact players may be added to the roster mid-season, a minimum of 7 days prior to a competition, if they have not been registered with another CWBL GLC club previously. The player must be registered with OWSA to be eligible to be added to an existing club roster. Players not on the club's roster will be ineligible to play, and playing an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the games affected. Players must meet [Wheelchair Basketball Canada requirements](#) to play in the CWBL National Championships.

C. PERFORMANCE BOND

- A \$250 team performance bond is required at registration. The bond may take the form of a separate cheque post-dated to **April 30, 2016** or a credit card number which is valid at least until **May, 2016**.
- Failure to honor all commitments to GLC Division 2 (Competitive) will result in forfeiture of the performance bond, unless exceptional circumstances are provided in writing to the League Commission and approved by the Commission.
- If a team withdraws their attendance in a tournament **fewer than 4 weeks** before the scheduled tournament date, the League Commission determines the appropriate penalty based on the cost that occurred due to the withdrawal, which will be taken from the team performance bond (penalty would not exceed \$250).
- Penalty for missed scorekeeping assignments will be taken from the team performance bond, unless submitted directly from the penalized player.
- The team performance bond (less applicable penalties) of \$250 will be returned to the team within 14 days after the final championship game or last regular season game, whichever comes later.

D. PARTICIPANTS

The purpose of the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league is provide a competitive environment to athletes in the Active for Life, Train to Train, and early Train to Compete stages of the [Long Term Athlete Development Model](#). Athletes are encouraged to remain involved in the GLC as coaches, officials, and off-court mentors in Division 3 (Recreational).

- A team can roster non-local players only in the way that supports the development of the team and its local players, and not to take away an opportunity from members of their local club.
- Players whose local club does not enter a team in the appropriate division for the player's development level are eligible for placement on a non-local team. Thus, players may play for two different clubs in two divisions at the same time, if appropriate.
- If a player wishes to play with another team than his/her local team in the same division, both teams in question must be consulted on the matter and the athlete is responsible to report valid reasoning to the League Commission for approval (e.g. going to school in another city).
- The League Commission approves the final rosters for each team in the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league.
 - The League Commission approves Impact players and non-region players on each team's roster.

GLC Division 2 (Competitive) High Performance & Impact Player Rule

In support of the above goals for the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league, High Performance athletes fall into two categories. Category 1 athletes are ineligible for the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league while Category 2 athletes are considered *Impact Players*, and teams may register no more than four (4) on their roster.

- **Category 1** athletes are those who:
 - Have played on the Senior Men's National team for two (2) or more seasons during the past 10 years.
 - Have played on the Senior Women's National team for more than four (4) seasons during the past 10 years.
 - Are able-bodied and have received an All-Star or MVP award in a CWBL National Championship.

- **Category 2** athletes are those who:
 - Have played on a Senior National Team for one (1) year or less.
 - Have played on a Junior National Team at a World Championship.
 - Are training at the National Academy but do not meet the above criteria.
 - Are able-bodied and have been playing for more than five (5) years or attended a national-level event (e.g. Canada Winter Games).

Teams may present an appeal of category for an athlete if their level of development is not reflected accurately by the spirit and intention of the above criteria. This includes athletes whose skills are below OR beyond the intended target. Their status will then be determined by the League Commission when rosters are reviewed and approved at the beginning of the season. Once rosters are reviewed, they will be sent to the team representatives, and appeals will be accepted for two (2) days, after which the rosters will be considered final and distributed formally.

E. ELIGIBILITY

- All players and coaches must be current members of the OWSA in good standing (i.e. signed a code of conduct and has no outstanding payment from previous seasons) to be eligible to participate in games and events. **Athletes will NOT be allowed to play any games until they become a member and are assigned to a team roster. If a non-member player participates in a game, their team forfeits the game.**
- A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season.
- To accommodate players entering the league throughout the season, additions to a team roster may be made up to seven (7) days prior to each tournament, to a maximum of 15 players.
- All GLC Division 2 (Competitive) players *should* compete in at least one third of games prior to the Great Lakes Conference Provincial Championships. This is a recommendation to encourage all players to commit themselves to their team and the league. However, all properly rostered players, except for Impact Players, are eligible to compete in the GLC Championships without a game minimum at this time.
 - Impact Players must compete in at least one third of games prior to the GLC Provincial Championships unless special circumstances arise and are approved by the League Commission.
- GLC Division 2 (Competitive) teams will play a minimum of eight (8) games in the season, not including GLC Provincial Championships.

F. CLASSIFICATION

- Classification system 1.0 through 4.5 will be used. Able-bodied participants will be 4.5.
 - No more than two (2) male 4.5 players per team can be on the court at one time.
- The total number of points on the court may not exceed 15 in the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league, except:
 - If a team plays a female athlete, the team will be entitled to add one additional point (1.0) to the total for each eligible athlete that is on the court.
 - If a team plays a U17 male athlete, the team will be entitled to add one additional half point (0.5) to the total for each eligible athlete that is on the court.

- If a team plays a male athlete who is 40 years of age or older (as of September 1 of the season), the team will be entitled to add one additional half point (0.5) to the total for each eligible athlete that is on the court, up to a maximum of one (1.0) point.
- Additions cannot exceed a total of 2.0 points.
- Ontario classifiers may conduct classifications at GLC Division 2 (Competitive) tournaments to classify new players.

G. COMPETITION

- IWBFB rules will be followed.
 - Tie breaking procedures for round robin competition will be followed as per IWBFB rules.
 - A single 5 minute overtime period will be played in the event of a tie during the regular season.
 - Standings will be recorded in accordance with IWBFB Rules (2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for loss).
- Except at the GLC Provincial Championships, each team must be prepared to supply two (2) scorekeepers per game as indicated on the tournament schedule. Failure to have individuals report for scorekeeping duties **at latest 10 minutes prior to an assigned game time** will result in a **\$25 fine** per scorekeeper per game missed. Hosting teams are encouraged to have volunteers for these roles, and teams may be dismissed from scorekeeping duties *after* they have reported.
- In the case of forfeit, **the League Commission members present, opposition coach, and officials must be notified prior to the scheduled game time/start**. The head official must indicate the team forfeiting the game on the scoresheet prior to the beginning of the game. However, the game may continue in the best possible way (3 on 3, 4 on 4).
- **The League Commission will determine team rankings and pool placement** for the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) Provincial Championships based on results throughout the regular season.

H. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

- All teams must have "white" and "dark" uniforms
- Proper, matching uniforms must be worn.
- Teams are encouraged to wear jersey numbers 0-99.
- Uniforms without numbers are not eligible
- Uniform bottoms should match in colour among players on the same team.
- If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform, the colour must match the colour of the uniform.
- The first named team on the schedule is the home team and will wear their white jerseys.
- A set of uniforms are available for loan. Please contact the OWSA for more details.

I. EQUIPMENT

- IWBFB rules regarding wheelchairs will be followed. Teams are encouraged to investigate and take advantage of sponsorship policies.
- Players must use non-marking tires. (No black tires are allowed.)
- Game Ball – Molten Size 7



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J. AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the end of the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) Provincial Championships. (One vote per team submitted by half-time of the game before the Division 2 championship game).

- The Sportsmanship Award
- The MVP Award
- A 15.0 point All-Star line-up

The Championship Trophy will be presented to the GLC Division 2 (Competitive) league championship team.

K. GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE LEAGUE COMMITTEE & LEAGUE COMMISSION

League Committee: Representatives will work together to establish tournament hosts, review rules and regulations when requested, present suggestions to League Commission for review/implementation, and serve as the communication point to individual club teams.

The League Committee includes:

- A representative from each active GLC team
- OWSA Executive Director
- OWSA Wheelchair Basketball League Coordinator
- Provincial and Regional coaches
- A Member-at-Large/Advisor (optional)

League Commission: Will be responsible for making decisions on athlete eligibility, rules and regulations, schedule development, awards selection, and other in-season items. Includes a minimum of five (5) people:

- OWSA Wheelchair Basketball League Coordinator
- Ontario Provincial Coach
- Wheelchair Basketball Canada National Academy Representative
- Non-Playing Athlete Representative
- Non-Playing Representative (other – coach, parent, etc.)