

# Junior Provincial Wheelchair Basketball Program

## Team Ontario 2021-2022



### Selection Criteria

#### Junior National Championship 2022

#### Requirements:

- All players must be members in good standing with ONPARA
- All players must be born between January 1, 1999 – December 31, 2008
- All players must be double vaccinated for COVID-19\* and be willing to follow designated COVID-19 protocols (e.g. masks, distancing, etc.) required by facilities
- All players must be willing and able to travel and care for themselves independently
- All players must attend at least **ONE** training camp between October – January to be considered for Team Ontario for the 2022 Junior National Championship
  - However, athletes should attempt, to the best of their ability, to attend all camps throughout the season.

*\*Proof of vaccination is expected to be required for all athletes, coaches, and team staff at Wheelchair Basketball Canada-sanctioned events, such as the 2022 Junior National Championship. Policies around medical exemptions have not yet been determined.*

#### Primary Selection Criteria:

- The desire to represent Ontario at the Junior National Championship in 2022
- Demonstrated technical skills, such as:
  - Passing & catching
  - Dribbling
  - Shooting
  - Chair skills & movement
  - Communication
- Demonstrated tactical skills, such as:
  - Decision making
  - Court awareness
  - Offensive reads
  - Problem solving
- Demonstrated physical skills, such as speed, agility, strength, hand-eye coordination, power, and fitness. These skills may be tested using any of the following tests:
  - 20 metre sprint
  - U-Turns
  - Canadian Shuttle (with and without ball)
  - Partner Pylon Passing
  - Continuous shooting
- Ability to fit in competitive line-ups totalling 15 points in a 5-on-5 format

## **Additional Considerations:**

- Contributions to team cohesiveness and team chemistry
- Interpersonal relationships with teammates
- Substitutions for particular players in particular line-ups
- Specialized roles in particular line-ups
- “Coachability” – the ability to receive and process feedback in a positive manner for improvement and development
- Mental skills, such as resilience, determination, positivity, concentration, etc.
- Demonstrated respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and others

## **Team Selection:**

Due to the necessary considerations related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the evolving ‘Return to Sport’ environment, the 2021-2022 Team Ontario Junior season will follow an “**open selection**” strategy in order to encourage greater participation, enhance identification opportunities, and allow for greater flexibility and accessibility for the athletes and their families. Training camps will be open to all age-eligible athletes who wish to be part of the Ontario Junior Provincial Program and be considered for selection for the 2022 Junior National Championship.

A total of **five monthly training camps** will be held between October – February. Final team selections will take place in January 2022 where the top 12 athletes will go on to represent Ontario at Junior Nationals in Prince Edward Island in March 2022.

## **Selection Process**

Athletes will be assessed by the Head Coach and a team of Assistant and Program Coaches involved with the Junior Program. All coaches will be asked to rank each individual athlete based on their observations made throughout the season in relation to the selection criteria outlined on Page 1. *Rankings will only be used for internal purposes and will not be released to the athletes.* A discussion will take place among the coaching staff, where a final decision will be made collectively, though the Head Coach reserves the right to make any final decisions should there be a lack of consensus.

Both objective and subjective measures will be used to rank and select the athletes. Due to the existing wheelchair basketball classification system (1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5) there may also be competition within the individual classes.

## **Alternates/Substitutes**

Should the unavailability of a designated class arise due to injury or other circumstances, a player will be selected from the Junior pool to replace said athlete. If necessary, at the discretion of the coaches, substitute players may be chosen from outside of the pool.

## **Appeal Policy**

Should a player want to appeal the final team selection, **a written statement must be submitted to the ONPARA Manager, High Performance** within five (5) days of the final team selection. A committee assigned by ONPARA will review the appeal and render a final decision based on their findings within seven (7) days of receipt of submission.

## **Budget:**

All athletes who participate in the Ontario Junior Provincial Program will be assessed a **\$125 fee** for the 2021-2022 season. This fee will assist ONPARA with covering the cost of program expenses for the season such as facility rentals and coaching.

**\*\*The total cost per athlete to attend Junior Nationals as a member of Team Ontario is estimated to be between \$500-600\*\***

The fee to attend Junior Nationals will cover expenses such as team registration, flights, ground transportation, accommodations, and meals.

*Athletes will be given the option of initiating and participating in fundraising activities in order to reduce their participation costs.*

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## Tentative Schedule

*Schedule is subject to change. Notice will be given to all in advance.*

### Training Camps:

#### Camp #1

Dates: Saturday October 23, 2021

Location: Abilities Centre, 55 Gordon Street, Whitby ON L1N 0J2

Time: 4:00-8:00pm

#### Camp #2

Date: Saturday November 20, 2021

Location: Abilities Centre, 55 Gordon Street, Whitby ON L1N 0J2

Time: 4:00-8:00pm

#### Camp #3

Date: Saturday December 18, 2021

Location: Abilities Centre, 55 Gordon Street, Whitby ON L1N 0J2

Time: 4:00-8:00pm

#### Camp #4

Date: January TBD, 2022

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

#### Camp #5

Date: February TBD, 2022

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

### Competitions:

Ontario Winter Games 2022

March 3-6, 2022

Renfrew County

*Open to all Junior pool athletes*

Junior National Championship 2022

March 18-20, 2022

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

*Final selections (Top 12) only*

### Athletes/Parents Meeting:

A virtual meeting/information session will be held sometime between the October and November camps (exact date TBD) in order to provide athletes and their families with additional information regarding the Team Ontario program and expectations for the 2021-2022 season, as well as to answer questions.