



**Team BC**

**Wheelchair Rugby**

**Team Expectations and Conduct Policy**

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## **Availability**

Below is the BCWSA calendar of events for the upcoming 2024-2025 season. Athletes selected to the Provincial Team are expected to make every effort to be available for the events designated below (note that not all athletes selected to the pool will be chosen for all events).

Our goal is to take smaller groups of athletes to several events in order to maximize playing time and prioritize development. Athlete availability will be requested prior to each event. Please respond in a timely fashion. Once athlete availability is established, the Coaching Staff and Program Manager will identify and select the appropriate athletes based on: the level of tournament, available lineups, lineups targeted for development, and budget.

Athletes who attend selection camp and are not selected to the Provincial Team Pool may be asked to attend tournaments to help with lineups, support their personal development, or create an opportunity to develop other Team BC athletes.

## **Team Selection/Training Camps/Tournaments**

1. Team Selection (tryouts): November 1, 2024 - Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm @ Richmond Olympic Oval
2. Training Camp: January 4 & 5, 2025
3. Training Camp: February - TBC
4. Vancouver Invitational: March 27-30, 2025 @ Richmond Olympic Oval
5. Training Camp: April - TBC
6. National Championships: TBC
7. Other competitions: Athletes will be notified when competition dates and locations are confirmed.

## **Daily Training Environment (DTE) expectations**

- Must be at the selection camp.
- Attend at least 2 Team BC training camps.
- Attend 2 tournaments prior to Nationals.
- Participate in your DTE at least twice per week from September to May.
- Access IST services as appropriate.
- Register with Canadian Sport Institute and participate in at least 1 workshop and all mandatory training modules.

## **BCWSA and Athlete monetary responsibilities**

### ***Training Camps***

BCWSA will pay for flights, mileage, or ferry costs with a receipt form for an individual athlete. Carpooling is highly encouraged. Flights must be booked in advance taking advantage of the best offers.

BCWSA will pay for athletes' accommodations based on double occupancy. The staff assigned to the event will make rooming assignments. Rooming assignments will be allocated to athletes of the same gender. Whenever possible staff will pair with staff.

### ***Tournaments***

BCWSA will pay for flights for all athletes if the tournament is designated as a flight event. BCWSA will pay for mileage for athletes to non-flight events. Carpooling is highly encouraged.

Athletes are responsible for covering their accommodation and food expenses when attending a tournament.

Vancouver Invitational Wheelchair Rugby Tournament: selected regional athletes will have a hotel (based on double occupancy) and transportation covered by BCWSA. The provincial coach and program manager will determine the transportation method.

### ***Notes:***

- BCWSA will provide coaches and equipment staff for all tournaments and training camps.
- The program manager and the coaching staff will be responsible for the rooming list assignments. Athletes should not bring external people to stay in the hotel room.
- **Flight cancellations:** athletes should present a medical/health reason with a doctor's note in case they are not attending an event when flights are already booked. If a medical/health reason is not presented, the athlete will be responsible for covering a flight cancellation fee/cost.

## **Player Conduct**

Athletes selected into the provincial pool must adhere to the CCES anti-doping guidelines and participate in a WRC-mandated anti-doping education seminar to be eligible to compete at National Championships. For more information please visit: [www.cces.ca/en/requirements](http://www.cces.ca/en/requirements). Or visit [www.globaldro.com](http://www.globaldro.com) for a useful prohibited substance search engine.

Athletes will be expected to abide by the BCWSA code of conduct at all times and represent BC with the expectation of providing their best possible performance.

### **Culture of Performance**

The BC Wheelchair Rugby Provincial Team is aligned with the National Team in our efforts to create a culture of performance. As part of our performance culture, athletes attending designated Provincial Team camps and tournaments are expected to prioritize the 'Team' with the goal of the highest possible performance and focus. **To maintain a culture of performance athletes traveling with the team will be allocated accommodations by the coach assigned to the event and must be occupied by athletes only.** If partners or friends and family wish to attend events or camps as spectators they **must stay in separate accommodations** as the athlete's priority is to the team and the event. Once all team obligations are complete, the coaching staff will make every effort to determine an appropriate time for athletes to engage with partners and other spectators.

### **Communication**

Athletes are encouraged to keep an open line of communication with the provincial team coach and program manager. Please contact Trevor and Mike with any of your questions or concerns.

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