

BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES 2003 ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

The BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2003 BCWBS Annual Awards.

Male Athlete of the Year *Richard Peter, Vancouver BC*

A veteran of the game, having played wheelchair basketball for over 16 years, Richard continues to improve and excel on the basketball court. In December 2003, Richard was a key contributor to the success of the Men's National Team in Argentina, where the team placed first and qualified for the 2004 Paralympics in Athens.

Female Athlete of the Year *Trish Nicholson, Richmond BC*

Trish has been playing wheelchair basketball for over 12 years, but has brought a new level of enthusiasm and dedication to the sport. In 2003 she was recognized for her outstanding performances as an all-star at the 2003 Women's National Championships in Toronto and 2003 BC-CWBL Finals in Nanaimo.

back l to r:
Kathy Newman
of BCWSA,
Trish Nicholson,
Avril Harris,
Dean MacKinnon on
behalf of Tony Muro;

front l to r:
Bernice Wong
on behalf of
Janet Dunn,
Marni Abbott,
Richard Peter

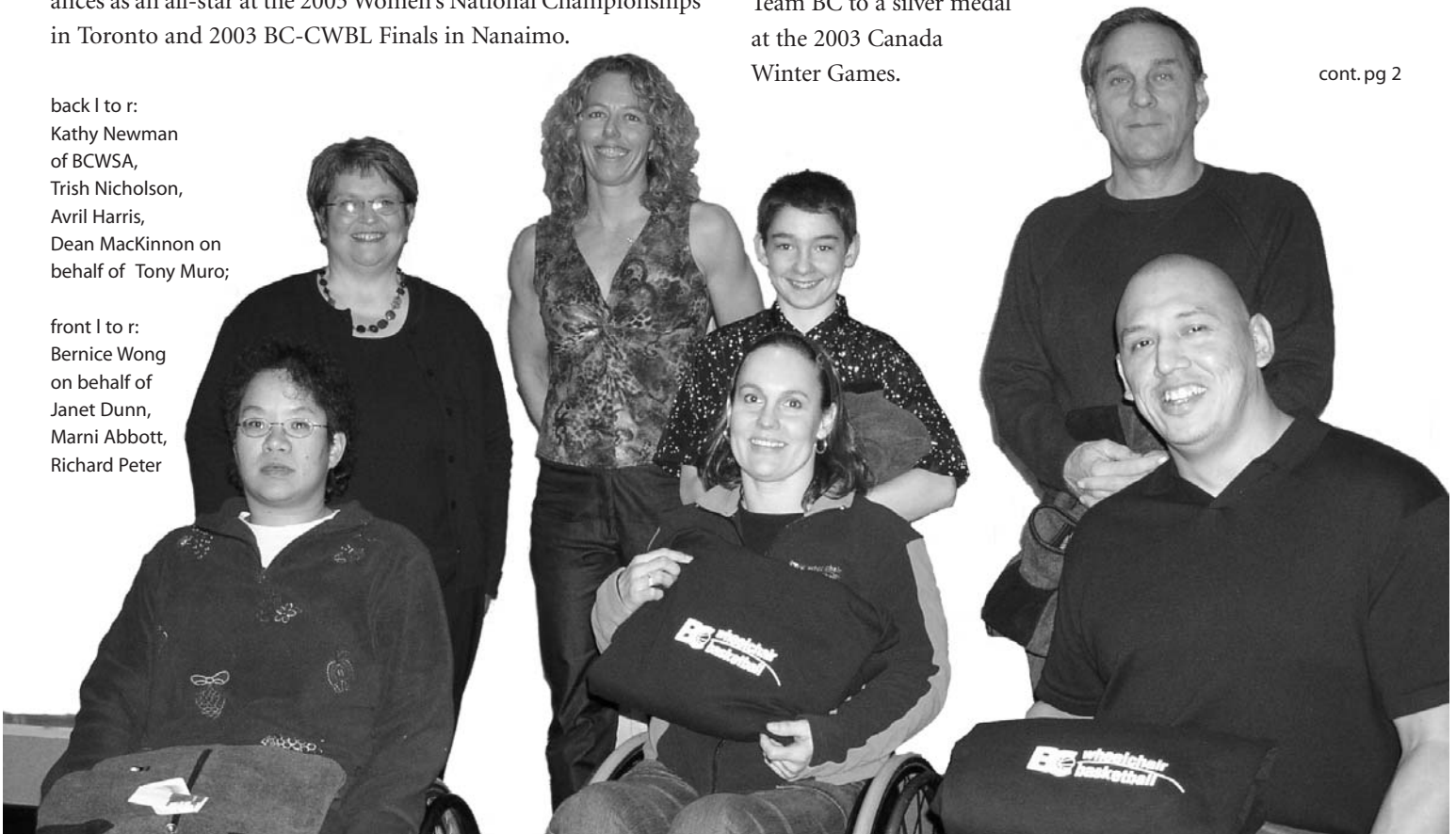
Junior Athlete of the Year *Avril Harris, Prince George BC*

Avril is now playing in his first year in the BC-CWBL, but we all know that he has been playing for years, eager to progress to the next level. He has become a mentor to junior players in the Prince George program, sharing his knowledge and skill with thoughtfulness and always a smile. He loves wheelchair basketball and is committed to growing as an athlete and a great volunteer.

Coach of the Year *Marni Abbott, Vancouver BC*

Marni has been the coach of the last three Canada Games programs for BC in 1995, 1999 and 2003 and she has been instrumental to the success of these programs. Last year, Marni coached Team BC to a silver medal at the 2003 Canada Winter Games.

cont. pg 2



BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES
THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY
PARTNERS FOR THEIR GENEROUS
SUPPORT:



Suite 224 - 1367 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6H 4A9
604 737 3138 **phone**
604 737 6043 **fax**
bcwbs@telus.net **email**
www.bcwbs.ca **website**

Managing Director *Carrie Linegar*

2003-04 Board of Directors

President *Jo-Anne Burtleigh*
Vice-President *Chris Samis*
Treasurer *Aaron Wilson*
Secretary *MJ Boudreault*
Director at Large *Dean Brokop*
Director at Large *Richard Peter*

Canadian Mail Publications
Agreement #40562516

cont. from pg 1

2003 Annual Awards Recipients

Volunteer of the Year *Janet Dunn, Victoria BC*

Janet Dunn started the Victoria Wheelchair Sports Junior Basketball program in 2001. Janet is the heart and soul behind the junior basketball program and also sits on the board of directors for the Victoria Wheelchair Sports Program.

Official of the Year *Tony Muro, Vancouver BC*

Tony has been an active official with BCWBS for over ten years & has been officiating in stand-up basketball for over 20 years. In 2003, Tony was chosen to officiate at the 2003 CWBL Finals in Winnipeg. Tony is yet another official who is always there when we need him.

Outstanding Community Support Award *Panago Pizza*

Panago Pizza has been the "official pizza" for BC Wheelchair Basketball since 2001 providing complimentary pizza and numerous gift certificates for BCWBS events. They have been great supporters of BC Wheelchair Basketball through their Community Support Program.

PRINCE GEORGE CAPTURES 1ST PLACE AT HSBC CLASSIC



Wheelchair basketball was once again part of the 2003 HSBC Basketball Classic Tournament. Four wheelchair basketball teams competed in the tournament from Decemer 4-6th which featured a high school boys and girls division along side the wheelchair basketball draw. In the final game, Prince George beat Douglas College for top spot by a score of 43-39. Special thanks to the HSBC tournament organizers, Kerrisdale Community Centre, and all the volunteers who hosted a great event.

FINAL SCORES

Dynamos **40** Kelowna **39**
Douglas College **48** Prince George **51**
Prince George **59** Kelowna **40**
Dynamos **65** Douglas College **71**
Dynamos **40** Prince George **47**
Kelowna **43** Douglas College **46**

TOURNAMENT ALL-STARS

Sunera Samarkoon **New West Dynamos**
Nick Konishi **New West Dynamos**
Jaimie Borisoff **Prince George**
Erik Hagreen **Douglas College**
Patrick Ryan **Kelowna**

Final Prince George **43** Douglas College **39**

2003-04 BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL LEAGUE

LIONS & TSUNAMI WIN BC CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the true spirit of 'March Madness', the BC Wheelchair Basketball Provincial Championships had all the action and excitement that any hoop fan would come to expect at this time of year. Celebrating 20 years of excellence, the BC Wheelchair Basketball hosted their annual event at the New Westminster Campus of Douglas College March 6 & 7, 2004. The tournament provides an opportunity for teams, athletes and fans from across the province to come together and participate in the competition that crowns the provincial champions in both the Division I and Division II categories.

In the Division I championship game, the DC Lions defeated the DC Royals by a score of 69-67. The Lions who managed to go undefeated throughout the tournament, had an average margin of victory of just two points. With a team comprised of National team members, coaches & students, the Lions were able to utilize their experience by capitalizing on key possessions when it counted.

cont. pg 4



Oceanside Tsunami, BC-CWBL Division 2 Champs.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BC-CWBL Finals March 6/7 New Westminster

Division 1

Douglas College Lions **69** Douglas College Royals **68**
 Douglas College Dingos **71** Douglas Royals **56**
 Douglas Lions **68** Douglas Dingos **66**
 Douglas Royals **56** Douglas Dingos **38** (semi)
 Douglas Lions **69** Douglas Royals **67** (final)

Division 2

Kamloops Bulldawgs **38** Okanagan Thunder **31**
 Oceanside Tsunami **34** Victoria **16**
 Dynamo **47** Okanagan Thunder **34**
 Dynamo **39** Kamloops Bulldawgs **43**
 Oceanside Tsunami **45** Kamloops Bulldawgs **38**
 Okanagan Thunder **46** Victoria **18**
 Dynamo **27** Oceanside Tsunami **37**
 Oceanside Tsunami **31** Okanagan Thunder **36**
 Victoria **25** Kamloops Bulldawgs **61**
 Victoria **24** Dynamo **42**
 Dynamo **51** Okanagan Thunder **31** (bronze)
 Oceanside Tsunami **49** Kamloops **44** (final)

February 7/8 New Westminster (Div 1)

Douglas Lions **59** Douglas Dingos **57**
 Douglas Royals **64** Douglas Lions **62**
 Douglas Royals **73** Douglas Dingos **50**
 Douglas Dingos **64** Douglas Royals **67**
 Douglas Dingos **47** Douglas Lions **62**
 Douglas Lions **48** Douglas Royals **64**

January 31 - February 1 Kamloops (Div 2)

Okanagan Thunder **27** Dynamos **24**
 Kamloops Bulldawgs **32** Okanagan Thunder **34**
 Dynamos **22** Kamloops **42**
 Okanagan **23** Kamloops **59**
 Kamloops **44** Dynamo **32**
 Dyanamo **21** Okanagan **35**



Douglas College Lion Marni Abbott dishes the ball off under pressure from the Royals' Arley McNeney.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2004

26-28 CWBL Finals
Fredericton, New Brunswick

APRIL 2004

3/4 Calgary Rollers Women's
Tournament, Calgary, AB

9-11 Jr. & Mini CWBL Finals
Quebec City, Quebec

24 Hoopfest Fundraiser
McMath Secondary,
Richmond

30- Defi Sportif
May 1 Montreal, Quebec

MAY 2004

1/2 Men's and Women's
Tournament
Edmonton, Alberta

15/16 Provincial Team Training
Camps Pinetree Community
Centre, Coquitlam, BC

21-23 2004 National
Championships
Pinetree Community
Centre, Coquitlam, BC

24-29 National Team Selection
Camp, Coquitlam and
New Westminster, BC

JUNE 2004

13 Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion
GM Place, Vancouver

20-24 North America Cup
Birmingham, Alabama

26 – Roosevelt Cup (Women & Men)
Jul 11 Warm Springs, Georgia

SEPTEMBER 2004

17-28 Paralympic Games
Athens, Greece

cont. from pg 3 2003-04 BC Wheelchair Basketball League

Tournament MVP & Male Player of the Year, Richard Peter dazzled the crowd with acrobatic baskets and long bomb three pointers. As Division I champions, the Lions will represent BC at the CWBL Nationals that will be held in Fredericton, New Brunswick March 26-28th. In the Division II category, the Oceanside Tsunami team took the crown after a tough battle with Kamloops with a final score of 49-44. Oceanside was lead by the strong play of MVP Mark Stilwell, but it truly was a team effort that saw the Tsunami take home their first championship in the BC-CWBL.

Special Thanks to Douglas College, Advanced Mobility, Panago Pizza, and Canadian Springs for your support of the 2004 BC-CWBL Finals!

BC-CWBL AWARDS

BC-CWBL FINALS TOURNAMENT AWARDS

DIVISION 1

MVP – Richard Peter **Douglas College Lions**

ALL-STARS

Jaimie Borisoff **Douglas Dingos**
Brian McLennon **Douglas Dingos**
Ross MacDonald **Douglas Lions**
Erik Hagreen **Douglas Royals**
Bo Hedges **Douglas Royals**

DIVISION 2

MVP – Mark Stilwell **Oceanside Tsunami**

ALL-STARS

Dino Padula **Okanagan Thunder**
Nick Konishi **Dynamos**
Tony Golston **Victoria Capitals**
Ryan Isabelle **Kamloops Bull-dawgs**
Mark Saunders **Oceanside Tsunami**

BC-CWBL LEAGUE AWARDS

FAIRPLAY AWARD

Div 1 – Peter Taylor **Douglas Dingos**
Div 2 – Shaun Kennett **Victoria**

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Div 1 – Arley McNeney **Douglas College Royals**
Div 2 – Daniel Sloan **Okanagan Thunder**

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Div 1 – Brian McLennon **Douglas Dingos**
Div 2 – Devon Suel **Kamloops Bull-dawgs**

BC-CWBL FINAL STANDINGS

DIVISION 1

1st **Douglas College Lions**
2nd **Douglas College Royals**
3rd **Douglas College Dingos**

DIVISION 2

1st **Oceanside Tsunami**
2nd **Kamloops Bull-dawgs**
3rd **New West Dynamo**
4th **Okanagan Thunder**
5th **Victoria Capitals**



Dynamo Ken Lai is guarded by Kamloops Bull-dawg Jon Vliegenthart

PRINCE GEORGE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL NEWS

by Regional Coach, Pat Harris

Prince George had a great 2003-04 season. Although we did not put in any PG teams in the BC-CWBL this year, some of our players had the opportunity to play with other teams in the league. Ryan, Pat, Avril and Devon played with Kamloops this year in Division two, while Robert played with the Douglas College Royals in Division 1 and we all had a great time. We also played with Shawn Sussums and Jaimie Borisoff in the 2003 HSBC Classic and took home 1st place!

We had an incredible amount of growth within our junior program this year. We have 24 juniors participating at our weekly practice. This year we introduced inter squad games and have 3 teams that compete in "real" games with a referee to assist our young players in learning the game and fuelling their enthusiasm for the sport. We will host 7 inter squad games with the final game being held on April 21, 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

- Devon Suel received CWBL Rookie of the Year for Division 2;
- Avril Harris received BC Wheelchair Basketball Junior Athlete of the Year and was selected to the Junior Provincial Team;
- Ryan Isabelle was selected to the Junior Provincial Team and was named a Div 2 BC-CWBL all-star;
- Robert Hedges participated in many tournaments with the Men's National Team including Osaka Cup Japan, Roosevelt Cup Warm Springs, Alabama North American Challenge, and an Illinois training camp;
- Wheelchair Basketball was successful in their application to the Pacific Sport Northern Regional Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS!

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE BC WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL SOCIETY

MAY 19, 2003-2004

upcoming events



HOOPFEST 2004

Saturday, April 24th at McMath Secondary School in Richmond
Hoopfest is BC Wheelchair Basketball's biggest fundraising

event. A variety of corporate and community organizations participate in a one-day wheelchair basketball tournament to raise funds in support of wheelchair basketball programs across BC. The \$1,000 registration fee covers your team entry for up to ten participants, t-shirts, and lunch. The help of our BCWBS membership is always appreciated for team recruitment, donations and prizing for our silent auction and team awards and volunteers to help coach teams, score keep, referee, etc. Call BCWBS at 604 737 3138 for more information.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2004 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships and Women's CWBL Finals May 21st – 23rd, 2004 (Friday to Sunday), Pinetree Community Centre, Coquitlam, BC

BC Wheelchair Basketball is thrilled to be hosting the 2004 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships this May. The annual National Championship tournament plays host to Canada's best wheelchair basketball players over three days of exciting action. This tournament will host the top teams from across the country and will include athletes heading to Athens for the 2004 Paralympic Games. Come out and cheer on our BC Men's and Women's team as they compete for the gold. For event information such as a game schedule or volunteer opportunities please contact the BCWBS office at 604 737 3138.

VANCOUVER RICK HANSEN WHEELS IN MOTION EVENT

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 13th. On this day, the BC Paraplegic Association and BC Wheelchair Sports Association will combine forces with the Rick Hansen Man In Motion Foundation to host the Vancouver Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion Event at GM Place.

Over 3,500 people are anticipated to participate by wheeling, rolling, walking, biking, skating or jogging a 2km or 5km route starting and ending at GM Place. There will be fun, food and festivities for all! For information on Wheels In Motion Vancouver, visit www.wheelsinmotionvancouver.ca or call 604 326 1275. Get your team together now!

2003 JUNIOR WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CHALLENGE A BLAST



The 4th Annual BC Junior Wheelchair Basketball Challenge took place on November 22/23, 2003 at McRoberts School in Richmond. Nine teams took part in the tournament, featuring 75 athletes from as far away as Prince George, Vancouver Island, Kelowna, Edmonton, Seattle and

players from Lower Mainland communities. The weekend featured some incredible basketball, shooting competitions, and tons of awards. There were many great games over the two days in 8 1/2 ft, 10 ft A and 10 ft B levels of play.

At the conclusion of the tournament the Seattle Wheelchair Sonics ranked first overall in the 8 1/2 Ft, the BC Rebels placed 1st in 10 Ft B and Team BC overpowered the Seattle Sonics in the 10 ft A division.



This event would not have been possible without the generous support of BC Dairy Foundation Milk Run™ and BC SCHOOL SPORTS.

Special thanks must also go out to the McRoberts Leadership Class for an outstanding job assisting host the event; the Save on Foods Community Events vehicle for providing a great concession on site for the weekend; the Holiday Vancouver Airport, Intertech Construction, Nintendo Canada and Panago Pizza for great providing great prizes, and Basketball BC for the awesome Steve Nash posters.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

8 1/2 FT DIVISION

Defensive Player Adam Bishop, Shawnigan Lake

#1 Hustle Award Shae Partridge, Richmond

Sharp Shooter James Stewart, Alberta

Spirit of Fairplay Tyler Chrisp, Alberta

Speedy Gonzales Kaleb Kallapa, Seattle

Best Passer Jason Isabelle, Prince George

Outstanding Shot Forest Cardenas, Seattle

Shooting Competition Jacob Moberg, Seattle

10 FT "B" DIVISION

Defensive Player Sam Piercey, North Vancouver

Sharp Shooter Blaire Knowles, Richmond

#1 Hustle Award Matt, Seattle

Spirit of Fairplay Marco Pasqua, Surrey

Play Maker Peter Won, North Vancouver

10 FT "A" DIVISION

Sharp Shooter Daniel Roberts, Seattle

Defensive Player Walter Jones, Seattle

Play Maker Mark Saunders, Lantzville BC

Fairplay Nick Konishi, Richmond

Shooting Competition Daniel Roberts, Seattle

Above: Stephanie Degange of Abbotsford grabs a rebound against the Alberta Northern Lights.

SPECIAL THANKS



To **Coast Capital Savings** for your continued support of the Surrey Junior Wheelchair Basketball Program with the purchase of a sports wheelchair.

To the **McAdams Foundation** for your support in purchasing two sport wheelchairs for the Victoria Junior Wheelchair Basketball Program and to our **many individual donors and companies** for your continued support of BCWBS.

ZONE 4 CAPTURES GOLD AT 2004 BC WINTER GAMES



Another successful BC Winter Games has come to a close. This multi-sport event, which happens once every two years, gives young athletes from across the province a chance to showcase their talents. Twenty-four athletes from four zones took part in a great weekend of wheelchair basketball. In one of the most exciting games of the tournament, Zone 5 narrowly beat Zone 3 with a score of 20 - 19 for the bronze medal. Zone four (Fraser River-Delta) captured the gold medal with a win over Zone six (Vancouver Island). All of the games were well attended by local fans, many of whom remarked upon how impressed they were with the level of competition.

When not competing, participants found time to attend the Friday night dance and socialize with athletes from other sports. They also saved enough energy to take the coaches and managers (Team Old School) on in a friendly match.

Many thanks to the City of Port Alberni for running such a well-organized tournament. Thanks also to Carrie Linegar, Richard Peter and all the coaches and managers for their hard work.

miscellaneous

SUPPORT BCWBS THROUGH CANADAHELPS.ORG

CanadaHelps is a registered charity created to accept charitable donations online for the country's 78,000 charitable organizations. You can now support BC Wheelchair Basketball by going online to www.CanadaHelps.org, making a direct donation to BCWBS, and a tax receipt will be issued to you electronically. It's that easy!

SPORT WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

BCWBS has a limited number of sport wheelchairs available for rental through the Wheelchair Loan Program. The program requires you to sign a loan agreement one-year in length and submit a \$100/year or \$10/month rental fee. If you are interested please call BCWBS at 604 737 3138 to add your name to the waiting list and for information on the program.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL RESOURCES

Official Wheelchair Rule Books - \$20

Introduction to the IWBF Player Classification System Video - \$20

IWBF Rules of Distinction Video - \$20

Contact CWBA to order your copy

phone 613 260 1296

email cwba@cwba.ca

fax 613 260 1456

website www.cwba.ca



Zone 4 left to right: (front) Selvum Frieson, Cameron Knowles, Kyle Thomas, Nick Konishi, Sunera Samarkoon (back) Arley McNeny, manager & George Boshko, coach.

COACHING CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Changes are occurring in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) that will have a direct impact on how this program is delivered. NCCP Level 1 & 2 Theory courses that have been offered for the past 25 years will no longer be offered effective April 1, 2004. As of this date, a new NCCP program will be unveiled in this country that will result in coaches being better trained and better educated than ever before. This new program is being delivered in a “competency-based” format that will provide coaches with the skills and knowledge they will need for their particular coaching context.

Training and certification will be based on coaching streams and contexts that reflect the different types of coaches in the Canadian sport system. They include the following:

STREAMS	CONTEXTS
Community Sport	Initiation to Sport Ongoing Participation
Competitive Sport	Introduction to Competition Development Competition High Performance
Instruction	Beginners Intermediate Performers Advanced Performers

The **Community** sport stream is focused on coaches who are working with grassroots athletes ie: Mom and Dad coaches who want to coach their children with little background in the sport. In the **Competitive Sport** stream, coaches generally have prior coaching experience or are former athletes in the sport. They coach both to improve skill proficiency & to improve performance in competition. In the **Instruction Stream**, coaches in this stream are expected to be proficient in the teaching of sport-specific skills (eg. tennis, golf), and are often former participants in the sport.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL RULE CHANGES FOR 2003-04

The following rule changes have been approved by the IWBF and took affect October 1, 2003. A change to the definition regarding the use of two anti-tip castors to read:

One or two anti-tip devices utilizing no more than a total of two small castors attached to either the wheelchair frame or the rear axle and located at the rear of the wheelchair, castors that frequently or even continuously come into contact with the floor, can be added to the wheelchair. The width between the castors must be limited to the distance between the inside of the two large wheels.

A change to the rule that prohibits black tires to read:

Any tire or castor that marks the floor is not permitted.

IWBF after studying the changes to FIBA rules has decided to use the following:

Replacing Theory 1 & 2 will be a new NCCP Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) program that will be based on individual modules as follows:

INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION “A”

Modules

General Orientation & “Setting the Scene”	1.5 hours
<u>Ethical Coaching</u>	3 hours
Planning a Practice	7 hours
<u>Nutritional Advice</u>	.5 hour
	12 hours

INTRODUCTION TO COMPETITION “B”

Modules

General Orientation	1 hour
Program Design	3 hours
Teaching/Learning	6 hours
Mental Preparation	3 hours
	13 hours

To effectively deliver this program in this new format, the “Introduction to Competition” coaching modules will be delivered over two weekends. “**Introduction to Competition Part A**” will now replace Level 1 Theory, and “**Introduction to Competition Part B**” will now replace Level 2 Theory. Upon completion of these modules, a coach will be “trained” as an “Introduction to Competition” coach.

The new NCCP “competency-based” program is exciting and will ensure that the coaches in your communities have the required skills and knowledge to effectively coach with their respective athletes. Please contact the BC Coaches Association at 604-298-3137 or email info@coaches.bc.ca or visit www.coaches.bc.ca if you require more details.

Tap-offs - Except for the beginning of the 1st and 2nd half and any overtime, all tap-offs are eliminated and managed according to the alternating process rule (Art. 21.4).

Time-outs - Five (5) charged time-outs may be granted to each team during normal playing time, two (2) charged time-outs anytime during the first half (1st and 2nd periods) and three (3) charged time-outs any time during the second half (3rd and 4th periods). The time-out rules for overtime are unchanged.

24 second shot clock - 39.1.4 When a shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the 24-second period & the signal sounds while the ball is in the air after leaving the player’s hand(s) on the shot for a field goal:

- If the ball enters the basket, the goal shall count.

- If the ball touches the ring but does not enter the basket, the ball shall remain live. No violation has occurred & play shall continue without interruption.