



**Mark Your Calendars for 2020!**

**Fort St John 2020 BC WINTER GAMES**  
**SPORT: WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL (Age: 12-20)**  
**February 19 – 23, 2020**

**What are the BC Winter Games?**

Since 1978, the BC Games Society has been staging the BC Summer and Winter Games which are two of the largest multi-sport Games in BC and in Canada, bringing together young developing athletes from every region of the province. The purpose of these Games is *"To provide an opportunity for the development of athletes, coaches and officials in preparation for higher levels of competition in a multi-sport event which promotes interest and participation in sport and sporting activities, individual achievement and community development."*

These Games give young, developing athletes the opportunity to improve their skills, while learning to deal with the excitement, triumphs and defeats of participating in a major multi-sport event and is a potential stepping stone to the Canada Winter Games. Wheelchair basketball is just one of many sports participating in these Games.

**Who organizes the Games?**

The BC Games Society works in conjunction with the host community of Kamloops to arrange the Games. BC Wheelchair Basketball Society facilitates the tournament organization and preparation of athletes and assists with the selection and registration of coaches, athletes, and officials through zone reps.

**Who can participate? Fort St John info**

- Athletes, with or without disability, must turn 12 – 20 years of age in 2019 to be eligible to participate (athletes born in 2000 to 2008). Up to two new or developmental athletes with a physical disability per zone can be between 21 and 29 years old if space permits. However, the priority goes to those who are between 12-20 years old at the appropriate stage of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model.
- Athletes may attend three BC Winter Games if they are at the appropriate LTAD stage. Approval from BCWBS and BC Games staff are required for any athlete who has already competed in two BC Winter Games, on a case-by-case basis.
- 7 players plus one coach and one assistant coach or manager per zone team - both male and female athletes are eligible. Zone team selection will be determined by BCWBS and completed by December, 2019. Up to 10 athletes may be allowed to compete for a different zone team than where they make their permanent residence, due to classification and number available.

**How much does it cost?**

The Games Society pays for and organizes transportation for outer lying zones, accommodation in the school district, all meals, and entertainment all for a registration fee of \$175 plus a \$25 fee to BCWBS (**\$200 total**). Competitors must also be current members of BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (**Season Membership: \$20 for U19, \$35 for 19 and up**). A small try-out/camp fee may also be charged to each participant leading up to the games.

**What does the competition look like?**

A 4 on 4 competition format will be used for the Games. The hoop height is 10ft and a size 6 ball is used. A modified rules format and classification system will be used to reflect the 4 on 4 format.

### ***How do I get involved?***

Contact the Provincial Advisor or your zone rep once determined if you are interested in participating. BCWBS and your zone rep will organize training and selection camps as required. Please note that it is possible that athletes may be assigned to different zone teams due to classification requirements or lack of numbers in specific zones.

#### Previous Zone info

##### **Zone Sport Representatives:**

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