

Wheelchair Tennis

Wheelchair tennis is one of the forms of tennis adapted for wheelchair users. The size of the court, net height, rackets, are the same, but there are two major differences from pedestrian tennis: athletes use specially designed wheelchairs, and the ball may bounce up to two times, where the second bounce may also occur outside the court.

Wheelchair tennis is governed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF). ITF acts as the International Federation (IF) for the equivalent Olympic Sport. There are three categories; Men, Women, and Quads; each category has singles and doubles tournaments.



Eligibility:

Impaired muscle power	Limb deficiency	Athetosis	Ataxia
Impaired passive range of movement	Leg length difference	Hypertonia	Short stature

Classification:

There are two sport classes in wheelchair tennis and all players have in common that they have an impairment that affects their legs.

Open Class	Athletes who have a significant and permanent impairment of one or both legs and normal arm function. This profile may match with athletes with paraplegia or leg amputations.
Quad Class	Players in this class have an impairment affecting their playing arm as well as their legs. This limits their ability to handle the racket and to move in the wheelchair. You will find that players may use tape to securely grip the racket.