



Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association

## Fair Play Charter

*The Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association, its committees, officers, clubs, officials, competitors and spectators, are perceived by the public as representatives of the sport, and must always attempt to set a good example of sportsmanship and fair play, especially to the younger generation, by the way they carry out their responsibilities both on and off the court.*

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## **Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association**

- Will ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by players and officials, and properly enforced;
- Will make every effort to ensure that these rules are applied consistently and with absolute impartiality;
- Will impress upon players and officials the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship in the organization and playing of basketball.

### **Basketball Players**

- Must abide by the rules and the spirit of the game;
- Must accept the decisions of the referees without question or complaint;
- Must never consider cheating and, in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs;
- Must exercise self control at all times;
- Must learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity, and without excessive emotional displays;
- Must treat their opponents and team-mates with due respect, both on and off the court.

### **Basketball Coaches**

- Must insist that players understand and abide by the principles of good sportsmanship;
- Must never countenance the use of drugs by players;
- Must never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however slight, to the long term health or physical development of their players;
- Must not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their players or their opponents;
- These codes of conduct are intended as guidelines appropriate for all participants in the sport of Wheelchair Basketball. These codes are guides within which each participating group should endeavour to operate to improve the basketball experience specifically for juniors, but also for all participants in general.

### **Club Officials**

- Must respect the regulations and authority of the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association and its member organisations, and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations;
- Must recognise the special role that they have to play in the establishment of standards by setting a good example of sportsmanship at all times;
- Must respect the rights of other clubs and not deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of any other club;
- Must respect the rights of players, coaches and officials, and not exploit nor deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of them;
- Must not endeavour to influence the result of a match by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations, or within the fundamental precepts of fairplay.

Sponsors and Promoters of Wheelchair Basketball;

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- Must not seek to influence unduly or improperly the outcome of basketball competitions by financial inducements;
- Must understand and agree that the administration and organisation of all basketball competitions and events is the exclusive responsibility of the appropriate basketball authorities.

### **Equal Opportunities**

As a National Governing body of sport, the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association is responsible for ensuring that all those who wish to participate in the sport of Wheelchair Basketball are treated fairly and on an equal basis.

In this policy "Discrimination" means discrimination where a person is treated less favourably on grounds of age, gender, marital status, ethnic origin, disability or religious persuasion.

All participants in the sport of Wheelchair Basketball will be given equal opportunity irrespective of age, gender, marital status, ethnic origin, disability or religious persuasion in all aspects of participation in the sport of Wheelchair Basketball.

All personnel involved in management of the sport and dealing with the public shall, where necessary, be assisted with training and guidance relating to law and organisation and advice as to their own personal liability under the law and the nature of discrimination.

The **Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association** insists that there be open access by all providing bodies to its competitions and schemes and that the assessment of the performance of those entered shall ensure, wherever feasible, equality of opportunity regardless of a candidate's age, gender, ethnic origin, marital status, disability or religious persuasion.

The **Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association** will ensure avoidance of inequality:

- in the selection, recruitment and training of all those working for or on behalf of the Association;
- in the rules of its affiliated clubs and organisations;
- in the preparation, production and distribution of all material; through the monitoring of practices, procedures and the operations of its affiliated clubs and organisations;
- in the preparation, production and distribution of all material by the Association.

The Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association and its member clubs and organisation reserve the right to limit competitions to persons of specific age, gender or disability to provide opportunity for equal competition.

Literature shall not imply that there is a preference for one group of applicants (e.g. use of photograph of only members of one gender) unless there is a genuine limit to the participation of the one gender in or at an event.

It is the policy of **the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association**, that it will not discriminate in the provision of training courses or in the assessment of candidate for various awards provided by the Association.

One of the Executive Officers of the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association will be nominated as the person responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of the Equal Opportunity Policy and ensuring that the policy is adhered to by all members of staff and members organisations and that the effectiveness of the policy is monitored on a regular basis.

In formulating its competitions, developmental and technical schemes, the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association will seek to ensure that for its part every reasonable effort is made to:

- avoid a format, language or approach which, in relation to a candidate's age, gender, ethnic origin, religious persuasion, or disability;
- is offensive to members of particular groups;
- implies stereotyped or biased attitudes;
- includes terms or concepts or forms of presentation which are unfamiliar to some groups.

In furtherance of this policy, the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association will work in co-operation with all appropriate national and local organisations and agencies to develop means of identifying and preventing unequal opportunity in relation to participation in sport.

The Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association fully supports the principles of equal opportunities and is committed to satisfying these principles in all its activities and in its published material.

#### **Wheelchair Basketball Reject Racism**

All clubs are reminded of the Association's policy statement on Racism.

#### **Statement of Aims and Objectives**

The game of Wheelchair Basketball is one of the most racially harmonious sports played within the United Kingdom and currently enjoys an increasing level of co-operation and participation by multi-ethnic groups.

### **Overall Aim**

- To ensure that people who participate in or watch Wheelchair Basketball can continue to do so without fear of racial abuse or harassment either in a verbal or physical form.

### **Objectives**

- To raise public and sport awareness about the potential effects of racism, should it occur at basketball matches, and of the benefits to be derived from positive action to prevent racism within the sport.
- To enhance the current environment for spectators of all ethnic backgrounds and to inspire public support for collective action against any aspect of racism found within the game.
- To persuade all those involved in Wheelchair Basketball to maintain and further promote the standards of behaviour on and off the court in order to prevent racial abuse, harassment and discrimination.
- To engage in multi-agency action to achieve these aims and objectives.

### **Action plan:- Wheelchair Basketball Authorities**

- Enhance equal opportunities in all activities aimed at encouraging and achieving ethnic minority representation, and participation in all aspects of the game including the administration.
- Determine and publish the minimum standards required of all clubs and spectators' behaviour/conduct expectations, incorporating requirements on anti-racism and racial abuse. (e.g. standards to be included would be similar to items set out in the [GBWBA](#)).
- Apply standards of conduct and compliance requirements at all levels throughout the game and provide a framework for its practical enforcement.
- Incorporate anti-racism into a charter or agreement, as appropriate.
- Utilise corporate sponsorship and media opportunities to highlight and promote with England Basketball the Basketball Rejects Racism (BRR) programme of activities and events, and the cultural diversity visible and beneficial for the game in Britain. In this context to help to support through sponsorship the Basketball Rejects Racism education programme in schools and in the community.
- Promote good practice guides and use positive images of the multi-racial aspects of the game in Britain through all publicity materials, promotional programmes and media opportunities.
- In collaboration with England Basketball, organise or support with BRR days, events and seek to ensure that these are featured in all national and international competitions.
- To monitor and review the issue of racial abuse and intimidation in basketball and ensure that minimum standards specified are observed.