ABOUT IWBF

The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) is the World governing body for the sport of wheelchair basketball. With over 100 members, we are the most competitive Paralympic sport in the world with unparalleled Men’s, Women’s and age group World Championships.

We are Wheelchair Basketball.

BE A WORLD CHAMPION

There are fantastic opportunities for partner cities and countries to host our World Championship programme. As a host, you would become intrinsically associated with a dynamic, fast-paced and competitive sport which has more drama and excitement than any other sport on earth.

Our programme of World Championships offer the opportunity for cities to champion their commitment to both sport and inclusion, whether that be with a focus on health, society, disability, women or the young through our age category World Championships.

IWBF offer an experience, a talisman event that can heighten your profile, your cities and engage hard to reach communities.
WHY HOST AN IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS?

Our World Championship Programme delivers the premier Summer Paralympic Sport in both Men and Women’s Competition. From a sporting perspective, our teams deliver first class action and excitement and home advantage is proven to provide host nations with a competitive edge. Are you looking to champion inclusion, gender equality or Paralympic Sport? Then our programme provides an exhilarating and demonstrable platform to roll out your ambition.

Our World Championships Programme showcases the very best in people, it's values can reflect and project your values for your city and country. Our World Championships have proven return on investment and economic benefit to Host Cities.

We fully encourage our teams to engage in outreach programmes in schools and the community to drive and support agendas of our Host Cities.

Since London 2012, the media attention on wheelchair basketball has grown year on year, as such the value to partners and investors, because of the global audiences and the reach of television and the internet, has increasingly made wheelchair basketball an attractive proposition.

YOU ARE AMONGST GOOD COMPANY

Previous Host Cities include:

Beijing,
Birmingham,
Hamburg,
Paris,
Toronto.

Our World Championship programme has been used to support bidding for major events, demonstrate legacy following events such as the Summer Paralympic Games and be used to enthuse and galvanise the public.
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN
The ultimate competition in men’s wheelchair basketball. Sixteen (16) Teams from across the globe compete for the ultimate title of World Champions. A true demonstration of athleticism and skill. A truly inspiration event.

Length of Championships 12 days
No. of Teams 16 teams
No. of Participants 360++

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN
The ultimate competition in women’s wheelchair basketball. Twelve (12) Teams from across the World compete for the title of World Champions. This is the very best in women’s sport, demonstrating passion, agility and overcoming adversity.

Length of Championships 11 days
No. of Teams 12 teams
No. of Participants 280++

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN & WOMEN
This event combines the World Championships for Men and Women in a format to showcase wheelchair basketball at its best. This is the largest wheelchair basketball championships in the world and in recent years countries have generally hosted this combined Championships. This is the ultimate opportunity to make a statement and impact.

Length of Championships 15 days
No. of Teams 28 teams
No. of Participants 620++

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials

UNDER 25 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN
A world leading event, boasting more women under the age of 25 competing than any other single sport event in the Paralympic Calendar. This championships sees the best twelve women’s teams in the world compete for the title of World Champions.

This World Championships showcases many young Paralympic and aspiring stars and showcases determination and ambition.

Length of Championships 10 days
No. of Teams 10 teams
No. of Participants 230++

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials

UNDER 23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN
Paralympians and Paralympians in waiting take to the arena to battle for Champions of the world. The Under 23 World Championships highlight the very best in sport amongst young people and showcase the Championships of the future. This event is a stepping stone in to Paralympic Sport and is where Champions are born. The very best Men’s players in the world cut their teeth at this Championships. It truly is where legends are born and highlights a cities commitment to diversity and the youth.

Length of Championships 12 days
No. of Teams 12 teams
No. of Participants 270++

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials
NEW EVENTS

3X3 WORLD OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The newest Championship in the Wheelchair Basketball portfolio. 3X3 is a phenomena in basketball. 3X3 provides all the spectacle of wheelchair basketball in a compact format that can be played across a city at iconic tourist attractions and venues. Played in an arena 15m x 14m, indoors or outdoors, 3x3 brings high calibre, exhilarating sport to the people. Already on the Commonwealth Games programme, 3X3 provides an amazing marketing opportunity for you to support.

Length of Championships 5 days
No. of Teams Open
(Maximum 12 men’s & 12 women’s teams)
No. of Participants 270+*

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials

PARALYMPIC AND WORLD REPECHAGE

Bringing together eight Men’s and eight Women’s Teams from across the World. The Paralympic Qualifiers and World Qualifiers provide the last chance for teams to qualify for the Summer Paralympic Games in the year of the Paralympics or World Championships in the year of the World Championships. These events will see teams battle across zones to realise their aspirations to be at the highest level of competition in the world; they will take no prisoners and it promises to be highly competitive and highly sort after.

Length of Championships 7 days
No. of Teams Maximum 16
(Maximum 8 men’s & 8 women’s teams)
No. of Participants 300+*

*Estimate includes players, team staff and International Technical Officials

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HOW TO BID

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHEN CAN YOU BID?
The bid process is always open due to the number of Championships in our Calendar. Deadlines for bids can be found on www.iwbf.org

WHAT IS THE BIDDING PROCESS?
The assessment of a bid will be made following receipt of a bid fee ($7,500), with notice of intention to bid by the specified deadline. This will be followed by:

- A site visit by IWBF
- A fully costed bid document
- A presentation to IWBF
- IWBF will then make the decision on the merits of the bid

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT HOSTING AN IWBF EVENT.

REGULATIONS
All IWBF Events must be run in adherence to all IWBF Regulations which can be found at www.iwbf.org/downloads/ in the IWBF Statutes & Regulations download.

*Please note IWBF Competition Regulations are subject to periodical change.

CONTACT DETAILS
For further information or relevant documents please e-mail competitions@iwbf.org or visit www.iwbf.org
INFORMATION

SPONSORSHIP
IWBF has an ever growing number of key partners and principal sponsors, as such bid teams and potential hosts should discuss partners and event sponsors at the earliest possibility with the Secretary General (Norbert.Kucera@iwbf.org).

MARKETING AND BROADCAST
IWBF will with Local Organising Committees aim to deliver successful World Championships and Qualification events. It is important that any potential host understands our marketing and broadcast regulations.

These may be found at www.iwbf.org/downloads/ in the IWBF Statutes & Regulations download.

A DRUG FREE SPORT
Please ensure you have read and understood the Doping Regulations of IWBF. These may be found on www.iwbf.org/about-us/anti-doping/.

The LOC will have a number of commitments to meet with regards to the application of our regulations when athletes arrive at our Championships. It will be the responsibility of the LOC for ensuring the venue meets appropriate testing standards (room, a facility for testing etc.) and has to cover any costs (if any).
“SPORT HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD, IT HAS THE POWER TO INSPIRE, IT HAS THE POWER TO UNITE PEOPLE IN A WAY THAT LITTLE ELSE DOES. IT SPEAKS TO YOUTH IN A LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTAND. SPORT CAN CREATE HOPE WHERE ONCE THERE WAS ONLY DESPAIR.”

NELSON MANDELA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
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