



Women's World Wheelchair Basketball
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About the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship.

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is thrilled to be hosting the top female wheelchair basketball players on the planet June 20-28, 2014 in Toronto for the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation's Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship.

Hosted at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (the same venue as the Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games), the tournament will be the largest women's world championship in history featuring 12 participating countries representing three international zones. Due to the ongoing growth and prosperity of wheelchair basketball worldwide, the women's competition will be held separately from the mens' for the first time in 20 years.

Showcasing the elite skills and athleticism of world-class female athletes as they compete in the most popular sport for athletes with a disability in the world, the milestone event celebrates the ongoing growth of women's sport, inclusivity, and accessibility, and will forge a legacy for female wheelchair basketball athletes in Canada and around the world.

- *All Games will be webcast live by sportsCanada.tv through the official event website*
- *High-res images will be available daily*
- *Interviews (live in-person, phone or via skype) can be arranged*
- *Game-by-game video highlights + flash quotes will be available for download*
- *Daily recaps with boxscores will be available*

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Tournament Preview

Team Canada

Team Canada is looking for a seventh consecutive podium finish at the World Championship. They are the defending bronze medallists. The team is backed by Janet McLachlan, the highest total point scorer at the 2012 Paralympics

Canada, who finished 6th at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London, will be seeking redemption at the world championship. The team will play in Pool B of the tournament and will face-off against team-to-beat Germany on June 23.

Canada will be looking to seize home court advantage to maintain their impressive World Championship run. They will play their first game against Japan at 1 p.m. on June 20th following the Opening Ceremonies.

Team Rankings

Team rankings for the 2014 WWCBC are based off of the last international tournament: the 2012 London Paralympic Games.

Germany is ranked first and is arguably the team to beat going into the tournament. The Netherlands, Australia, and American teams will all also provide stiff competition during the Championship.

Reigning world champions, the U.S.A, will face off in a tough match against Paralympic silver medallists Australia on June 20 at 6 p.m. to start the tournament, which will also feature tough matches between Australia and Paralympic bronze medallists the Netherlands.

Webcast

SportsCanada.tv is the official webcaster of the 2013 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship. All games will be webcast live in HD via the event website at www.2014wheelchairbasketball.com/connect/watch-the-games-live.

Recaps, interviews, highlights and daily recaps will be available via the website for media access.



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About Wheelchair Basketball Canada

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is the host of the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship. WBC is the national sport governing body responsible for the organization of wheelchair basketball in Canada. It is a non-profit, charitable organization that is the Canadian member of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF).



Wheelchair Basketball Canada delivers programs and services that strengthen the sport from the grassroots level to high performance athletes competing in the Paralympic Games. Canada's senior national teams are held in high esteem around the world for the elite skill and control that has placed them on the podium with a combined six gold, and one silver medal in the last six Paralympic Games.

The event marks Canada's fourth opportunity to host a landmark international wheelchair basketball championship – having previously hosted the Men's World Championship in 1994, the inaugural U23 Men's World Championships in 1997, and the first-ever U25 Women's World Championships in 2011.



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COMPETITION SCHEDULE

POOL A - Netherlands (NED) / France (FRA) / United States (USA) / Peru (PER) / Australia (AUS) / Mexico

(MEX)

POOL B - Germany (GER) / Great Britain (GBR) / Canada (CAN) / China (CHN) / Japan (JPN) / Brasil (BRA)



SPORT THAT MOVES YOU...

SESSION	TIME	GAME	AWAY	HOME
Friday, June 20, 2014				
1	8:00	1	BRA	GBR
	10:00	2	PER	NED
2	13:00	3	JPN	CAN
	15:00	4	CHN	GER
3	18:00	5	AUS	USA
	20:00	6	FRA	MEX
Saturday, June 21, 2014				
1	8:00	7	JPN	CHN
	10:00	8	NED	FRA
2	13:00	9	USA	MEX
	15:00	10	CAN	BRA
3	18:00	11	AUS	PER
	20:00	12	GER	GBR
Sunday, June 22, 2014				
1	8:00	13	MEX	NED
	10:00	14	FRA	AUS
2	13:00	15	PER	USA
	15:00	16	CHN	CAN
3	18:00	17	GER	BRA
	20:00	18	GBR	JPN
Monday, June 23, 2014				
1	8:00	19	FRA	PER
	10:00	20	CHN	GBR
2	13:00	21	BRA	JPN
	15:00	22	AUS	MEX
3	18:00	23	NED	USA
	20:00	24	CAN	GER
Tuesday, June 24, 2014				
1	8:00	25	MEX	PER
	10:00	26	USA	FRA
2	13:00	27	JPN	GER
	15:00	28	BRA	CHN
3	18:00	29	GBR	CAN
	20:00	30	NED	AUS
Thursday, June 26, 2014				
1	8:00	31	11th/12th place	
	10:00	32	9th/10th	
2	13:00	33	Quarter-final	
	15:00	34	Quarter-final	
3	18:00	35	Quarter-final	
	20:00	36	Quarter-final	
Friday, June 27, 2014				
1	13:00	37	Consolation semi-final	
	15:00	38	Consolation semi-final	
2	18:00	39	Semi-final	
	20:00	40	Semi-final	
Saturday, June 28, 2014				
1	8:00	41	7th/8th place	
	10:00	42	5th/6th place	
2	13:00	43	Bronze	
	15:00	44	Gold	

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About the sport

Wheelchair basketball is a fast-paced game played by two teams of 5 players where the object is to toss the ball through the opposing teams basket. Every team is comprised of five players and seven substitutes. The match consists of four periods of ten minutes. After the first and the third period there is an interval of one minute. There is a 15-minute interval between the second and third period. If the score is tied at the end of playing time for the fourth period, the match will be continued with an extra period of five minutes or with as many such periods of five minutes as are necessary to break the tie.

Basic Rules

The basic rules of wheelchair basketball are very similar to standup basketball (For example, the height of the basket, distance to the foul line, three point line, etc., are the same measurements as in the game of stand up basketball). However, over time the rules of the game have evolved. In 1964, basic international rules were adopted which included minor adjustments to meet the needs of the game in a wheelchair.

Originally, the participants were primarily individuals who had a spinal cord injury or had developed polio. It was not until the late 70's that the wheelchair basketball community decided to allow and encourage individuals with other disabilities to participate.

Wheelchair basketball in Canada is played in accordance with the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) rules which have been modified from the International Basketball Federation (FIBA). There are some adaptations for play in the various divisions of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) to encourage development.

Scoring:

A goal is credited to the team attacking the basket into which the ball has entered as follows: a goal from a free throw counts as one (1) point; a goal from the two-point field goal area counts two (2) points; and a goal from beyond the three-point field goal area (three-point line) counts three (3) points.

Every team has 24 seconds to complete its attempt to score a basket. If the team with the ball exceeds this time limit, the ball possession and the right of play is granted to the opposing team.



Dribbling:

A player may wheel the chair and bounce the ball simultaneously, however, if the ball is picked up and/or placed on the players lap, he/she is only allowed to push twice before they are obligated to shoot, pass, or dribble the ball again. There is no double dribble rule in wheelchair basketball. A traveling violation occurs if the player takes more than two pushes while in possession of the ball and not dribbling.



About the sport (continued)

Fouls:

The wheelchair is considered part of the player's body in relation to establishing responsibility for contact on court in the case of charging, blocking, going out of bounds, and other violations.

An offensive player may not remain in the key area for more than three seconds.

In addition to the technical fouls that may be assessed from time to time as in stand up basketball, a player lifting his\her legs to gain an advantage or lifting out of their chair is given a technical foul. The player must remain firmly seated in their chair and must not use their lower limbs to steer the chair or gain an unfair advantage. In the event that a player falls out of their chair a referee may stop the play if, in their opinion, the player is at risk of being injured, otherwise play will continue.

On an in-bounds play, the offensive player is not allowed to go into the key until the ball is handed to the in-bounding player by the referee.

Equipment

One of the attractions to wheelchair basketball is that it is relatively inexpensive because of the lack of required equipment. All players need for this fun team game is a sporty wheelchair and a basketball.

The Chair:

The majority of chairs used in the sport today are constructed from titanium or aircraft aluminum and include an additional 5th wheel for added stability and mobility. The front bumper is designed so that it will not lock with or be held by the opponent. The angle of the wheel base, or "camber", is optimized for each athlete to allow for stability and quick turns. The wheels on the chair often now use cables rather than the traditional steel spokes as the cables are three times stronger and 50 per cent lighter than steel. Chairs can be customized for each individual athlete.



Chair Regulations:

The wheelchair, the primary equipment of the game, has evolved as the sport grew. In the early days players used the typical everyday stainless steel wheelchair with foot and armrests, weighing about 30 pounds. Today the wheelchairs are lightweight and streamlined to allow for speed and agility with many cutting-edge, sport-enhancing design features.

Wheelchair modifications, however, are restricted by total chair height, wheel size, and the use of protection materials.



Classification

Overview:

In wheelchair basketball, a system of classification is in place to allow athletes of widely differing functional capacities to compete fairly against each other. It is the process by which a team's total functional potential on the court is leveled off with respect to its opponent.

Classification Philosophy

Wheelchair basketball classification is based on the players' functional capacity to complete the skills necessary to play - pushing, pivoting, shooting, rebounding, dribbling, passing and catching. It is not an assessment of a player's level of skill, merely his/her functional capacity to complete the task. In particular, the trunk movement and stability observed during these actual basketball situations form the basis for the assignment of a player to a particular class.

Classes

Players are assigned points as per their classification. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are the recognized classes, with 0.5 classes between for the exceptional cases which do not fit exactly into one class, and the 4.5 category for the play with the least or minimal disability.

Volume of Action

Classes are defined according to players' "volume of action." Each class has a clearly defined maximal volume of action, which the player may exhibit. The volume of action refers to the extremes to which a player's trunk stability will allow them to reach without holding on to the wheelchair, before overbalancing.

Class Characteristics

Each class has characteristics unique to that class, which are used by the classifier. These characteristics are evident in each of the basketball skills as observed as part of the classification process.

How to Classify

Players are observed in their competition wheelchairs, complete with all the strapping they use, in a training situation before the tournament commences. From this initial observation, a player is assigned a class with which they will begin the tournament. The player is then observed in an actual competition game, at which time their classification will be confirmed or modified if the classification panel feels it necessary. Only a new player who has not been previously internationally classified need undergo this process. Players holding an international card do not require re-classification at each tournament they attend.

Team Balance

The total number of points allowed on court at any time by one team is 14.0. That is, the total points of all five players actually playing. If a coach allows the team to have over 14.0 points, they will incur a technical foul on the bench.



IWBF

For more information about classification, visit the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation website at www.iwbf.org.



History of the Sport

Wheelchair basketball's roots date back to World War II in the 1940's, when veterans invented the sport as an alternative to stand up basketball. Today, wheelchair basketball is one of the premier draws at the Paralympic Games and boasts more than 100,000 participants around the world. It is a sport known for its fast pace, intensity, and athleticism. These attributes make the sport a popular choice among athletes with a disability, but it is also widely enjoyed by able-bodied athletes – particularly here in Canada where we encourage a policy of inclusion.

1946	Organized wheelchair basketball first played by World War II veterans
1948	Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Games (pre-cursor to Paralympic Games) established by Sir Ludwig Guttmann
1949	First National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament held in the United States; creation of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association
1953	Montreal Wheelchair Wonders represented Canada in the Stoke Games, marking our nation's start in world competition
1960	Wheelchair basketball played at the first Paralympic Games in Rome
1968	First Canadian National Championship held in Edmonton, AB
1973	International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (ISMGF) established sub-section for wheelchair basketball; first world championship for men held in Belgium
1986	Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) established
1989	ISMGF wheelchair basketball sub-section renamed International Wheelchair Basketball Federation
1990	First world championship for women held in France
1993	International Wheelchair Basketball Federation established as the independent world body for wheelchair basketball
1994	Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association (now Wheelchair Basketball Canada) established as the first independent disability sport organization in Canada
1997	First world championship for junior men (U23) held in Toronto, Canada
2011	First world championship for junior women (U25) held in St. Catherines, Canada
2014	Largest world championship for women to be held in Toronto, Canada

About the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation

The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide opportunities for persons with a lower limb disability to play the game of wheelchair basketball. Among other duties, it establishes the official wheelchair basketball rules, the standards for the training and certification of referees and classifiers, it controls and maintains the classification of players and issuance of Player Identity Cards. For more information visit the IWBF website at www.iwbf.org.





TEAM CANADA

The Canadian Women are amongst the most successful and dominant teams in Canadian amateur sport history.

They are the only women's wheelchair basketball team to capture three consecutive Paralympic gold medals (1992, 1996, and 2000), and four consecutive World Championship gold medals.



Team Canada is in pursuit of an unprecedented seventh straight podium performance at the championship.

Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 13:00 vs JPN

June 21 @ 15:00 vs BRA

June 22 @ 15:00 vs CHN

June 23 @ 20:00 vs GER

June 24 @ 18:00 vs GBR

History at the World Championship

2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - Bronze

2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Gold

2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - Gold

1998 - Sydney, Australia - Gold

1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - Gold

1990 - St. Etienne, France - Bronze

Team Canada Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthdate	Hometown
4	ALLARD, Elaine	1.5	25-Feb-77	St. Eustache, Que.
5	McLACHLAN, Janet	4.5	26-Aug-77	Vancouver, B.C.
6	YOUNG, Arinn	4.5	10-Jul-96	Legal. Sask.
7	OUELLET, Cindy	3.5	08-Dec-88	Quebec, Que.
8	STEEVES, Tamara	1.5	23-Sep-89	Mississauga, Ont.
9	JACQUES, Maude	2.5	21-Apr-92	Sherbrooke, Que.
10	HARNOCK, Katie	2.0	12-Aug-83	Elmira, Ont.
11	SALES, Darda	4.0	01-Sep-82	London, Ont.
12	FERGUSON, Tracey	3.0	07-Sep-74	Toronto, Ont.
13	JEWELLS, Jamey	1.0	23-Aug-89	Donkin, N.S.
14	YAN, Amanda	3.0	22-May-88	Burnaby, B.C.
15	HAWTIN, Melanie	1.5	20-Jul-88	Oakville, Ont.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Bill Johnson / Assistant Coach - Michael Broughton / Assistant Coach - Michele Hynes / Team Manager - Katie Miyazaki



#4 - ELAINE ALLARD



Personal Info:

Resides: St. Eustache, Que.
 Birthplace: Montreal, Que.
 Birth Date: February 25, 1977
 Height: 5'6"
 Occupation: Account Manager, RBC

Athlete Info:

Club: Gladiateurs de Laval
 Coaches: Marc-Antoine Ducharme & Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2007; 2008; 2009-Present
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 1995
 Classification: 1.5

Interesting Facts:

- In 2003, she reached the peak of Kala Patthar, at the mouth of Mt. Everest in Nepal
- Speaks Portuguese
- Has her scuba license

Awards/Highlights:

- Recipient of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2013
- Named to the 2011 CWBL Women's National Championships tournament all-star team

Elaine Allard was introduced to wheelchair basketball in her late teens during rehabilitation after an accident. Martine Talbot, a friend and former coach, pushed Allard to learn the basics of the sport and helped get her started with a local club team.

Growing up, Allard was a natural athlete, enjoying all sports and excelling at swimming and alpine skiing. Wheelchair basketball became a natural fit, and she started playing the sport competitively in 2003. She made her debut with the Sr. Women's National Team in 2007 and earned a full-time roster spot with Team Canada in 2009.

Allard recalls her first international game against Argentina at the Four Nations tournament in Sydney, Australia. She was nervous about representing Canada as part of a team of veteran players whom she greatly respected, and was eager to get on the court to get over her nerves and impress at the international level. Canada won bronze at that event. At the 2007 Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Allard was a member of the Canadian team that won silver. She also won bronze at the 2010 World Championships, and gold at the 2010 BT Paralympic World Cup. She competed at her first Paralympic Games in 2012.

Allard attributes her success in the sport to maintaining a balanced life, discipline, perseverance, good coaching and other specialists, consistency in training and the support of her family and friends.

Allard calls the opportunity to represent Canada an "immense privilege," and starts every day with a passion to learn, improve herself and have fun.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (London 2012)

GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
			M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
6	39	6:28	3/5	60	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	1.0

STATISTICS: World Championships (2010)

GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
			M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
7	213	30:23	5/13	38.5	0	0	0	0	8	4	12	6	4	1	0	6	5	10	1.4

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
3rd	2010	World Championship	Birmingham, United Kingdom



#5 JANET McLACHLAN



Personal Info:

Resides: Vancouver, B.C.
 Birthplace: Vancouver, B.C.
 Birth Date: August 26, 1977
 Height: 6'0"
 Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: B.C. Breakers, Trier Dolphins (Germany)
 Coaches: Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2008
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2006
 Classification: 4.5

Interesting Facts:

- Won first place in the Stanley Park Open wheelchair tennis tournament (2013, women's singles)
- Played Rugby with Team Canada A & B squads (2002-2005)
- Participated in Beijing Student Games with Canadian Women's Student Basketball Team (2001)
- Played basketball for the University of Victoria Vikes (1995-2000) and won CIAU Championships in (1998/2000)

Awards/Highlights:

- Led all players at the 2010 World Championships in scoring & rebounding – (7 double-doubles in 7 games)

Janet McLachlan has always been a very good basketball player. She played for the University of Victoria Vikes from 1995 to 2000, winning the national university championships in 1998 and 2000. She represented Canada at the 2001 Beijing Student Games.

She also played rugby at an elite level and attended try-outs for Team Canada. Her introduction to wheelchair basketball came after sustaining an injury to her knee while playing rugby for the British Columbia provincial team. A bad tackle left her knee in a mangled state. The injury prevented her from making Canada's national squad for the 2006 World Cup. A rugby teammate suggested she try wheelchair sports to stay in shape while recovering her knee, and thus began McLachlan's wheelchair basketball career.

Now a player for the Trier Dolphins, a semi-professional wheelchair basketball team in Germany, McLachlan began competing in wheelchair basketball in 2006. She has been a member of the national team since 2008 and has since participated in the Paralympics. A natural athlete, McLachlan was thrilled to be able continue playing the sport she loves in a new and challenging way.

McLachlan has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta. She attended the University of Alabama where she began a degree in interior design and discovered a love for the structural, spatial aspects of the discipline. In particular, she really enjoys residential design and looking at such things as accessibility and longevity. The University of Alabama offered her a chance to train in wheelchair basketball during the winter where she helped the Crimson Tide to win back-to-back Championships in 2009 and 2010. It is one of five schools in the U.S. that has a competing women's wheelchair basketball team.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (2008, 2012)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	14	300	21:29	103/185	56	1/8	13	33/47	70	31	125	156	14	15	14	7	27	45	240	17.1

STATISTICS: World Championships (2010)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	7	231	33:00	75/145	52	1/14	7	24/30	80	20	103	123	24	27	12	8	18	38	175	25

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
3rd	2010	World Championship	Birmingham, United Kingdom
5th	2008	Paralympic Games	Beijing, China



#6 ARINN YOUNG



Personal Info:

Resides: Legal, Alta.
 Birthplace: St. Albert, Alta.
 Birth Date: July 10, 1996
 Height: 5'8"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: Edmonton Inferno
 Coaches: Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2014
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2011
 Classification: 4.5

Interesting Facts:

- She is the youngest player on the Senior Women's National Team
- She played stand up ball for 11 years before starting wheelchair basketball
- She used to ride horses and was a member of her local 4H club

Awards/Highlights:

- Named female MVP at the 2014 CWBL Junior National Championship
- Named to 2013 CWBL Women's National Championship All-Star Team
- Won over 15 MVPs and 2 city championships during her time playing stand up ball.

Arinn Young has always been passionate about basketball. When knee injuries prevented her from playing stand up basketball in 2011, family friend and wheelchair basketball coach, Max MacMillan pushed Young to give wheelchair basketball a try.

A strong player in stand up ball, where she won over 15 MVP awards and two city championships, Young immediately fell in love with the wheelchair sport, describing it as more positive than the stand up game. At home under the basket, she helped lead her club team, the Edmonton Inferno, to a Canadian Women's Championship in 2013. Young loves the aggression of the game, which she says pumps her up.

As a first time player on the Sr. National Team, Young says the opportunity to wear the Team Canada jersey means the world to her. "To put on a jersey that represents your country inspires me to become a great player. It is truly a dream of mine to represent Canada," Young says.

Young's role model is her mother, who she says taught her to follow her dreams and do what makes her happy.

Off the court, Young coaches a Grade 9 stand up basketball team and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Young will make her international debut at the 2014 Women's World Championship.

DOMESTIC COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
2nd	2014	CWBL Women's National Championship	Edmonton Inferno
3rd	2014	Junior National Championship * Female MVP	Team Alberta
6th	2014	CWBL National Championship	Alberta Northern Lights
1st	2013	CWBL Women's National Championship * All Star	Edmonton Inferno
7th	2013	CWBL Open Championship	Alberta Northern Lights
5th	2013	Junior West Regional Championship	Alberta C
4th	2012	CWBL Women's National Championship	Edmonton Inferno



#7 CINDY OUELLET



Personal Info:

Resides: Quebec City, Que.
 Birthplace: Rivière-Du-Loup, Que.
 Birth Date: December 8, 1988
 Height: 5'2"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: University of Alabama
 Coaches: Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2008
 Wheelchair Basketball: 2005
 Classification: 3.5

Interesting Facts:

- She accomplished the rare feat of playing in three World Championships in as many years (Jr. Men in 2009, Sr. Women in 2010, and Jr. Women in 2011)
- She is an accomplished musician, playing piano, guitar, drums, and the ukulele
- Always athletic, she was a top flight skier and a provincial level soccer player before being struck with bone cancer in her hip at age 12

Awards/Highlights:

- Named to the 2011 Women's U25 World Championships tournament all-star team
- MVP at 2013 CWBL Women's Championship

Cindy Ouellet was looking for a challenge when she was introduced to wheelchair basketball by a physiotherapist in 2005. A natural athlete, she was already swimming and participating in track when she made the transition to the court.

Ouellet quickly felt at home on the hardwood, and says she enjoys facing the physical, mental and strategic challenges of the wheelchair sport. By 2007, the native of Rivière-du-Loup, Quebec won gold for her province at the Canada Games, and made her debut for the Sr. Women's National Team.

Ouellet wasn't done there. She went on to represent Canada at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, China, and captured a bronze medal at the 2010 World Championships in Birmingham, England. She also competed for Team Canada at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

In 2011, Ouellet earned a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team. She led a young and talented squad of athletes as Canada hosted the inaugural Women's U25 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in July 2011 in St. Catharines, Ontario. Ouellet was named to the all-star team and finished fourth in overall tournament scoring.

Ouellet is currently on a full scholarship to the University of Alabama, studying exercise science. She hopes to continue her studies and obtain a PhD in Biomedical Engineering, and eventually teach at the university level. She also plays for the University of Alabama's women's wheelchair basketball team and helped the squad to a third consecutive national championship title in 2011.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (2008, 2012)

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Total:	14	324	23:11	52/121	43	0/7	0	11/24	46	21	36	57	60	25	8	0	20	27	115	8.2

STATISTICS: World Championships (2010)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	7	176	24:55	21/58	36	0/4	0	4/16	25	7	32	39	31	21	8	1	13	17	46	6.6

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
4th	2011	Women's U25 World Championship	St. Catherines, Ontario
3rd	2010	World Championship	Birmingham, United Kingdom
8th	2009	Men's U23 World Championship	Paris, France
5th	2008	Paralympic Games	Beijing, China



#8 TAMARA STEEVES



Personal Info:

Resides: Mississauga, Ont
 Birthplace: Etobicoke, Ont
 Birth Date: September 23, 1989
 Height: 5'2"
 Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Brampton Cruisers
 Coaches: Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team since: 2011; 2012-Present
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2008
 Classification: 1.5

Interesting Facts:

- Her role models are her mother, her grandmother and Canadian icon Terry Fox

Awards/Highlights:

- Received Mississauga Sports Council 2012 Athlete of the Year with a Disability Award
- Received Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal
- Named 2012 ParaSport Ontario Female Athlete of the Year
- Named to the 2012 & 2013 CWBL Women's Championship tournament all-star team

Tamara Steeves discovered wheelchair basketball in 2008 and immediately fell in love with the sport. She soon joined a local club team and dedicated countless hours to honing her skills on the court.

The native of Etobicoke, ON thrives on the competitiveness of the game. With that competitive spirit, Steeves worked her way up the wheelchair basketball ranks.

In 2011, she landed a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team. She followed up that feat with a silver medal performance at the 2011 Canada Games as a member of Team Ontario. She made her international debut with Team Canada at the 2011 Osaka Cup, where the squad captured a bronze medal.

Steeves landed a roster spot on the Sr. Women's National Team the following year. As a rookie on the team, she competed at her first Paralympic Games in London, England in 2012.

Off the basketball court, Steeves enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading books, and catching the latest movies. She considers the opportunity to represent Canada to be a tremendous honour.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (2012)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	3	17	5:37	0/4	0	0/0	-	0/0	-	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0.0

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
4th	2011	Women's U25 World Championship	St. Catherines, Ontario



#9 MAUDE JACQUES



Personal Info:

Resides: Lac-Beauport, Que.
 Birthplace: Sherbrooke
 Birth Date: April 21, 1992
 Height: 4'9"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: University of Alabama
 Coaches: Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2001
 Classification: 2.5

Interesting Facts:

- Abides by the motto: "The best way for a team to succeed is to have respect for one another, on and off the court."

Awards/Highlights:

- Named to 2014 CWBL Women's National Championship All-Star team
- Received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal
- Named to the 2010 Junior Canadian Championships tournament all-star team (Team Quebec)
- One of 15 athletes sharing \$43,000 in bursaries handed out as part of the 2012 Défi sportif

Maude Jacques discovered wheelchair basketball in 2001 thanks to the encouragement of her physiotherapist. A strong competitor and teammate, she felt at ease on the court and embraced both the team dynamic of the sport and the opportunity to constantly push her limits.

Jacques worked hard to steadily make a name for herself within the wheelchair basketball community. She first started playing with a mini-team in her home province of Quebec, before moving on to local club teams. She later made the jump to the provincial team and represented Quebec at several national competitions, including the 2011 Canada Games, at which the squad from 'La Belle Province' earned a third consecutive gold medal.

The countless hours of hard work paid off in 2011, when Jacques made her National Team debut. She first earned a roster spot on Canada's first-ever Women's U25 National Team, and followed up by cracking the Sr. Women's National Team roster in the same year.

The Sherbrooke, Que. native competed for Team Canada at the 2011 Women's U25 World Championships in St. Catharines, Ont., and represented her country again at the 2011 Parapan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. She competed at her first Paralympic Games in 2012.

Jacques joined the University of Alabama women's wheelchair basketball team in 2012.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (2012)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	5	26	5:16	1/8	13	0/0	-	0/0	-	2	3	5	4	5	1	0	6	1	2	0.4

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
4th	2011	Women's U25 World Championship	St. Catherines, Ontario



#10 KATIE HARNOCK



Personal Info:

Resides: Elmira, Ont.
 Birthplace: Kitchener, Ont.
 Birth Date: August 12, 1983
 Height: 4'6"
 Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Sheffield Steelers
 Coaches: Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2006
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 1993
 Classification: 2.0

Interesting Facts:

- If Harnock could eat dinner with anyone in the world she would dine with her sporting idol, Steven Gerrard, captain of the Liverpool Football Club - she thinks he's the most complete midfielder in the game

Awards/Highlights:

- Received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013)
- Named to the 2005, 2006, 2011 CWBL Women's National Championships tournament all-star team
- 1999 Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association Female Athlete of the Year

Katie Harnock recalls trying out wheelchair basketball in her driveway when she was 10, after receiving a brochure in the mail from a local club. She started playing recreationally at 13 with a Kitchener team - she remembers getting clothes-lined in her first game, which she jokingly describes as a warm welcome to the sport she loves.

Fast-forward to today, and Harnock now works the point for Team Canada, with a knack for dribbling and passing. She packs a solid shot and isn't afraid to drive to the basket. She worked her way up from local club ball to the provincial program before making the Sr. National Team in 2006.

The St. David Secondary School grad from Elmira, ON was named the Ontario Wheelchair Sports Association Junior Female Athlete of the Year in 1998. A year later she received the nod as Sr. Female Athlete of the Year. Harnock graduated from the University of Alabama in 2013 with a degree in English. She hopes one day that she can become a fiction author. She also wants to remain involved in wheelchair basketball by eventually becoming a coach.

Sports have always played a major role in Harnock's life, and she is drawn to wheelchair basketball because of its competitive spirit. She is constantly learning new techniques and enjoys the challenge of the game. She always looks forward to games with rival teams, especially against our neighbours to the south, the USA.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (2008, 2012)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	14	324	23:12	49/109	45	2/11	18	0/0	-	9	30	39	31	17	10	2	14	14	104	7.4

STATISTICS: World Championships (2006, 2010)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	13	73	5:37	13/27	48	0/2	0	6/14	43	5	10	15	5	4	2	0	5	2	32	2.5

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
3rd	2010	World Championship	Birmingham, United Kingdom
5th	2008	Paralympic Games	Beijing, China
1st	2006	World Championship	Amsterdam, Netherlands



#11 DARDA SALES



Personal Info:

Resides: London, Ont.
 Birthplace: London, Ont.
 Birth Date: September 1, 1982
 Height: 5'7"
 Occupation: Swim Coach/Motivational Speaker

Athlete Info:

Club: London Flyers
 Coaches: Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2014
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2009
 Classification: 4.0

Interesting Facts:

- Sales coaches swimming at the London Aquatic Club
- She has travelled to every inhabited continent

Awards/Highlights:

- Three-time Paralympian in swimming and a Paralympic gold and silver medallist in the 4 x 100m medley relay in 2000 and 2004, respectively

Darda Sales first made her mark in the sporting world as a Paralympic gold and silver medallist and world record holder in swimming. A dynamic athlete, it wasn't until her career in the pool was winding down that she considered taking up another sport.

In 2009, Sales was on the lookout for a new challenge and the next chapter in her athletic career began after friends invited her to a local pick-up game of wheelchair basketball. She quickly became a big fan of the fast-paced, physical nature of the sport and went on to compete for Team Ontario at the women's national championships.

Invites to try out for the national team soon followed and Sales earned a spot on the Senior Women's National Team in 2014.

She says the opportunity to represent Canada is "the greatest honour an athlete can achieve". With her successful background in swimming, she has a wealth of experience competing on the international stage and hasn't ruled out making a return to the Paralympic Games, this time on the hardwood.

Off the basketball court, Sales enjoys reading, singing and spending time with her three children.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
3rd	2014	Toronto Challenge	Toronto, Ont.

DOMESTIC COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
11th	2014	CWBL National Championship	London Flyers
5th	2014	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario
6th	2013	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario
6th	2012	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario



#12 TRACEY FERGUSON



Personal Info:

Resides: Toronto, Ont.
 Birthplace: Richmond Hill, Ont.
 Birth Date: September 7, 1974
 Height: 5'0"
 Occupation: Sr. Program Officer, Sport Canada

Athlete Info:

Club: Variety Village/Trier Dolphins (Germany)
 Coaches: Steve Bialowas & Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 1991
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 1988
 Classification: 3.0

Interesting Facts:

- Ferguson qualified for the 2008 Paralympic Team for Beijing in wheelchair athletics. Ferguson is a force to be reckoned with on the track. She placed 2nd (200m), 3rd (400m) at the 2006 Paralympic National Championships; qualified for the finals (800m) at the 2006 Commonwealth Games; and in the 2006 International Paralympic Committee Athletic World Championship (200m)
- She is the most experienced player on the Sr. Women's National Team

Awards/Highlights:

- Named to the 1998, 2002 World Championship tournament all-star teams.

Tracey Ferguson has been a member of six Paralympic teams and is no newcomer to high performance sport on the world stage. As a key member of the Paralympic gold medal-winning wheelchair basketball teams in 1992, 1996, 2000 and of the bronze medal-winning team in 2004, she knows what it takes to reach the podium.

Always a competitor, Ferguson notes that she grew up playing street hockey and competing in everything she did, including Easter egg hunts. Her competitive spirit and love of winning fuelled her dream of one day representing Canada on the Olympic podium.

That dream wasn't derailed by a spinal surgery that left her paralyzed at the age of nine. Four years later, Ferguson returned to competitive sport when she discovered wheelchair athletics through a local fitness centre. Her dream of reaching the podium and representing Canada at the international level was renewed.

Of all the sports she discovered, it has been wheelchair basketball that has allowed her to not only reach the podium at the international level, but to reach the top level of the podium at both World Championships and Paralympic Games. She was also named to two world all-star teams in the process (1998 and 2002). Ferguson truly believes that representing Canada as an athlete is an honour.

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	35	651	18:37	70/205	34	3/23	13	19/51	37	32	44	76	60	50	11	3	45	28	168	4.8

STATISTICS: World Championships (1994, 1998, 2002, 2010)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	21	444	21:05	71/160	44	5/17	29	32/56	57	20	25	45	45	30	11	2	23	11	183	8.7

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

World Championships:		
Place	Year	Location
3rd	2010	Birmingham, United Kingdom
1st	2002	Kitayushi, Japan * All Star
1st	1998	Sydney, Australia * All Star
1st	1994	Mandeville, England

Paralympic Games:		
Place	Year	Location
6th	2012	London, England
5th	2008	Beijing, China
3rd	2004	Athens, Greece
1st	2000	Sydney, Australia
1st	1996	Atlanta, Georgia
1st	1992	Barcelona, Spain

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#13 JAMEY JEWELLS



Personal Info:

Resides: Donkin, N.S.
 Birthplace: Sydney, N.S.
 Birth Date: August 23, 1989
 Height: 5'0"
 Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Nova Scotia Flying Wheels
 Coaches: Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2007
 Classification: 1.0

Interesting Facts:

- Jewells plans to become a social worker, which would allow her to give back to her community. Her inspiration for this goal stems from personal experience, after a social worker helped her recover from a car accident in 2003.

Awards/Highlights:

- Named Defensive Player of the Year by the Maritime Wheelchair Basketball Association in 2013
- Recipient of Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012)
- Named to 2011 Women's U25 World Championships tournament all-star team

Jamey Jewells was first introduced to wheelchair basketball by an occupational therapist in 2007. A competitive and determined athlete, she took to the sport and her passion for the game continues to flourish to this day.

Jewells loves the fast-paced, aggressive, and hard-hitting style of play of wheelchair basketball. A strong team player, she works hard both on and off the court to develop her skills and her reputation as a threat on both sides of the ball.

She splits playing time between both the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels and Nova Scotia's Provincial Junior Team, and she helped lead her province to a fifth place finish at the 2011 Canada Games, marking Nova Scotia's best-ever performance at the competition.

In 2011, she took her game overseas to join the Trier Dolphins, a semi-professional club team based in Germany.

Jewells believes representing Canada at any level is a very satisfying experience. While the opportunity to play for the Sr. National Team is a personal honour, she knows her family and friends are also proud of her accomplishments.

Jewells made her National Team debut at the 2011 Osaka Cup and captured a bronze medal. She also represented Canada at the first-ever Women's U25 World Championships in St. Catharines, Ontario, where she was named a tournament all-star. In 2012, she competed at her first Paralympic Games in London, England.

Jewells says she pushes herself to new levels each and every day, living by a motto her father told her when she began playing wheelchair basketball – "When someone gives you limits, you go past them."

STATISTICS: Paralympic Games (2012)

	GP	Min	M/G	Field Goals		3 Points		Free Throws		Rebounds			AS	TO	ST	BS	PF	FO	PTS	P/G
				M/A	%	M/A	%	M/A	%	OR	DR	TOT								
Total:	7	85	12:06	5/13	39	0/0	-	0/0	-	2	3	5	2	4	0	0	3	1	10	1.4

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
6th	2012	Paralympic Games	London, England
4th	2011	Women's U25 World Championship * All Star	St. Catherines, Ontario



#14 AMANDA YAN



Personal Info:

Resides: Burnaby, B.C.
 Birthplace: Richmond, B.C.
 Birth Date: May 22, 1988
 Height: 5'4"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: BC Breakers / Vintage Cable Cars
 Coaches: Bill Johnson, Joe Higgins & Marni Abbott-Peter
 On the National Team since: 2013
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2011
 Classification: 3.0

Interesting Facts:

- Yan is a versatile athlete – in 2012 she was crowned a national champion in women's shot put and she placed second in women's wheelchair tennis (singles and doubles) at the national championship
- Her mother is her role model

Awards/Highlights:

- Received the Wheelchair Basketball Canada True Sport Award (2014)
- Named CIBC Team Next Athlete in 2013
- Named All-Star at the CWBL Women's Championship in 2013
- Named BC-CWBL Division 2 Most Improved Player in 2011-12

Amanda Yan is a rising star on the basketball court. Since first taking up the sport in 2011, the evolution of her wheelchair basketball game has been swift.

She was initially recruited to play in a local recreational league by coaches Joe Higgins and Marni-Abbott Peter. After earning most improved player honours in her rookie season, the Burnaby, BC native joined the BC Breakers club and helped the team to a national championship title in 2012.

Through countless hours of hard work and an unwavering sense of commitment, Yan seized every opportunity to improve her game. "The well-known saying 'practice makes perfect' is a motto that my basketball career lives by," she says.

She credits the early morning and late night practices as the catalyst that led to her cracking the senior women's national team roster in 2013.

"The opportunity to represent Canada is such an amazing honour. I've always dreamt of being able to don the red and white colours as a kid. Albeit, I never really thought it would come true, but here I am. It's surreal."

Off the basketball court Yan stays active with a range of other sports, including swimming, wheelchair racing, wheelchair tennis, as well as track and field events such as shot put, javelin and discus, and handcycling.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
3rd	2014	Toronto Challenge	Toronto, Ont.
4th	2013	Pioneer Classic	Birmingham, Alabama
3rd	2013	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan

DOMESTIC COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
3rd	2014	CWBL National Championship	BC Royals
1st	2014	CWBL Women's National Championship *All Star	BC Breakers
5th	2013	CWBL Open Championship	BC Royals
4th	2013	CWBL Women's National Championship *All Star	BC Breakers
1st	2012	CWBL Women's National Championship *All Star	BC Breakers



#15 MELANIE HAWTIN



Personal Info:

Resides: Oakville, Ont.
 Birthplace: Hamilton, Ont.
 Birth Date: July 20, 1988
 Height: 4'8"
 Occupation: Athlete

Athlete Info:

Club: Burlington Vipers
 Coaches: Bill Johnson
 On the National Team since: 2014
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 2012
 Classification: 1.5

Interesting Facts:

- Paralympic track star Chantal Petitclerc is one of her role models

Awards/Highlights:

- She competed in three world junior championships in track

Melanie Hawtin was once on the fast track to a promising career as a wheelchair racer. A native of Oakville, Ont., Hawtin started racing as a child and quickly became a decorated athlete within the sport with hopes of representing Canada at the Paralympic Games.

That dream was put on hold after surgery forced her to take a hiatus from the track. It was during that hiatus that Hawtin started playing wheelchair basketball. She began competing with the Burlington Vipers club before going on to represent Ontario at the women's national championship in 2013.

As a former competitive track athlete, speed is Hawtin's greatest asset and she quickly outmanoeuvres her opponents up and down the basketball court.

She ultimately drew the attention of the National Team program and made the Senior Women's National Team in 2014.

"It is a big honour to be able to get the chance to represent your country and to be able to work with the best athletes in the world," says Hawtin.

When she is not training with the National Team, Hawtin is busy honing her skills at the wheelchair basketball National Academy in Toronto.

Off the basketball court, Hawtin spends time with family and has a genuine love for fashion.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
3rd	2014	Toronto Challenge	Toronto, Ont.

DOMESTIC COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Team
12th	2014	CWBL National Championship	Burlington Vipers
5th	2014	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario
6th	2013	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario



Alternate: CORIN METZGER



Personal Info:

Resides: Elmira, Ont.
 Birthplace: London, Ont.
 Birth Date: February 28, 1992
 Height: 5'3"
 Occupation: Student

Athlete Info:

Club: Brampton Suns
 Coaches: Bill Johnson & Michael Broughton
 On the National Team since: 2011
 Began Wheelchair Basketball: 1996
 Classification: 2.5

Interesting Facts:

- She lives by the motto "Do your best and whatever happens, happens."
- She plays sledge hockey on the Ontario provincial team
- She is expected to compete in the 2015 Canada Games in Prince George

Awards/Highlights:

- Represented Team Canada at first-ever Women's U25 World Championship in 2011

Corin Metzger began playing wheelchair basketball at the early age of four through a local wheelchair sports program. The spirited young athlete embraced everything about the sport and worked hard to refine her skills on the court.

The native of London, Ont. enjoys the team dynamic of wheelchair basketball and relishes every moment she spends playing the game. A fiery competitor, she strives to make every shot count and contribute to the overall success of her team.

Metzger earned a roster spot on the Women's U25 National Team in 2011 and competed in her first major international tournament at the first-ever Women's U25 World Championship in 2011 in St. Catharines, Ont. She considers the accomplishment to be a tremendous honour and another step towards achieving her ultimate goal of representing Canada at the Paralympic Games.

She joined the National Academy program in 2013 to further develop her overall game.

Outside of wheelchair basketball, Metzger is studying general arts and science at college. Her academic interests also include history, anthropology and psychology. She is also a versatile athlete and plays sledge hockey for the Ontario provincial team.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
3rd	2014	Toronto Challenge	Toronto, Ontario
3rd	2013	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan
2nd	2012	Osaka Cup	Osaka, Japan
4th	2011	Women's U25 World Championship	St. Catherines, Ontario

DOMESTIC COMPETITION:

Place	Year	Tournament	Location
10th	2014	CWBL National Championship	Southern Ontario Suns
5th	2014	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario
5th	2014	CWBL Junior National Championship	Team Ontario
6th	2013	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario
6th	2012	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario
6th	2011	CWBL Women's National Championship	Team Ontario



TEAM AUSTRALIA

The Australian Women's National Team, also known as the Australian Gliders, enter the 2014 World Championship as the defending Paralympic silver medallist from London 2012.

The Australian Women last reached the podium at the world championship in 2002, as the team captured its third consecutive bronze medal at the event. Australia looks to improve upon its #2 ranking in the world by claiming its first world championship crown in Toronto in June 2014.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 18:00 vs USA
June 21 @ 18:00 vs PER
June 22 @ 10:00 vs FRA
June 23 @ 15:00 vs MEX
June 24 @ 20:00 vs NED

History at the World Championship

- 2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 4th place
- 2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 4th place
- 2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - Bronze
- 1998 - Sydney, Australia - Bronze
- 1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - Bronze
- 1990 - St. Etienne, France - 6th place

Team Australia Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	VINCI, Sarah	1.0	04-Dec-91	Perth
5	CRISPIN, Cobi	4.0	22-Dec-88	Mackay
6	KEAN, Bridie	4.0	27-Feb-87	Brisbane
7	CRONAU, Shelley	3.0	29-May-85	Brisbane
8	VAN LEEUWEN, Stephanie	1.0	17-Oct-82	Sydney
9	DEL TOSO, Leanne	3.5	12-Aug-80	Melbourne
10	NOTT, Clare	1.0	11-Aug-86	Perth
11	GAUCI, Kylie	2.0	01-Jan-85	Sydney
12	CHAPLIN, Shelley	3.5	04-Sep-84	Melbourne
13	STEWART, Sarah	3.0	13-Jun-76	Sydney
14	O'KELLY-KENNEDY, Kathleen	4.0	21-Jun-86	Perth
15	MERRITT, Amber	4.5	17-Feb-93	Perth

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Tom Kyle / Assistant Coach - David Gould / Assistant Coach - Troy Sachs / Team Manager - Jane Kyle



TEAM BRAZIL

2014 marks the second trip to the world championship for the Brazilian Women's National Team. Brazil competed at the most recent world championship in 2010, where the team placed tenth.

Brazil secured its spot at the 2014 Women's World Championship in Toronto thanks to an undefeated record and first place finish at the 2013 Americas Cup for Women. The Brazilian team will look to continue to move up in the world rankings after placing ninth at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 08:00 vs GBR

June 21 @ 15:00 vs CAN

June 22 @ 18:00 vs GER

June 23 @ 13:00 vs JPN

June 24 @ 15:00 vs CHN

History at the World Championship

2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 10th place

Team Brazil Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	CANDIDA DA SILVA, Ivanilde	3.0	24-Apr-90	São Paulo
5	SANTA ROSA FARIAS, Andreia Cristina	1.0	23-Apr-86	Belém
6	DE ANDRADE SANTOS SILVA, Monica Fernanda	4.5	16-Jan-79	São Paulo
7	DA COSTA COSTA, Lucicleia	2.5	16-Aug-80	Salinópolis
8	RAMOS DA SILVA, Rosalia	1.5	22-Jan-70	Recife
9	DOS SANTOS ASSUNÇÃO, Perla	2.0	28-Jan-86	Belém
10	DA SILVA SANTANA, Jessica	2.5	07-Dec-92	Vitória
11	RODRIGUES VIEIRA, Geisa	4.0	27-Aug-92	São Paulo
12	SOARES MARTINS, Lia Maria	4.5	09-Jun-87	Belém
13	LOPES CARVALHO, Cintia Mariana	1.0	16-Apr-1985	Belém
14	KLOKLER, Paola	4.0	26-Jan-91	São Paulo
15	BRITO DE ALMEIDA, Vileide	4.5	02-Nov-1991	Belém

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Tiago Costa Baptista /Team Manager - Valdir Soares de Moura

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TEAM CHINA

The Chinese Women's National Team will compete at the world championship for the second time in 2014. The team made its world championship debut in 2010, where the Chinese Women placed eighth.

China is the #5 ranked team in the world after placing fifth at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 15:00 vs GER

June 21 @ 08:00 vs JPN

June 22 @ 15:00 vs CAN

June 23 @ 10:00 vs GBR

June 24 @ 15:00 vs BRA

History at the World Championship

2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 8th place

Team China Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	CHENG, Haizhen	4.5	03-Sep-86	Hubei
5	YANG, San	4.0	13-Nov-91	Guangdong
6	WANG, Xiaoyan	4.0	01-Nov-78	Beijing
7	FU, Yongqing	4.0	12-Sep-79	Yunnan
8	LIU, Man	1.0	06-Mar-91	Shandong
9	LIN, Suiling	3.0	26-Feb-91	Guangdong
10	DAI, Jiameng		07-Jul-95	Beijing
11	XU, TingTing		11-Jan-91	Guangdong
12	DENG, Mingzhu	2.0	10-Nov-87	Guangdong
13	LI, Yanhua	1.5	21-Sep-82	Yunnan
14	LONG, Yun	1.0	01-Aug-89	Hubei
15	ZHENG, Donghuai	2.5	15-Dec-81	Yunnan

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Yan Han / Team Manager - Yuansheng Xu



TEAM FRANCE

France is set to return to the world championship stage for the first time since 2006, where the team placed eighth.

The French Women are coming off of a fourth place finish at the 2013 European Championship, where the team seized the final qualification spot for the right to compete at the 2014 World Championship. France also placed 10th at the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 20:00 vs MEX

June 21 @ 10:00 vs NED

June 22 @ 10:00 vs AUS

June 23 @ 08:00 vs PER

June 24 @ 10:00 vs USA

History at the World Championship

- 2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - Did not play
- 2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 8th place
- 2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - Did not play
- 1998 - Sydney, Australia - Did not play
- 1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - 8th place
- 1990 - St. Etienne, France - 5th place

Team France Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	AWAD, Sandrella	1.0	02-Aug-83	Marseille
5	FALL, Oumy	2.5	07-Jan-83	Lyon
6	COSTE, Perrine	1.0	05-Nov-83	Lyon
7	GLEMP-ETAVARD, Agnieszka	1.0	16-Jul-78	T-Locquemeau
8	WATINE, Juliette	2.0	13-Jun-88	Lille
9	SAINT OMER-DELEPINE, Fabienne	4.5	19-Feb-72	Hazebrouck
10	LAURENT, Kathy	4.5	10-Feb-76	Montélimar
11	MENARD, Emilie	2.5	30-Sep-81	Blagnac
12	BESSIERE, Gaëlle	3.5	12-Oct-82	
13	DOUMESCHE-GUEDOUN, Florence	1.0	06-May-77	Le Cannet
14	BUSO, Marianne	4.5	28-May-92	Arceau
15	PICHON, Angélique	4.5	26-Sep-78	Plouenan

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Pascal Montet / Assistant Coach - Carolina Vincenzoni / Team Manager - Anne Filice

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TEAM GERMANY

The German Women's National Team enters the 2014 World Championship on a high note. As the top-ranked team in the world and the reigning Paralympic champion, Germany is arguably the team to beat in Toronto.

Germany has achieved podium success in the past at the world championship, however the German Women are still in search of the first world crown in team history.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 15:00 vs CHN

June 21 @ 20:00 vs GBR

June 22 @ 18:00 vs BRA

June 23 @ 20:00 vs CAN

June 24 @ 13:00 vs JPN

History at the World Championship

2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - Silver

2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Bronze

2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - 7th place

1998 - Sydney, Australia - 5th place

1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - 5th place

1990 - St. Etienne, France - Silver

Team Germany Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	ADERMANN, Mareike	4.5	08-Mar-90	Hamburg
5	WELIN, Johanna	2.0	24-Jun-84	Munich
6	KUES, Simone	1.0	08-Nov-76	Hamburg
7	MUELLER, Edina	2.5	28-Jun-83	Hamburg
8	ZEYEN, Annika	1.5	17-Feb-85	Hamburg
9	FUERST, Laura	2.0	23-Apr-91	Munich
10	SCHUENEMANN, Gesche	4.5	18-Nov-82	Hamburg
11	LINDHOLM, Maya	2.5	20-Dec-90	Hamburg
12	BREUER, Annabelle	1.5	23-Oct-92	Giessen
13	BRIESSMANN, Annegrit	1.0	28-Jul-72	Einhausen
14	MOHNEN, Marina	4.5	31-Oct-78	Cologne
15	DAHLE, Linda	4.5	08-Nov-91	Dusseldorf

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Holger Glinicki / Assistant Coach - Josef Jaglowski / Team Manager - Timo Bauer



TEAM GREAT BRITAIN

The future looks bright for the British Women's National Team. A youthful team battled to a seventh place finish on home soil at the London 2012 Paralympic Games and the British Women look poised to start climbing up the world rankings as they gain more experience.



Great Britain is in search of its first podium finish at the world championship and will take up the challenge in 2014.

Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 08:00 vs BRA

June 21 @ 20:00 vs GER

June 22 @ 20:00 vs JPN

June 23 @ 10:00 vs CHN

June 24 @ 18:00 vs CAN

History at the World Championship

- 2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 6th place
- 2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Did not play
- 2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - 8th place
- 1998 - Sydney, Australia - 7th place
- 1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - 6th place
- 1990 - St. Etienne, France - 7th place

Team Great Britain Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	MOORE, Charlotte	1.0	13-Sep-98	Coventry
5	CARRIGILL, Sophie	1.0	19-Jan-94	Leeds
6	GRIFFITHS, Clare	1.5	18-Sep-79	Marlow
7	FREEMAN, Helen	4.0	23-Nov-89	Watford
8	WILLIAMS, Laurie	2.5	04-Feb-92	Manchester
9	HAMER, Judith	4.0	03-Dec-90	Exeter
10	CONROY, Amy	4.0	22-Oct-92	Norwich
11	THOMPSON, Madeleine	4.5	29-Mar-95	Derbyshire
12	TURNER, Helen	3.5	15-Oct-77	Surrey
13	SUGDEN, Louise	2.0	20-Aug-84	High Wycombe
14	HAIZELDEN, Joy	2.5	01-Dec-98	Southampton
15	TILLMAN, Fiona	1.0	08-Aug-74	East Sussex

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Miles Thompson / Assistant Coach - Mathew Foden / Team Manager - Lauren Smith

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TEAM JAPAN

The Japanese Women's National Team has competed at each world championship except the inaugural event in 1990. The team has placed as high as fourth in its history at the tournament, accomplishing the feat twice – once in 1998 and once as the host team in 2002 in Kitakyushu.

Most recently, Japan placed seventh as the last world championship in 2010. The Japanese Women head into the 2014 Women's World Championship in search of their first podium appearance.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 13:00 vs CAN

June 21 @ 08:00 vs CHN

June 22 @ 20:00 vs GBR

June 23 @ 13:00 vs BRA

June 24 @ 13:00 vs GER

History at the World Championship

- 2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 7th place
- 2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 6th place
- 2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - 4th place
- 1998 - Sydney, Australia - 4th place
- 1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - 7th place
- 1990 - St. Etienne, France - Did not play

Team Japan Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	YOSHIDA, Erika	1.0	23-Aug-77	Hyogo
5	URAMOTO, Miki	2.5	10-Sep-81	Kumamoto
6	MIURA, Kyoko	4.5	15-Jun-80	Okayama
7	MASHIKO, Megumi	3.0	02-Jul-70	Fukushima
8	SOEDA, Tomoe	3.5	09-Jan-75	Aichi
9	TSUCHIDA, Mayumi	4.5	11-Mar-77	Shiga
10	HAGINO, Mayo	1.0	09-Mar-93	Miyagi
11	ZAIMA, Izumi		04-Dec-96	Yamaguchi
12	ARIKAWA, Miho	2.5	29-Nov-90	Aichi
13	KITADA, Chihiro	4.5	12-Dec-89	Wakayama
14	KITAMA, Yui	1.0	06-Oct-94	Hyogo
15	AMIMOTO, Mari	4.5	15-Nov-88	Osaka

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - KaoriTachibana / Assistant Coach - Hiroshi Maeda



TEAM MEXICO

Mexico has competed in each of the world championships since the team made its debut at the event in 1998. In 2014, the Mexican Women will look to improve upon a ninth place showing at the last world championship in 2010 and, most recently, an eighth place finish at the 2012 Paralympic Games.



Mexico placed second at the Americas Cup for Women to punch its ticket to the 2014 WWC. While the team has traditionally played the role of the underdog in the past, come 2014 Mexico will push to break the mold and make some noise in Toronto.

Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 20:00 vs FRA
June 21 @ 13:00 vs USA
June 22 @ 08:00 vs NED
June 23 @ 15:00 vs AUS
June 24 @ 08:00 vs PER

History at the World Championship

- 2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 9th place
- 2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 7th place
- 2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - 5th place
- 1998 - Sydney, Australia - 8th place
- 1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - Did not play
- 1990 - St. Etienne, France - Did not play

Team Mexico Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	VAZQUEZ, Cecilia	2.5	18-Dec-65	Mexico City
5	LOPEZ, Isabel	4.5	06-Jul-92	Guadalajara
6	TORRES, Rocio	3.5	09-Sep-73	Estado de Mexico
7	ESTRADA, Floralia	4.0	08-Aug-90	Guadalajara
9	VAZQUEZ, Lucia	4.0	20-Dec-65	Mexico City
10	ECHEVERRIA, Guadalupe	1.5	14-Oct-96	Guanajuato
11	DE LA TORRE, Claudia	1.0	21-Jun-87	Queretaro
12	RAMIREZ, Felicitas		12-Jul-80	Oaxaca
13	HERNANDEZ, Julieta	4.0	06-Aug-77	Estado do Mexico
14	VERA, Rocio	2.0	18-Feb-65	Estado de Mexico
15	VENTURA, Rosario	4.0	06-Feb-85	Oaxaca

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Aaron Davila / Team Manager - Rosa Camara

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TEAM NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands are in the hunt for a podium appearance on the women's side for the first time in history at the world championship.

After capturing the bronze medal at the London 2012 Paralympic Games and edging Germany by a single point to win the 2013 European Championship, the Dutch women are a team on the rise and look to be a serious contender come 2014.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 10:00 vs PER

June 21 @ 10:00 vs FRA

June 22 @ 08:00 vs MEX

June 23 @ 18:00 vs USA

June 24 @ 20:00 vs AUS

History at the World Championship

- 2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - 5th place
- 2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - 5th place
- 2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - 6th place
- 1998 - Sydney, Australia - 6th place
- 1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - 4th place
- 1990 - St. Etienne, France - 4th place

Team Netherlands Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	HUITZING, Inge	4.5	19-Apr-74	Hengelo
5	HOUWEN, Lucie	3.0	30-Oct-90	Nijmegen
6	VISSER, Jitske	1.0	29-Oct-92	Nijmegen
7	OOSTERBAAN, Roos	1.5	18-May-79	Amsterdam
8	TIMMERMAN, Sanne	4.5	08-May-92	Utrecht
9	KRAMER, Bo	4.5	15-Sep-98	Almere
10	VAN DER WAL, Wendy	4.0	17-Apr-82	Tubbergen
11	KORVER, Cher	2.5	11-Aug-76	Nijkerk
12	PRONK, Saskia	1.0	06-Aug-83	Julianadorp
13	VAN BERGEN, Barbara	2.0	09-Jun-78	Cappele aan de IJssel
14	DE ROOIJ, Carina	3.0	10-May-80	Culemborg
15	BEIJER, Mariska	4.0	29-Jun-91	Den Helder

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Gertjan Van der Linden / Assistant Coach - Irene Sloof / Team Manager - Toine Klerks



TEAM PERU

Peru is set to compete at the women's world championship for the first time in history and will be looking to make a lasting first impression on the court in Toronto in 2014. The tournament will mark the first major international competition for the Peruvian Women.



Peru placed third at the 2013 Americas Cup for Women to capture the last available berth to the 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship.

Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 10:00 vs NED

June 21 @ 18:00 vs AUS

June 22 @ 13:00 vs USA

June 23 @ 08:00 vs FRA

June 24 @ 08:00 vs MEX

Team Peru Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	TORRES, Karina	3.5	23-Sep-86	Arequipa
5	ROBLES, Yeny	2.5	26-Feb-72	Lima
6	VELASQUEZ, Edith	1.0	04-Jun-82	Cusco
7	ZEGARRA, Julia	2.5	11-May-73	Lima
8	OROZA, Monica	1.0	26-Nov-60	
9	MEDINA, Maria	3.5	10-Apr-72	Arequipa
10	OBLITAS, Carmen	3.0	07-Jul-68	Lima
11	TUNQUI, Marleni	4.0	04-Feb-85	
12	GARCIA, Norma	2.0	23-Jun-74	Lima
13	JAUREGUI, Pilar	4.0	24-Jun-88	Lima
14	ACHAHUI, Susy	1.0	13-Feb-71	Cusco
15	SANABRIA, Ingrid	4.5	02-May-87	Tacna

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Luis Eduardo Ovalle / Team Manager- Maria Luisa Sarmiento



TEAM USA

Team USA is among the perennial powerhouses in women's wheelchair basketball and has enjoyed great success at the world championships, having finished in the top two at each of the women's events since 1990.

The American Women enter the 2014WWWBC as the defending world champions, although they will be looking to rebound from a fourth place finish at the 2012 Paralympic Games.



Preliminary Game Schedule

June 20 @ 18:00 vs AUS

June 21 @ 13:00 vs MEX

June 22 @ 13:00 vs PER

June 23 @ 18:00 vs NED

June 24 @ 10:00 vs FRA

History at the World Championship

2010 - Birmingham, United Kingdom - Gold

2006 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands - Silver

2002, Kitakyushi, Japan - Silver

1998 - Sydney, Australia - Silver

1994 - Stoke Mandeville, United Kingdom - Silver

1990 - St. Etienne, France - Gold

Team USA Roster

#	Name	Class	Birthday	Hometown
4	BLUNK, Megan		09-Sep-89	Gig Harbor, Wash.
5	HUNTER, Darlene	1.0	16-Apr-82	Walled Lake, Mich.
6	CHEW, Jennifer	1.5	05-Jan-83	Antioch, Calif.
7	SOLDAN, Mackenzie	1.0	14-May-92	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
8	CHAMPION, Kimberly	4.5	03-Mar-89	Vidalia, Ga.
9	MILLER, Desiree	3.5	12-Aug-87	Monroe, Wash.
10	POIST, Jennifer	2.0	14-Mar-89	McSherrystown, Pa.
11	ZEMAN, Kendra		31-Aug-92	Anoka, Minn.
12	MURRAY, Rebecca	2.5	15-Mar-90	Germantown, Wis.
13	RYAN, Courtney		21-Sep-90	San Diego, Calif.
14	GAENG, Gail	3.5	27-Dec-92	Frederick, Md.
15	HOLLERMANN, Rose	3.5	25-Dec-95	Elysian, Minn.

Coaching Staff: Head Coach - Stephanie Wheeler / Assistant Coach - Trooper Johnson / Assistant Coach - Dan Price, Jr. / Team Manager - Jeff Downes



Story Ideas

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is committed to helping journalists find interesting stories and angles to report on, and is fully dedicated to helping facilitate all interview requests and media inquiries that do not interfere with athlete training and competition schedules or transportation limitations.

Here are some story ideas relation to the 2014 WWCBC

- 1) **Canada seeks seventh straight podium success** - Canada will be competing for a record setting 7th straight podium performance at the world championship. The team is the defending bronze medallist and the only women's wheelchair basketball team to capture four consecutive World Championship gold medals (1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006). Team veteran Tracey Ferguson competed in three of those championships, as well as helping the team to the three consecutive Paralympic Gold Medals in 1992, 1996 and 2000. Team U.S.A is the only team to have a similar record, winning silver to Canada's gold medal streak and capturing gold the only times Canada failed to.
- 2) **Janet McLachlan: One to Watch** - Sharpshooter and offensive catalyst Janet McLachlan is regarded as one of the best players in the world. At the London 2012 Paralympic Games, McLachlan lead all players in total points scored and rebounds. At the 2010 World Championship she also out-scored and out-rebounded all players – achieving seven double-doubles in seven games. She was named MVP at the 2010, 2012, 2014 CWBL Women's National Championships and led her university team, the University of Alabama, to back-to-back national championships in 2009 and 2010, winning MVP of the tournament in 2010. During her stand-up basketball career she won two CIS championships with her University of Victoria team, and represented Canada internationally at the 2001 Beijing Student Games with Canadian Women's Student Basketball Team. Janet has been named one of the International Paralympic Committee's One to Watch.
- 3) **Hometown Hero** - Toronto's Tracey Ferguson leads the team with a wealth of experience. The three-time World Champion and three-time Paralympic gold medalist will play on home soil back to back for the first time in her notable career. The 2014 WWCBC will mark her fifth world championship tournament. During her world championship career, she was named to the 1998 and 2002 World Championship All star team.
- 4) **The Young One** - At 17, Arinn Young is the youngest member of Team Canada. Named to the team in May, Arinn will make her international debut in wheelchair basketball at the 2014 World Championship. While she is missing the last two weeks of her high-school career to play basketball for Team Canada, she managed to attend her high-school prom the night before flying into Toronto.
- 5) **Schools Out** - Launched in January of this year, the Wheelchair Basketball Canada Schools Program will have reached 100 elementary, middle, and high schools in the Greater Toronto Area by the time the basketball is thrown for opening tip-off at the world championship. More than 21,000 students will have participated in the Schools Program, which is designed to educate teachers and students about the sport of wheelchair basketball and encourage youth, with or without a disability to be physically active. Funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the program provides teachers with a resource guide and lesson plans, a demonstration team that visits schools giving students a chance to try the sport, and provides access to 10-12 sport wheelchairs for the school to use for a week.
- 6) **Testing Toronto 1-2-3** - The 2014 Women's Wheelchair Basketball Championship is a test event for the Toronto 2015 Parapan Am games. Five of the 2014 World Championship competitors – Canada, the United States, Mexico, Brazil and Peru – will likely return to Toronto in 2015. Mattamy Athletic Centre will also play host to the 2014 Parapan Am Games.



Story Ideas (continued)

7) **Basketball Babies** - Team Canada players Jamey Jewells and Darda Sales have been busy in the past year. Not only have they been training to compete in a World Championship, but the two are also new moms. Jewells, married to Team Canada Men's player Adam Lancia, gave birth last year, while Sales added newborn twins to her family, one for each number on her jersey – 11.

8) **Crimson Connection** - The University of Alabama wheelchair basketball program has a strong connection with Team Canada and the 2014 World Championships. Two of Team Canada's players, Cindy Ouellet, and Maude Jaques are current U of A players and will face up against teammates Mackenzie Soldan (USA), Laurie Williams (GBR), and Cobi Crispin (AUS), during the tournament. Canada's Janet McLachlan and Katie Harnock are also U of A alumni. Janet, Katie and Cindy helped the team to back to back national championships in 2009 and 2010, and then again without the help of Janet in 2011.

9) **Academy Ascension** - Team Canada's # 15, Melanie Hawtin, is a success story from the groundbreaking Wheelchair Basketball Canada National Academy. Hawtin started playing wheelchair basketball less than two years ago. A former wheelchair track star, she switched to basketball when injury prevented her from racing. Quickly becoming noticed in the sport, she was offered a position at the first fulltime training academy in the world at the University of Toronto, Scarborough campus. Strong to begin with, Hawtin's skills have since skyrocketed, earning her first National Team position in 2014 – just two years after making her debut in the sport.

10) **Making a splash in wheelchair basketball** - Canada's #11, Darda Sales is a former Paralympic gold medallist – in swimming. Three time Paralympian and 4 x 100m medley relay gold and silver medalist at the 2000 and 2004 Paralympics respectively, Sales started playing wheelchair basketball in 2009 as her swimming career started to wind down. Making her debut on the international wheelchair basketball court this year, Sales is set to make a splash at the 2014 WWWBC.

11) **Blast from the Past** - Janet McLachlan and #4 on the Dutch Team, Inge Huitzing, both competed against each other in stand-up basketball at the Beijing Student Games in 2001 in China. It remains to be seen if the two will face up in a match against each other in Toronto.

12) **Home Grown Heros** - Team Canada national athletes have long had a tie in with the Canada Games. #13 Jamey Jewells, #10 Katie Harnock, #9 Maude Jacques, #7 Cindy Ouellet and #8 Tamara Steeves are all alumni from the Games. Don't expect it to stop there. Head Coach Bill Johnson played as an athlete in 1995, placing 5th, a manager in 1999 and as a head coach in 2003 and 2007. Assistant Coach Michael Broughton played as an athlete in 1999, winning gold, and 2003 as well as as a head coach in 2007, and 2011. Three Team Canada wheelchair athletes – Arinn Young, reserve player Erica Gavel and alternate Corin Metzger – are eligible and expected to compete in the 2015 Canada Games in Prince George next February.

13) **Bigger and Better** - The 2014 Women's World Wheelchair Basketball Championship will be the biggest women's world championship the world has ever seen. With 12 competing countries the tournament promises to show more of the fast paced hard-hitting skills wheelchair basketball is known for. The Championship also represents the first time the women's tournament has been held separately from the men in 20 years and looks to create a lasting legacy for women's athletics around the globe.

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Tips for Reporting on Athletes With a Disability

Aim to:

- Always identify the athlete and the sport first, then the disability. Often it is not necessary or relevant to the report or mention the disability
- Emphasize the ability rather than the limitation. Try to avoid using emotional words that dramatize the athlete's lifestyle.
- Portray the athletes as they are in real life. Along with being an athlete, they may also be a parent, a civil engineer, a doctor, etc.
- Act naturally at all times. The athlete will tell you if they require assistance. If in doubt, ask.

Things to avoid:

- Avoid focusing the whole story on the disability by constantly referring to it. Remember the disability is only one aspect of the athlete's life, so try to keep it in proper perspective without magnifying its importance.
- Avoid using "disabled" as a noun or adjective (most people with a disability do not see themselves as disabled, as they are able to accomplish their goals).
- Avoid portraying an athlete who succeeds as extraordinary or superhuman
- Avoid using terms like courage or courageous that suggest the athletes are performing a brave feat or facing a fear. These words are often misused to describe an athlete that is inspirational, determined, motivated etc.
- Avoid using terms such as 'suffering from,' 'is a victim of,' or 'afflicted with.' Most people with a disability do not see themselves as afflicted and many do not actually suffer at all. This is an over-used term and often inappropriate.

Preferred Words and Phrasing

Avoid:

- Disabled (as a noun or adjective, most athletes with a disability do not see themselves as disabled - they are able to accomplish their goals)
- Courage/courageous
- Handicapped/crippled
- Suffering from / is a victim of / afflicted with
- Confined to a wheelchair (a wheelchair provides mobility and is not confining)
- Stumps (connotes the persons's limbs like a tree)
- Disease (many disabilities, such as Cerebral Palsy and spinal cord injuries are not caused by illness or disease)
- Spastic
- Physically challenged
- Normal athlete
- a paraplegic, a quadraplegic

Suggested:

- An athlete with a disability
- Determined/motivated/dedicated/inspirational
- An athlete with a disability
- Person has (name of disability)
- Person/athlete who uses a wheelchair
- An amputee
- Condition
- Person with Cerebral Palsy
- Person with a disability
- Able-bodied athlete
- A person with paraplegia/quadriplegia

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