



Event Advisory

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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN – MAY 21-23, 2010

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) and Wheelchair Basketball Canada to host National Championships in Saskatoon, SK

Saskatoon, SK - Canada's best wheelchair basketball players will be at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, SK for the 2010 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships May 21-23, 2010.

Media and spectators have the opportunity to see up-close the skill and athleticism that make the sport one of the top draws at the Paralympic Games as provincial teams compete to determine a National Champion.

The tournament features elite players from across Canada including members of the Canadian Men's and Women's Senior National Teams that are both preparing to defend their Gold Medals at the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships (July 5-17) in Birmingham, GB.

It is being held in conjunction with the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Women's National Championships - where the best female club teams in the country will also compete to decide a National champion.

- TV/Photo Op:**
- **Opening Ceremonies:** 2010 Canadian Paralympic Silver & Bronze Medallist (Nordic) Colette Bourgonje to do honorary tip-off of media / sponsor game featuring U of Saskatchewan Huskies basketball athletes
 - Canadian Sr. National Team athletes competing in final domestic competition prior to Paralympic World Cup in Manchester, GB (May 25-30)
- Who:**
- Regina native **Nic Goncin** (Canadian Men's Junior Team) and **Team Saskatchewan** welcome the top wheelchair basketball players in Canada.

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- When: Friday May 21 – Sunday May 23, 2010**
- Friday 10:00am – **opening tipoff**: Edmonton vs. Saskatchewan (*women*)
 - Friday 11:30am (*approx.*) **opening ceremonies** (*to follow first game*)
 - Sunday 3:00pm **championship game**
 - Sunday 4:30pm (*approx.*) **medal presentations** (*to follow final game*)

Where: University of Saskatchewan - Physical Activity Complex
87 Campus Drive, S7N 5B2, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

The men's & women's gold medal Games will be webcast live on the Wheelchair Basketball Canada website: www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

Athlete will be available for interviews throughout the tournament.

Game Schedule: (free admission)

Friday May 21, 2010:

- 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00pm
- 11:30am (*approx.*) – Opening Ceremonies

Saturday May 22, 2010:

- 9:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, and 6:00pm

Sunday May 23, 2010 (*medal games*):

- 8:30am (*women's bronze*)
- 10:30am (*men's bronze*)
- 12:30pm (*women's gold*) * *women's medal presentations to follow*
- 3:00pm (*men's gold*) * *men's medal presentations to follow*

For more information visit www.wheelchairbasketball.ca

This will be the final competition for Sr. Canadian National Team athletes representing their respective provinces prior to departing for Manchester, GB for the Paralympic World Cup May 25-30, 2010.





Both the Canadian Men's & Women's Nationals Teams are the defending World Championships. They will defend their titles in the 2010 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Birmingham, England July 5-17, 2010.

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About Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association (SWSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and supporting opportunities for children, teens and adults with disabilities to participate in the Association's sport, recreation and leisure time activities to the best of their abilities.

About Wheelchair Basketball Canada

Wheelchair Basketball Canada is the national sports governing body responsible for the organization of wheelchair basketball in Canada. It is a non-profit, charitable organization that is the Canadian member to the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF).

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