## Wheelchair Basketball



Wheelchair basketball is basketball played by people with varying physical disabilities that disqualify them from playing an ablebodied sport. These include spina bifida, birth defects, cerebral palsy, paralysis due to accident, amputations (of the legs, or other parts), and many other disabilities. Wheelchair basketball is played by boys, girls, men and women.

## Sport-technical rules:

 Each team of five players is only allowed to have 14 points on the field of play at the same time.

The Sport is governed by International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF). IWBF acts as the International Federation (IF) for the equivalent Olympic Sport.



## **Eligibility:**

Impaired muscle power	Limb deficier	псу	Leg length differen	се	Ataxia
Impaired passive range of movement		Leg length difference			Hypertonia

## **Classification:**

Sport Class 1.0	Players in this class have no trunk control and thus cannot bend forward or sideways or rotate to catch and pass the ball. To keep a stable position, the backrest of the wheelchair is a bit higher and the athletes are strapped to the wheelchair.
Sport Class 2.0	These players can lean forward and rotate their body to some extent, allowing them to catch the ball within a larger radius. Like their team members in sport class 1.0, their wheelchairs have a higher backrest and strapping for trunk support.
Sport Class 3.0	This profile describes players who can fully rotate and lean forward, but cannot lean to the sides. As they do not need sitting support, their wheelchair has a low backrest.
Sport Class 4.0	While 4.0 players can move forward and rotate like their team members in sport class 3.0, they can partially lean to the sides as well. Often players in this sport class can lead to one Explanatory guide to Paralympic classification in Paralympic summer sports 38 side only, for example, because impairment in one leg would cause a loss of balance to the other side.
Sport Class 4.5	Players in this sport class have the least eligible impairment and have no restriction in trunk rotation or leaning forward or sideways. Players with a foot amputation or a 6 cm leg length difference would be eligible for this sport class.
	An athlete can also be allocated the sport classes 1.5, 2.5 or 3.5. The activity profile of these "half-pointers" fit in between the profiles of the lower and higher class.