

All BC-CWBL Players and Coaches should be familiar with the rules and regulations of the Division 1 League as described herein. It is important to note that the core rules and regulations relating to Participants, Eligibility, Classification, Competition, and Uniforms are based on Wheelchair Basketball Canada's (WBC) CWBL Open League Technical Package. The full technical package once available from the WBC office should be considered an addendum to these rules. Additional regulations have been formulated to assist in the administration of the BC-CWBL Conference.

A. BC-CWBL DIVISION 1 GOALS

- To develop high performance players in BC
- To develop high performance coaches in BC
- To provide even and high level competitive games in a club environment
- To send a representative club team from the BC CWBL conference that will be nationally competitive and achieve medal round results

B. TEAMS

- 1) All BCWBS members in good standing are welcome to declare their intention to participate in Division 1 with an application form due to the BCWBS office by September 2, 2011.
- 2) A High Performance Coaching Committee will discuss and form teams based on the athletes' applications, league goals, and team classification requirements.
- 3) After the application deadline date, the committee may select two to three athlete representatives with whom the committee reviews and finalizes the teams. A coach/coaching rep is defined as a non player.
- 4) It must be noted that this is a competitive and high level league where many national team and provincial team players participate. Players who submit their names to the draft are not guaranteed selection to a D1 team. However, we will keep their names on a list for an alternate pool and if a player call-up is requested during the season, they could be called upon to play a Division 1 game(s).

C. TEAM REGISTRATION

- Team coaches, or athlete reps if no coaches, will be the team representative and be the main contact with BCWBS.
- All players must submit their league registration fee and performance bond **prior to** their first game of the season in order to be eligible to play. All Division 1 teams must also register with WBC no later than February 27, 2012.
- All teams must have a minimum of 7 players and 1 staff on their roster. Teams may register up to a maximum of 15 players but only 12 players may participate in each tournament.
- Rosters are set after the consultation of the high performance coaching committee **however changes including transfers and additions may be made through the season in an effort to achieve the league goals. These changes must be approved by a majority vote of the Division 1 league commission.**
- **The players that are added to the roster will be required to pay the Division 1 registration fee that the commission sets the rate of.**
- Coaches may call up a replacement player from the Division 1 Alternate Pool or a Division 2 player (must be a member of BCWBS in good standing) to fill a scheduled absence (similar skill or class level or lower) **if deemed necessary and if approved by the league commission.** The league commission must be notified of **a roster change request at least 24 hours in**

advance of game times **to approve** unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. day of illness, injury, or travel issues) and the commission members are not available on the day.

- Call-up players will remain in the call-up pool until they are officially added to the roster with the approval of the league commission.
- The player registration fee is \$100 for lower mainland players and \$75 for regional players. This is a one-time fee for league play throughout the season and is allocated to cover partial costs associated with running the BC-CWBL Division 1 league.

D. PERFORMANCE BOND

- Each athlete must submit a \$100.00 Performance Bond by a cheque post-dated to March 1, 2012 or a credit card number with their registration fee. **Each missed game** will result in a charge of \$20.00 unless an absence waiver request form is submitted at least 14 days prior to the missed game(s) and the league committee approves it. When an exceptional circumstance arises, the request will be accepted after this deadline only when you submit the form **as soon as** you find that you will miss the game(s). Exceptional circumstances include serious health issue, major transportation incident, and serious family matter. **A reduced rate of penalty may be considered if regional travel time does not allow a player to make the game where as he/she could do so if they did not have to travel. However, a written request must be submitted timely to be considered.**
- The absence request form is available at BCWBS office or on the BCWBS website (www.bcwbs.ca).
- The Performance Bond (less applicable penalties for player absence or missed scorekeeping) of \$100.00 will be returned to the player 14 days after the final championship game.

E. PARTICIPANTS

(Based on CWBL Open Technical Package from WBC)

- A team may not register more than 6 impact players. An all female team is excluded from this rule. An impact player is defined as:
 - Any national team program player (past or present) who has been involved in the men's or women's National Team Program; or, any able-bodied athlete, male or female, who has five (5) years or more experience in wheelchair basketball and has played at the National Championships.
 - A national team program player is understood to be that has been on the National Team 12 player roster having been carded for more than one year or one that has played an IWBFB sanctioned event (Gold Cup or Paralympics).
- No more than 3 current National Team players will be allowed on the team roster.
- Teams must identify their 6 impact players on the roster sheet that is submitted with their registration to the Wheelchair Basketball Canada.
- The League Commission in consultation with the WBC national office will rule on eligibility as requested.

F. ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be members of BCWBS in good standing, athletes in good standing (i.e. no outstanding fees from previous seasons), and have signed an athlete code of conduct to be eligible to play.
- There are no residence requirements.
- A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season with the exception that a player may transfer to a new team after receiving approval by the league commission.
- All BC-CWBL Division 1 players must compete in at least **two (2)** games in order to be eligible for the BC-CWBL Finals.
- All CWBL players must compete in at least **five (5)** games in order to be eligible for the CWBL National Finals (these games must be played at least 30 days prior to the Championship or receive approval from the respective Commissioner if there are extenuating circumstances).

- Transfer rule: Players transferring to a new team must play at least **three (3)** games with their new team prior to the National CWBL Finals.

Post Season Transfer (Teams that Qualify for CWBL Open Finals but are requesting additional roster support due to the following circumstances):

- Minimum participant ratios can not be fulfilled.
- Team attending CWBL Open Finals requests additional roster support as current registered team member cannot attend Finals due to circumstances (Injury, work, family matter)
- Team requesting additional roster support must look for players in their respective conference.
- Team requesting additional roster support must request players that are of equal caliber and classification of the current team member that cannot attend.
- All player transfers for CWBL Open Finals will receive approval from national office, CWBL Open Commissioner, VP Domestic and Conference Commissioner of where the request is originating from.

G. CLASSIFICATION

- Classification system 0.5 through 4.5 will be used. Able-bodied participants will be 4.5.
- Total number of points on the court may not exceed 15 in Division 1 except:
 - If a team plays a female player the team will be entitled to add one (1) additional point to the total for each female player that is on court.
 - If a team plays a junior player who is born in 1995 or later, the team will be entitled to add one (1) additional point to the total for each eligible player that is on court.
 - If a team plays a player born in 1967 or earlier, the team will be entitled to add ½ additional point to the total for each eligible player that is on the court. Current National Team players are excluded from this rule.
 - If a team plays a player born in 1962 or earlier, the team will be entitled to add one (1) additional point to the total for each eligible player that is on the court. Current National Team players are excluded from this rule.
 - A player may only earn one additional point on the floor for their team.

H. COMPETITION

- IWBF rules will be followed. Tie breaking for round robin competition as per IWBF rules.
- Sport scoring from league games throughout the season will be used to determine rankings for the BC-CWBL Finals.
- Except at the BC-CWBL Finals tournament, each team must supply 3 scorekeepers per game as indicated on the tournament schedule and the team coach will coordinate this with their players. Failure for an individual to report for scorekeeping duties will result in a \$25.00 fine per game missed.
- The Game Disqualification rule will be in effect for the 2011-12. Copy of this ruling is available at the BCWBS office.
- A 2011/12 League tournament point system will be implemented as follows:
Each of the first 4 games = 2 points per Win, 1 point per Loss, 0 for Forfeit
The rest of the games = 3 points per Win, 1 point per Loss, 0 for Forfeit
Only the Douglas College team games will count towards the point system to determine the conference champion.
- In the case of forfeit, the committee members present, opposition coach, and officials must be notified prior to the scheduled game time. The head official must indicate the team(s) that forfeited on the score sheet prior to the beginning of the game. However, the game must continue in the best possible way. All the league players at present should also be explained the situation by the coach on the team that forfeits.
- At the conclusion of all the games, teams will be ranked using the point system above. There will be no finals or championship game.

I. CWBL OPEN FINALS

- The BC Conference CWBL Champions will receive first priority to attend the CWBL Open Finals. A team must have a minimum of 7 players and 1 staff in attendance to be eligible to play games at the CWBL Open Finals. In the event that the 1st place team can not attend, the 2nd place team will be offered the spot and finally the 3rd place team should the 2nd team not be able to attend.
- When travelling out of province to attend the CWBL Finals BCWBS will coordinate the travel arrangements and other logistics for the team. BCWBS will support the registration and airfare, as much as possible, for the 1st place team in the BC Conference. Accommodation and vehicle rental costs are the individual athlete/teams responsibility.
- The Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (CSES) MAY perform random Doping Control Testing during the CWBL Finals (visit www.cces.ca for more information).

J. GAMES AGAINST OUT OF PROVINCE TEAMS

- The games against out of province teams count towards the total number of games played both for teams and individual players
- The game result will not count towards league tournament points

K. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

- All teams must have "light" and "dark" uniforms.
- Proper uniforms must be worn. All teams are encouraged to wear jersey numbers 4 – 15 (this is a requirement when competing at the CWBL Finals Open Division), however in the BC-CWBL uniforms may be numbered 0-99.
- The first named team on the schedule is the home team and must wear light.
- Game Ball – Molten Size 7

L. TOURNAMENT DATES

October 28-30	Douglas College New West – Div 1 games & HP Camp
November 25-27	Douglas College New West/TWU Langley - Div 1 & 2 tournament
Jan. 6-8	Douglas College New West – Div 1 games & HP Camp
Feb 11/12	Trinity Western University – CWBL Invitational
March 2-4	Douglas College David Lam Campus Coquitlam – BC Finals
April 6-8	CWBL Open Finals - PEI

M. LEAGUE COMMISSION

There will be a League Commission consisting of the BCWBS Managing Director Carrie Linegar; the BCWBS Coaching Staff: Joe Higgins, and Division 1 Athlete Reps. The BCWBS Managing Director will be the League Commissioner and CWBL Open Division contact with Wheelchair Basketball Canada. The League Commission will review and confirm the rules and regulations for the league annually and deal with any issues or special requests that arise during the season of play.

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