



BC Wheelchair Basketball Society – Back to Wheelchair Basketball BC Return to Sport – July 10, 2020

Wheelchair Basketball Canada and Canada Basketball partnered to create a plan and guidelines for all basketball in Canada to return to play safely.

Back to Wheelchair Basketball - a multi-phased guide to the safe resumption of basketball in Canada can be found at this link:

https://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2020/06/061620_B2B_SportGuidelines_V1.pdf

The primary goal of WBC and BCWBS is to protect the health and safety of all players, coaches, officials, support staff, volunteers, spectators and everyone else returning to our cherished game, while preventing the spread of COVID-19, both on and off the court. This guide will provide relevant information for our high-performance programs, regions, and clubs. We are looking forward to returning to the court when it is safe to do so, and continuing to build upon all the positive momentum that our game has experienced recently in BC and throughout Canada; further uniting our basketball nation.

BCWBS will continue to run a variety of online programs and limited individual training sessions over the next few months, as per the current guidelines.

Guidelines for those interested in getting back on court:

- If using a hoop, the ratio must be one athlete/hoop;
- Each athlete must have their own basketball, and no one else should rebound or otherwise interact with this ball;
- Max 6 individuals on a court at once, including coach or supporters;
- A 2m distance must be enforced between athletes at all times;
- No contact drills;
- Athletes must be able to bring their own chair onto court and chairs will not be stored at the facility;
- Participants requiring personal assistance to participate in programming (ie. transferring between day chair and sport chair, strapping, taping) should bring an assistant with them.
 - Coaching Staff cannot assist participants with personal needs. Assistants may help the athlete to prepare for the program and then must exit the training facility until the end of programming when they can again assist the participant in departing.

- The assistant must be pre-arranged by the participant and communicated to programming staff ahead of their arrival at the program.
 - Assistants can only assist their own participant.
 - Assistants will be required to follow the same guidelines as participants
 - Individuals who cannot provide their own assistant, but do require assistance to participate, should contact Program Staff directly to explore other options;
- Athletes are responsible for all maintenance of their chairs, and for the tools related to maintenance;
 - Athletes are responsible to bring their own personal water bottle to the sessions, and should ensure it is filled from home, not at the facility. Refills at the facility will not be permitted, so plan accordingly;
 - Antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer should be on hand at BCWBS sanctioned events. These are to be used for wiping down of hand rims, ball, tires before and after activity. Athletes should bring their own supplies of all sanitizers, antibacterial wipes, and other supplies they may need to ensure this can be done satisfactorily.

Notes:

- Athletes and coaches should all be aware of all policies laid out by the facility they are using. Please follow these policies at all times, even if they are more restrictive than the ones laid out in the BCWBS plan, as each facility has its own characteristics and strategy.
- The expectation is that indoor sports and related facilities will begin to open in Phase 3 of BC's Restart plan. These guidelines can be utilized for outdoor courts as well during Phase 2. https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan?utm_campaign=20200526_GCPE_AM_COVID_6__ADW_BCGOV_EN_BC__TEXT
- In case of breakout, we will follow guidelines of the Provincial Health Authority. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/partners/health-authorities/regional-health-authorities>
- There are a high number of para-athletes with compromised immune/respiratory systems. Anyone who is at higher risk to COVID-19 are advised to seriously consider engaging in any public activity.
 - The BC Centre for Disease Control has information on populations with increased risk, please review it here <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/priority-populations>
 - The BC government has advised minors at increased risk to "not take part in recreational, sporting or camp activities"
- As COVID-19 is an ongoing situation, please stay up-to-date on newly released information from BCWBS through our weekly newsletter. To subscribe please email, bcwbs1@gmail.com

Let's Play and the BCWBS Schools and Community Outreach Program – will be following restrictions and guidelines provided by the BC Ministry of Education

For **Office Administration and Staff** at 780 SW Marine Drive, in terms of working at the office, we will follow recommendation and guidelines provided by our Landlords SCI-BC.