



TYPE OF COMPETITION

- The WCR event is an open tournament; all male and female athletes from each service team will compete together against other Service Teams for the same medals.
- WCR teams will not exceed fifteen (15) athletes across three classification categories: Minimum, Moderate and Maximum.
- Only twelve (12) athletes from the team can be activated per game.
- Female athletes will drop one (1) classification level for play.
- Any combination of the three (3) classification categories is permitted to field the court with a full team. The maximum number of any one (1) classification category of athletes on the court at any time is three (3).

COMPETITION FORMAT

- The tournament is a five (5) team round robin tournament that will determine seeding for a four(4) team championship stage.
- During pool play each game will be four (4), 7-minute quarters with a running clock.
- Semifinal games consist of four (4), 7-minute quarters with a running clock.
- The Gold and Bronze medal games will be four (4), 8-minute quarters with a regulation clock.
- Teams will be ranked based on the results of round robin play.
- For the crossover games and finals, a regulation game consisting of four (4), 8-minute quarters with a stop clock will be played.
- Clock stops for free throws, timeouts, and equipment timeouts.
- Halftime is five (5) minutes.
- Score Clock is forty (40) seconds.

SPORT DETAILS / RULES & SCORING

- Wheelchair Rugby (WCR) is a unique team sport created by athletes with a disability, it combines elements of rugby, basketball, and handball.
- Players compete in teams of four (4) to carry the ball across the opposing team's goal line, scoring a goal when a player successfully carries the ball over the line.
- Contact between wheelchairs is permitted and is in fact an integral part of the sport as players use their chairs to block and hold opponents.
- The ball can be passed, thrown, batted, rolled, dribbled or carried in any direction.
- The players must dribble or pass the ball within ten (10) seconds.
- The ball must cross the center line within twelve (12) seconds.
- The ball must not cross back across the center line.
- If a team does not score within forty (40) seconds, they lose possession of the ball.
- No player contact is allowed. Only contact with the ball or contact between chairs is allowed.
- A player whose team has possession of the ball may not remain in the opponent's key area

for more than ten (10) seconds.

- A player scores a goal by passing the ball over the opponent's goal line.
- After a goal has been scored, or after any stoppage in play, a player has ten (10) seconds to inbound the ball.
- If a player does not comply with the rules, he or she can be placed in the penalty box to serve a one (1) minute penalty or until the opponent scores their next goal.
- It is played indoors on a regulation sized basketball court, with a ball like a volleyball.
- Wheelchair rugby players compete in manual wheelchairs specifically designed for the sport.

