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ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

**Great Lakes Conference
Division 3 (Minis)**



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The Great Lakes Conference (GLC) is the provincial wheelchair basketball league in Ontario and part of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL). It features **three separate divisions** to allow for players of all ages, abilities, and skill levels to participate at a desired level that is appropriate for them.

All GLC Division 3 (Minis) players and coaches must be familiar with the rules and regulations of the league as described herein. These regulations have been formulated to support the achievement of the league goals.

A. GOALS

1. To provide a league at a recreationally competitive level for youth in Ontario.
2. To provide a recreational league that facilitates fair and equitable competition, sportsmanship, and athlete development.
3. To provide a positive sport experience in which to develop players across Ontario in a competitive game environment appropriate to their abilities and stages of development.
4. To facilitate athlete, coach, and officials development.
5. To encourage and support the growth of regional wheelchair basketball programs/clubs throughout Ontario.
6. 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.
7. To encourage participants to adopt healthy, independent, and active lifestyles.
8. To support the growth and development of wheelchair basketball in Ontario and Canada.

B. TEAM REGISTRATION

1. All teams must submit a formal team roster to ONPARA **prior to the first tournament of the season** in order to compete in the GLC.
2. All teams must have a minimum of **3 players and 1 staff** on their roster. Teams may have as many players listed on their roster as they wish, but only 6 players may be on the score sheet for each game during league tournaments.
 1. Teams that have more than 6 players are encouraged to split into 2 teams.
 2. Teams that do not have enough athletes to participate are encouraged to merge with another team in order to maximize participation throughout the season.
3. A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season.
4. A team can roster non-local players only in a 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.
5. The League Commission approves the final rosters for each team.
6. Players not listed on a club's roster will be ineligible to play, and playing an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the games affected.
7. All teams must identify, at a minimum, **1 team representative** to act as the main contact with ONPARA. They need to be able to communicate with ONPARA regularly via email and are responsible for forwarding any league/tournament related information to their team members in a timely manner.

Late Additions:

Players may be added to the roster mid-season, **a minimum of 7 days prior to a competition**, so long as they are not currently registered on another team's roster in the same division. The player must be a registered member with ONPARA to be eligible to be added to a roster.

C. ELIGIBILITY

The purpose of the GLC Division 3 (Minis) league is to provide a recreationally competitive environment for young athletes in the late FUNdamentals, Learn to Train, and early Train to Train stages of the [Long Term Athlete Development Model](#).

1. All players and coaches must be current members of ONPARA in good standing (i.e. all registration information completed, no outstanding payment from previous seasons, etc.) to be eligible to participate in the GLC.
 1. Athletes will not be allowed to play any games until they become a member and are assigned to a team roster.
 2. If a non-member player or coach participates in a game, their team forfeits the game.
2. The age limit for the GLC Division 3 (Minis) league is 16 and under **as of December 31** of the current season.
 1. Athletes aged 17-19 may be considered to play in Division 3 based on their skill level and experience. Home coaches' recommendations will be considered by the League Commission on a case-by-case basis.
3. All Division 3 (Minis) players must compete in at least **one third of games** prior to the GLC Division 3 League Championship.
4. No athlete competing in Division 1 will be eligible to compete in Division 3, regardless of age eligibility.
5. Athletes who compete in Division 2 may also compete in Division 3 provided their participation in Division 3 is skill-appropriate and their role is supportive in the development of teammates and opponents.

Appeals:

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. 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.

Transfer Policy:

This policy aims to promote commitment and respect among players, coaches and teams while upholding the values and goals of the Ontario Para Network and the Great Lakes Conference.

1. If a player wishes to play for a team other than their local club team or wishes to transfer to another team throughout the season, the player must notify the League Commission and provide a written statement indicating the reason for the transfer request. The League Commission must contact the team representatives of both affected teams before approving or denying the athlete transfer request.
2. A player who has been removed from a roster for disciplinary reasons may not join another club team without approval from the League Commission.
3. 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 club teams in two different divisions, if appropriate.

D. CLASSIFICATION

Classification will not be taken into consideration for the 2019-2020 season in order to give athletes the opportunity to officially (or unofficially) be assessed by a certified Classifier. The only classification rule that will be observed is Rule D.3 regarding the number of able-bodied players allowed on the court at a time.

1. A classification system 1.0 through 4.5 will be used.
2. Able-bodied participants will be classified as 4.5.
3. Teams cannot play more than 2 able-bodied players on the court at any time. Teams in violation of this rule will receive a bench technical foul.
4. The total number of points on the court may not exceed 9 points except:
 1. If a team plays a **female athlete**, the team will be entitled to **add one half point (0.5)** to the total for each eligible athlete that is on the court.
 2. If a team plays an athlete **aged 12 and under** (as of December 31 of the current year) the team will be entitled to **add one half point (0.5)** to the total for each eligible athlete that is on the court.
5. An effort will be made by ONPARA to coordinate with Ontario classifiers so that they may conduct classifications at GLC Division 3 (Minis) tournaments to classify new players.

E. COMPETITION

Wheelchair Basketball Canada rules for **3-on-3** competition will be followed, with modifications:

1. The game shall be played with a **size 6** basketball.
2. A shot clock will **not** be used.
3. Made baskets are worth 1 point each.
4. **Four (4) x four (4) minute quarters** (stop time) will be played, with a two (2) minute intermission (half-time) and 1min between quarters.
 1. All players on the roster must play a minimum of two (2) quarters.
5. Time outs will be 30 seconds in duration.
 1. Each team will be entitled to one (1) time out during the first half and two (2) time outs in the second half with a maximum of one (1) of these time outs in the last minute of the second half (during stoppage in play).
 2. Each team will be entitled to one (1) time out per extra period, if applicable.
 3. Each extra period will be two (2) minutes in length.
6. There shall be no 8 second violation rule.
7. There shall be no back-court violation rule.
8. The basket height will be 8.5 feet.
 1. If the venue does not allow for adjustable height baskets, other solutions may be allowed (e.g. hula hoops, use of rim or mesh, etc.)
9. The foul line will be set at 13 feet.
10. There is no three-point line.
11. Division 3 (Minis) will use a 'five seconds in the key' rule.
12. A full-court press is not allowed. The press must start above the defensive foul line after a basket has been made.
 1. It is understood that once a team has a 10 point advantage or more over their opponents, pressing must stop entirely. If the team continues to press, the referee will issue a bench technical foul for any infractions, given that the team in question remains at a 10+ point advantage.
13. A player who has committed **four (4) fouls** will be disqualified from the game.

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14. A team is in a team foul situation when it has committed four (4) fouls in one half.
 1. When a team is in the team foul penalty situation, all subsequent player personal fouls committed on a player not in the act of shooting shall be penalized by two (2) free throws, instead of a throw-in.
15. The game may be officiated by one or two referees.
 1. Wheelchair Basketball Canada recommends two referees as a development opportunity for a new referee to work with a veteran official in alignment with the Long Term Officials Development Model.
16. Unless otherwise stated, IWBF rules and regulations will be followed.
 1. Tie breaking procedures for round robin competition will be followed as per IWBF rules.
 2. A single overtime period will be played in the event of a tie during the regular season.
 3. Standings will be recorded in accordance with IWBF Rules (2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for loss).
17. It is the host club's responsibility to supply the necessary number of scorekeepers required per game. Failure to have individuals report for scorekeeping duties will result in the host club's team's players performing in the role.
18. The League Commission will determine team rankings and pool placement for the GLC Division 3 (Minis) League Championship based on results throughout the regular season.

Forfeits:

1. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:
 1. The team is not present or is unable to field 3 players within the classification point limit rule ready to play 5 minutes after the game is scheduled to begin.
 2. Its actions prevent the game from being played.
 3. It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the Head Official.
2. In the case of a known forfeit, ONPARA must be notified at least 24hrs prior to the scheduled game start time.
 1. The game may continue in the best possible way, if desired (i.e. exchange of players, mixed teams, etc.)
3. The penalty for a forfeit shall see that the game is awarded to the opponents and the score shall be 10 to 0.

Inclement Weather Policy:

Game cancellation may occur in the event of severe weather or other extraordinary circumstances that pose a risk to participants. The League Commission reserves the right to evaluate situations on a case-by-case basis and will attempt to contact all affected teams and officials within six (6) hours of the scheduled event start time in order to make a formal decision regarding game cancellation. Cancelled games will attempt to be rescheduled, though this may not always be possible depending on facility availability, league schedule, etc.

F. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

1. All teams must have "light" and "dark" uniforms
2. Proper, matching uniforms must be worn.
3. Teams must wear jersey numbers 00-99.
4. Uniforms without numbers are not eligible.
5. Teams should strive to wear uniform bottoms matching in colour among players on the same team.
6. If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform, the athlete should strive to match the colour of the uniform (i.e. white shirt under white jersey, red shirt under red jersey, etc.)
7. The first named team on the schedule is the home team and will wear their light jerseys.
8. A set of uniforms are available for loan. Please contact ONPARA for more details.

G. EQUIPMENT

1. IWBF rules regarding wheelchairs will be followed.
2. Athlete chairs are not allowed to have any other logo on their chair except for chair manufacturer logo, team crest, or athlete sponsored logos. All other logos must be removed or blacked out for competition. Athletes will not be allowed to enter the competition floor until the logos are either covered or removed.
3. Players must use non-marking tires. No black tires are allowed.
4. The game ball shall be a Molten size 6.
 1. It is the host club's responsibility to provide the game ball(s). Traveling teams should be prepared to provide their own basketballs for warm-up.
 2. An effort should be made by participating teams to play with the newest model of Molten basketball, when available.

H. AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the end of the GLC Division 3 (Minis) League Championship.

- The Sportsmanship Award
- The MVP Award
- A 9.0 point All-Star line-up

The Championship Trophy will be presented to the GLC Division 3 (Minis) League Championship team.

I. GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE LEAGUE COMMISSION

The GLC 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, up to maximum of seven (7) people:

- One (1) ONPARA Representative (staff or Board of Directors member)
- Two (2) Coach Representatives
- One (1) Athlete Representative
- One (1) Officials Representative
- Additional Positions:
 - Two (2) Members-At-Large (i.e. athlete, coach, parent, official, etc.)

The list of League Commission members will be made public by ONPARA.