



**Wheelchair Basketball Canada
Junior & Mini Division Regulations
2009-2010**

JUNIOR

1. PARTICIPANTS

- 1.1 A team must have a minimum of 7 players and 1 staff in attendance to be eligible to play games at Junior Nationals.
- 1.2 All teams/clubs are required to submit their roster to all tournament hosts in which they compete. The hosts will then submit that roster directly to the Wheelchair Basketball Canada office.
- 1.3 Teams may have as many players on their roster as they wish, but only 12 players may be on the score sheet for each game at Junior Nationals
- 1.4 The VP Domestic and Junior Commissioner in consultation with the National Office, will rule on eligibility as requested.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible for the Junior Division, an athlete must be born on January 1, 1987 or later. This rule coincides with the Canada Games and IWBF age groups.
- 2.2 The VP Domestic and Junior Commissioner must approve any player transfers from one team to another, during the season. Transferring players must have the permission of their original team.

3. Classification

- 3.1 IWBF Classification system will be used.
- 3.2 Players may be classified from 0.5 to 4.5 (able-bodied).
- 3.3 Total number of points on the floor not to exceed 15 except:
 - 3.3.1 A team shall be entitled to one (1) additional point on the floor for each female player on the court.
 - 3.3.2 A team shall be entitled to one (1) additional point on the floor for each mini-age eligible player on the court. (Mini-age eligible being considered as born on January 1, **1993** or later).
 - 3.3.3 A player may earn only one (1) additional point on the floor for their team.

4. Competition

- 4.1 Unless otherwise stated, IWBF rules and regulations will be followed.
- 4.2 Provincial teams will be required to submit an official letter of intent to participate and a performance bond (\$350) to Wheelchair Basketball Canada by February 15, 2010.
- 4.3 At Junior Nationals, teams shall be ranked based on previous year's results and geographical considerations. The Junior Commissioner, in consultation with the National Office, will present a tournament schedule for the approval of the VP Domestic.
- 4.4 Eligible jersey numbers are: 4 – 15. Teams arriving for competition at Junior Nationals without eligible jerseys will be required to wear Wheelchair Basketball Canada jerseys provided as well as relinquish their performance bond. For more information on what constitutes a "legal" uniform, please consult pages 15-16 of the IWBF rulebook.
- 4.5 The game ball shall be an IWBF approved size 7.

5. Doping Control

The Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport (CCES) may perform random doping control test at these Championships. The CCES is authorized to administer the collection of urine samples in accordance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program, as adopted by Wheelchair Basketball Canada.

More information about the Canadian Centre of Ethics in Sport can be found at <http://www.cces.ca/> .

MINI

1. Participants

- 1.1 A team must have a minimum of 7 players and 1 staff in attendance to be eligible to play games at Regionals.
 - 1.1.1 All teams/clubs are required to submit their roster to all tournament hosts in which they compete. The tournament hosts are then responsible to submit that roster directly to the Wheelchair Basketball Canada office.
- 1.3 Teams may have as many players on their roster as they wish, but only 12 players may be on the score sheet for each game at Regionals.
- 1.4 The VP Domestic and Junior Commissioner, in consultation with the National Office, will rule on eligibility as requested.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible for the Mini Division, an athlete must be born on January 1, **1993** or later.

- 2.2 A player who is registered with any team in the CWBL Open Division, or who has played for any country in a Junior World Championship is ineligible to play in the Mini Division.
- 2.3 Over-age exemption – players who are born in **1991** or **1990** and who are Class 3.0 or lower, may apply for an exemption to play in the Mini Division. (Process explained on last page of this document).

3. Classification

- 3.1 IWBF Classification system will be used.
- 3.2 Players may be classified from 0.5 to 4.5 (able-bodied).
- 3.3 Total number of points on the floor not to exceed 15 except:
 - 3.3.1 A team shall be entitled to one (1) additional point on the floor for each female player on the court.
 - 3.3.2 A team shall be entitled to one (1) additional point on the floor for each player on the court born on January 1, **1996** or later.
 - 3.3.3 A player may earn only one (1) additional point on the floor for their team.

4. Competition

- 4.1 IWBF rules and regulations will be followed, with the following exceptions:
- 4.2 At Mini Nationals, teams shall be ranked based on previous year's results and geographical considerations. The Mini Commissioner, in consultation with the National Office, will present a tournament schedule for the approval of the VP Domestic.
- 4.3 The Mini Division will have a 30 second shot clock.
- 4.4 The Mini Division will use an 8.5 foot basket height.
- 4.5 The Mini Division will use a free throw line set at 13 feet.
- 4.6 The Mini Division will play with a 5 second in the key rule.
- 4.7 The Mini Division will NOT use a 3-point line.
- 4.8 A full court press is allowed, with the understanding that once a team is ahead by 20 or more points that the press must be called off. If the leading team continues to press, the referee will be instructed to give a warning for the first violation, followed by a bench technical for recurring infractions while the leading team still has a 20 point or better margin.
- 4.9 The Mini Division will play four – 10 minute quarters with the first 20 minutes consisting of four periods of 5 minutes each. The 2nd half will be divided into two periods of 5 minutes and one period of 10 minutes. Substitutions will be permitted at the breaks between periods only, with exceptions made for injuries, fouling out and equipment problems. All rostered players must play a minimum of two periods of 5 minutes in the first 30 minutes of play. The team with the larger number of players on their roster is only required to match an equal number of players on the opposing team for compliance with this participation rule.
- 4.10 In addition to the time outs afforded under the IWBF rules, each team will be permitted two (2) additional twenty (20) second time outs, with one allowed per half.
- 4.11 The team in control of the ball at the completion of each 5 minute period shall retain possession at the beginning of the next period.

- 4.12 Eligible jersey numbers are: 4 – 15. Players wearing jersey numbers that do not correspond to this rule will not be permitted to play at Mini Regionals. For more information on what constitutes a “legal” uniform, please consult pages 15-16 of the IWBF rulebook.
- 4.13 The game ball shall be a IWBF approved size 6.

Over-age exemption

The intent of this rule, is to allow those athletes who were born in 1990 or 1991, and who are Class 3.0 or lower the opportunity to compete in the Mini Division if, in the judgment of the Commissioner and team coaches, the athlete’s physical playing situation was such that he/she did not have an advantage over the other athletes in the Mini Division.

If there is more than one opposing vote concerning the appropriateness of allowing that athlete to play in the Mini Division, then they would not be allowed to compete.

Players seeking the exemption must be registered at the very beginning of the season and must attend at least one CWBL tournament where they can be “evaluated”. A decision on their eligibility will be made within 10 days after that tournament. If the player is unable to travel to a tournament prior to Junior/Mini Regionals, a videotape copy of the player in question engaged in practice and competition must be sent to the VP Domestic & Junior Commissioner at least 90 days prior to Regionals. A decision will be rendered at least 30 days prior to Regionals.

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