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# ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

**Great Lakes Conference  
Division 1 (Competitive)**

**ONTARIO PARA NETWORK**

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## Great Lakes Conference Division 1 (Competitive) Rules & Regulations 2019 – 2020

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 1 (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 the achievement of the league goals.

### A. GOALS

1. To provide competitive opportunities for Ontario's most skilled and experienced athletes/teams to compete at the highest provincial level.
2. To provide a competitive 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.
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 **5 players and 1 staff** on their roster. Teams may register up to a maximum of 15 players on their roster, but only **12 players** may be on the score sheet for each game during league tournaments.
  1. Teams wishing to compete at the CWBL National Championship will be required to field a roster of minimum 7 players and 1 staff as per the Wheelchair Basketball Canada technical package.
3. A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season, unless the Transfer Policy is followed (see Section C).
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.
  1. 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. See *Section C for the Transfer Policy*.
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.

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### **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 1 (Competitive) league is to provide a competitive environment to athletes in the Train to Train, Train to Compete, Learn to Win, Train to Win, and Active For Life 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. All Division 1 (Competitive) players must compete in at least **one third of games** prior to the GLC Division 1 League Championship.
3. Athletes who compete in Division 1 may also compete in Division 2 provided their participation in Division 2 is skill-appropriate and their role is supportive in the development of teammates and opponents.
4. No athlete competing in Division 1 will be eligible to compete in Division 3, regardless of age eligibility.

### **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.

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**D. CLASSIFICATION**

1. A classification system 1.0 through 4.5 will be used.
2. Able-bodied participants will be classified as 4.5.
3. The total number of points on the court may not exceed **15 points**, except:
  - a. 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.
  - b. If a team plays a male athlete who is **45 years of age or older** (as of September 1 of the current year) 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.
4. An effort will be made by ONPARA to coordinate with Ontario classifiers so that they may conduct classifications at GLC Division 1 (Competitive) tournaments to classify new players, if necessary.

**E. COMPETITION**

1. Unless otherwise stated, IWBFF rules will be followed.
  1. Tie breaking procedures for round robin competition will be followed as per IWBFF rules.
  2. A single 5 minute overtime period will be played in the event of a tie during the regular season.
  3. Standings will be recorded in accordance with IWBFF Rules (2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for loss).
2. Teams will be guaranteed a 10 minute warm-up period prior to each game.
3. There will be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.
2. 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.
3. Team rankings and pool placement (if applicable) for the GLC Division 1 League Championship will be 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 5 players within the classification point limit rule ready to play 10 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 (e.g. 3-on-3, 4-on-4, exchange of players, etc.) upon agreement from both team coaches.
3. The penalty for a forfeit shall see that the game is awarded to the opponents and the score shall be 20 to 0, in accordance with IWBFF regulations.

***Incident 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.

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**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. Bottoms do not need to be the same colour as the uniform.
6. Athletes' undershirts must be the same dominant colour as their 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. Players must use non-marking tires. No black tires are allowed.
3. The game ball shall be a Molten size 7.
  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.
4. Teams wishing to compete at the CWBL National Championship must adhere to any additional rules regarding equipment as stated in the Wheelchair Basketball Canada technical package.

**H. AWARDS**

1. The following awards will be presented at the end of the GLC Division 1 League Championship.
  1. The Michael Bryce Championship Trophy
  2. The Keith Cartwright Sportsmanship Award
  3. The Anderson-Kutrowski MVP Award
  4. A 15.0 point All-Star line-up
2. The Championship Trophy will be awarded to the GLC Division 1 League champions.
3. The Sportsmanship Award, MVP Award, and All-Star line-up will be determined by nomination.
  1. The Head Coach from each participating team will be required to fill out and submit a nomination form prior to the start of the championship game.
  2. The nomination forms will be collected and compiled by ONPARA.
  3. The League Commission may be consulted regarding final selections.

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**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.