

Junior Provincial Wheelchair Basketball Program

Team Ontario 2023-2024



Selection Criteria

2024 Junior Eastern Championships

Requirements:

- All players must be members in good standing with ONPARA
- All players must be born between January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2011
- All players must be willing and able to travel and care for themselves independently.
- All players must attend at least **ONE** selection camp between **October and December** or speak to the Head Coach to be considered for Team Ontario for the 2024 Junior Eastern Championships
 - However, athletes should attempt, to the best of their ability, to attend all camps throughout the season.

Primary Selection Criteria:

- The desire to represent Ontario at the 2024 Junior Eastern Championships
- 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 formally 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 totaling 9 points in a 3X3 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:

The Junior “pool” for the 2023-2024 season is open to any athlete born January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2011

A total of **three selection camps** will be held between October– December. Final team selections will take place in **December 2023** where the **top 10** athletes will go on to represent Ontario at the Junior National Championships in **March 2024**

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

The coaching staff reserves the right to designate “Alternates” following the selection of the top 10. These Alternates will continue to train with the team leading up to the Junior National Championships and are considered to be a valuable part of Team Ontario. Should the unavailability of a designated class arise due to injury, illness, or other circumstances, a player will be selected from the pool of Alternates 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 Ontario Para Network** within five (5) days of the final team

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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 2023-2024 season. This fee will assist ONPARA with covering the cost of program expenses for the season such as facility rentals, equipment, and coaching.

Refunds

A refund of the \$125 athlete fee will be issued if:

- All scheduled training and events are cancelled by ONPARA, or
- The athlete withdraws from the program prior to the start of the first selection camp

The total cost per athlete to attend all camps and training sessions leading up to the Junior National Championship as a member of Team Ontario is estimated to be between \$500-600.

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 and locations are subject to change. Notice will be given to all in advance.

Camps:

Selection Camps	
Selection Camp #1 Date: Sunday Oct 22 Time 10:00am-5:30pm	Location: Abilities Centre 55 Gordon Street Whitby, On L1N 0J2
Selection Camp #2 Date: Saturday November 18 Time: 12:00-5:00 pm	Location: Haber Recreation Centre 3040 Tim Dobbie Drive Burlington, On L7M 0M3
Selection Camp #3- final selection Date: Sunday December 10 Time: 10:00am -5:30pm	Location: Abilities Centre 55 Gordon Street Whitby, On L1N 0J2
Training Camps for Selected athletes only	
Training Camp #4 Date: Jan 13 Time: 10:00am- 5:30pm	Location: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre 875 Morningside Ave Toronto, ON, M1C 0C7
Training Camp #5 Date: Feb 10 Time: 10:00am- 5:30pm	Location: Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre 875 Morningside Ave Toronto, ON, M1C 0C7

Competitions	
2024 Junior Eastern Regional Championships March 8-10, 2024	2024 CWBL finals May 17-19, 2024 location: Moncton, NB
Location: Montreal	

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Mock competitions and/or exhibition games will also likely be incorporated into the existing Team Ontario training camps or Great Lakes Conference (provincial league) schedule for additional competitive opportunities.