



ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

Great Lakes Conference Division 1 (Elite)



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Ontario Wheelchair Basketball League Great Lakes Conference (Division 1) Regulations 2015-2016

All Great Lakes Conference Division 1 (Elite) players and coaches must be familiar with the rules and regulations of the league as described herein. These regulations have been formulated to support achievement of our league goals.

A. GOALS

- To provide a league at an elite competitive level for players/teams in Ontario.
- To provide a competitive league that facilitates fair and equitable competition, sportsmanship, and athlete development.
- To provide a positive sport experience in which to develop players across Ontario in a competitive game environment appropriate to their abilities.
- To provide a level of competition consistent with the best CWBL teams in Canada.
- To facilitate athlete, coach, and officials development.
- To encourage and support regional wheelchair basketball programs/clubs throughout Ontario.
- To minimize the economical and geographical barriers to participation in wheelchair basketball.
- To foster a sense of inclusion within the wheelchair basketball community by bringing together players from across Ontario in the spirit of sport and camaraderie.
- To encourage participants to adopt healthy, independent, and active lifestyles.
- To support the growth and development of wheelchair basketball in Ontario.

B. TEAM REGISTRATION

All teams must submit a team roster with 'Impact' players noted (see below for definitions) along with their Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association membership fees – including performance bond – by the deadline dates below:

Rate: **\$25 per person + \$250** (refundable performance bond), must be **received** by Josée Matte, OWSA Wheelchair Basketball League Coordinator, **November 27, 2015** in order to participate in the GLC Division 1 (Elite) league.

- All teams must have a minimum of 7 players and a coach on their roster. Teams may register up to a maximum of 15 players but only 12 players may participate in each league game or tournament. It is recommended to register as many players as possible to ensure your full participation in league tournaments.
- All teams must identify a **team representative** to act as the main contact with the OWSA. They need to be able to communicate with the OWSA regularly on email basis and are responsible for forwarding any league/tournament related information to their team members.

Late Additions:

Non-impact players may be added to the roster mid-season, a minimum of 7 days prior to a competition, if they have not been registered with another CWBL GLC club previously. The player must be registered with OWSA to be eligible to be added to an existing club roster. Players not on the club's roster will be ineligible to play, and playing an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of the games affected. Players must meet Wheelchair Basketball Canada [requirements](#) to play in the CWBL National Championships.

C. PERFORMANCE BOND

- A \$250 team performance bond is required at registration. The bond may take the form of a separate cheque post-dated to **April 30, 2016** or a credit card number which is valid at least until **May, 2016**.
- Failure to honor all commitments to GLC Division 1 (Elite) will result in forfeiture of the performance bond, unless exceptional circumstances are provided in writing to the League Commission and approved by the Commission.
- If a team withdraws their attendance in a tournament **fewer than 4 weeks** before the scheduled tournament date, the League Commission determines the appropriate penalty based on the cost that occurred due to the withdrawal, which will be taken from the team performance bond (penalty would not exceed \$250).
- Penalty for missed scorekeeping assignments will be taken from the team performance bond, unless submitted directly from the penalized player.
- The team performance bond (less applicable penalties) of \$250 will be returned to the team within 14 days after the final championship game or last regular season game, whichever comes later.

D. PARTICIPANTS

The purpose of the GLC Division 1 (Elite) league is to provide a competitive environment to athletes in the Train to Train, Train to Compete, and Train to Win stages of the [Long Term Athlete Development Model](#). Elite athletes are also encouraged to remain involved in the GLC as coaches, officials, and off-court mentors in Division 2 (Competitive) and/or Division 3 (Recreational).

- A team can roster non-local Ontario players only in the 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.
- 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 clubs in two divisions at the same time, if appropriate.
- If a player wishes to play with another team than his/her local team in the same division, both teams in question must be consulted on the matter and the athlete is responsible to report valid reasoning to the League Commission for approval (e.g. going to school in another city).
- The League Commission approves the final rosters for each team in the GLC Division 1 (Elite) league.
- The number of teams in the GLC Division 1 (Elite) league shall not surpass the capacity of the talent pool. The League Commission may consult with coaches to determine the best structure to enable the goals of the league to be met.

GLC Division 1 (Elite) Impact Player Rule

An Impact Player is defined as:

- Any national team player (male or female, past or present) who has been selected to the 12 player roster (having been Senior carded for more than one year), or one who has played an IWBF sanctioned event (Paralympic Games or World Championships).
- Any able-bodied athlete, male or female, who has five (5) years or more experience in wheelchair basketball and has received an All-Star or MVP Award at a CWBL National Championship.

In order to ensure every GLC Division 1 (Elite) team is eligible for the CWBL National Championships at the end of the season, the CWBL Impact Player rule shall be used. It states:

- Teams may register up to **six (6) impact players** on their roster (all-female teams are exempt from this rule).
- Teams may register **up to three (3)** current national team players on their roster.

Teams may present an appeal of Impact Player status 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. Their status will then be determined by the League Commission when rosters are reviewed and approved at the beginning of the season. 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.

E. ELIGIBILITY

- All players and coaches must be current members of the OWSA in good standing (i.e. signed a code of conduct and has no outstanding payment from previous seasons) to be eligible to participate in GLC games and events.
- **Athletes will NOT be allowed to play any games until they become a member and are assigned to a team roster. If a non-member player participates in a game, their team forfeits the game.**
- A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season.
 - An Impact Player's name may not appear in rosters for both the GLC Division 1 (Elite) and Division 3 (Recreational).
- To accommodate players entering the league throughout the season, additions to a team roster may be made up to **seven (7) days prior** to each league game or tournament, to a maximum of 15 players.
- GLC Division 1 (Elite) teams will play a minimum of five (5) games in the season (in accordance with CWBL requirements), not including the Great Lakes Conference Provincial Championships.

F. CLASSIFICATION

- Classification system 1.0 through 4.5 will be used. Able-bodied participants will be 4.5.
- The total number of points on the court may not exceed 15 in the GLC Division 1 (Elite) league, except:
 - If a team plays a female athlete, the team will be entitled to add one (1.0) additional point to the total for each eligible athlete that is on the court.
- Ontario classifiers may conduct preliminary classifications at GLC tournaments to classify new players.

G. COMPETITION

- IWBF rules will be followed.
 - Tie breaking procedures for round robin competition will be followed as per IWBF rules.
 - A single 5 minute overtime period will be played in the event of a tie during the regular season.
 - Standings will be recorded in accordance with IWBF Rules (2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss).

- Except at the GLC Provincial Championships, each team must be prepared to supply two (2) scorekeepers per game as indicated on the tournament schedule. Failure to have individuals report for scorekeeping duties **at latest 10 minutes prior to an assigned game time** will result in a **\$25 fine** per scorekeeper per game missed. Hosting teams are encouraged to have volunteers for these roles, and teams may be dismissed from scorekeeping duties *after* they have reported.
- In the case of forfeiture, **the League Commission members present, opposition coach, and officials must be notified prior to the scheduled game time/start**. The head official must indicate the team forfeiting the game on the scoresheet prior to the beginning of the game. However, the game may continue in the best possible way (e.g. 3 on 3, 4 on 4).
- **The League Commission will determine team rankings and pool placement** for the GLC Division 1 (Elite) Provincial Championships based on results throughout the regular season.

H. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

- All teams must have "white" and "dark" uniforms.
- Proper, matching uniforms must be worn during all league games and tournaments.
- Teams are encouraged to wear jersey numbers 0-99.
- Uniforms without numbers are not eligible.
- Uniform bottoms should match in colour among players on the same team.
- If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform, the colour must match the colour of the uniform.
- The first named team on the schedule is the home team and will wear their white jerseys.
- A set of uniforms are available for loan. Please contact the OWSA for more details.

I. EQUIPMENT

- IWBF rules regarding wheelchairs will be followed. Teams are encouraged to investigate and take advantage of sponsorship policies.
- Players must use non-marking tires (No black tires are allowed).
- Game Ball – Molten Size 7

J. AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the end of the GLC Division 1 (Elite) Provincial Championships. (One vote per team submitted by half-time of the game before the Division 1 championship game).

- The Keith Cartwright Sportsmanship Award
- The Anderson/Kutrowski MVP Award
- A 15.0 point All-Star line-up

The Michael Bryce Championship Trophy will be presented to the GLC Division 1 (Elite) league championship team.



K. GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE LEAGUE COMMITTEE & LEAGUE COMMISSION

League Committee: Representatives will work together to establish tournament hosts, review rules and regulations when requested, present suggestions to League Commission for review/implementation, and serve as the communication point to individual club teams. The League Committee includes:

- A representative from each active GLC team
- OWSA Executive Director
- OWSA Wheelchair Basketball League Coordinator
- Provincial and Regional coaches
- A Member-at-Large/Advisor (optional)

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:

- OWSA Wheelchair Basketball League Coordinator
- Ontario Provincial Coach
- Wheelchair Basketball Canada National Academy Representative
- Non-Playing Athlete Representative
- Non-Playing Representative (other – coach, parent, etc.)