



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

WHO CAN PLAY

Wheelchair basketball is for individuals of all ability levels. The only requirement is that participants must be able to maneuver in a manual wheelchair. Those individuals without disabilities that choose to participate, must play in a chair, and may at no point attempt to stand up or use their lower extremities.

OVERVIEW

COURT: Standard baseball court dimensions and hoop height.

EQUIPMENT: Standard regulation basketball.

TIME LIMITS: Four periods of 10 minutes or two halves of 20 minutes.

SCORING: Standard basketball scoring, front wheels of the basketball chair may be in front of free throw line; only rear wheels must be behind the free throw line.

MODIFICATIONS: The field of play, time limits, and equipment can be modified to accommodate student of varying abilities. An 8.5' basket, women's ball, or a Spalding NBA Rookie Composite Ball are standard modifications used to help students achieve success in wheelchair basketball.

CHAIR



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| 1. Backrest | 6. Frame |
| 2. Rear axle | 7. Traverse bar |
| 3. Rear wheels | 8. Front rigging |
| 4. Hand rims | 9. Footrests |
| 5. Seat | 10. Front casters |

RULE MODIFICATION EXAMPLES

- **TRAVELING:** You must dribble once per two pushes on your wheelchair.
- **DOUBLE DRIBBLE:** There is no double dribble violation in wheelchair basketball.
- **PERSONAL ADVANTAGE FOUL:** Due to the varying degrees of disability, you cannot use a functioning lower extremity as a physical advantage. For example, you cannot lift buttocks off of the chair seat.
- **FALLING:** Play is suspended during a fall only if there is a chance of danger or injury to the fallen player.