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, its 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 the 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.

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IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our World Championship Programme operates over a four year cycle. Our programme includes World events for both Men and Women and our two recognised age categories of Under 25 Women and Under 23 Men. We are also developing a new 3X3 Wheelchair Basketball World Championships.

IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The World Championships for Men and Women is the highlight of our sporting calendar and sees sixteen men’s and twelve women’s teams compete for the title of World Champions. Due to the size of the event IWBF also considers separate bids for Men or Women.

IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR UNDER 23 MEN

The IWBF World Championship for Under 23 Men brings together twelve Men's teams from across the World to compete for the title of World Champions. Many of the World’s best senior male players will have played at this event which is a breeding ground for the World’s elite players.

IWBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR UNDER 25 WOMEN

The IWBF World Championship for Under 25 Women has been the foundation for some of the World’s best female players careers. The Championships has grown in recent years with the number of female teams and geographical spread building across the world.
NEW EVENTS

3X3 OPEN WORLD 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
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 IWBF Secretary General (Norbert.Kucera@iwbf.org).

MARKETING AND BROADCAST
IWBF will with Local Organising Committees (LOCs) 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/](http://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/](http://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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