

Selection Policy – National Junior Wheelchair Basketball Championships

Wales U14 and U18

The National Junior wheelchair Basketball Championships present a valuable competitive development opportunity for junior players. Disability Sport Wales will lead the U14 and U18 Wales Teams to the 2024 Championships.

Working to the following criteria, the Head Coach will select a team from players who have registered for the trials via the online sign up. Coaches will select players based on on-court and off-court factors which include, but not limited to, playing ability, team working skills, positive attitude, the ability to perform at an appropriate level and the potential for future player progression. Coaches will use the trials to inform their team selection however they do reserve the right to select players who were unable to attend trials, **but only if the player has registered for trials**. No registrations after the trials date (23rd of June 2024) will be accepted.

There will be no appeals process following team selection.

Athletes, parents/guardians, Coaches and Team Managers will all always adhere to DSW code of conduct and safeguarding policy and procedures.

Wales Eligibility

A player is permitted to represent a Home Nation if they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- Has permanent residency within the Country (e.g. home address)
- Attend a school / college / university that is situated within the Home Nation
- Born in the Country
- Has one or more parents born in the Country (including adoptive parents)
- Registered Player in a team that is situated within the Region (e.g National League; Women's Premier League, Women's League; Junior League) during the 2023/24 season Players may be asked to produce 'evidence of authenticity' e.g. Birth certificates or current address if staying away from home.
- If a player has previously represented a Home Nation within an 'age banded' squad this does not disbar them from representing another UK Home Nation, provided they have the approval of BWB and the wheelchair basketball development groups of the 2 Home Nations involved.

Age group information

U14 Competition – Aged 14 or under on the 31st August 2024.

- In the U14 competition players must be 14 or under at midnight on 31st August 2024.
- The youngest age a player can register in the U14 competition is 10 at the time of competition. No exception will be made to this rule.
- All players in the U14 Competition must hold a minimum of a Recreational BWB Membership for the 2023-24 Season.

U18 Competition – Aged 17 or under on the 31st August 2023.

- In the U18 competition players must be 17 or under at midnight on 31st August 2023.
- The youngest age a player can register in the U18 competition is 14 at Midnight on 31st July 2023. No exception will be made to this rule.
- All players in the U18 Competition must hold a Full BWB Membership and player license for the 2023-24 Season.

Classification

U14 Competition - No Classification will be observed within the U14's competition. Teams and Coaches should prioritize participation of players with disabilities. There should be a minimum of 3 self-declared disabled athletes on court at any one time.

U18 Competition - All athletes must hold a valid classification on their license card prior to arriving at the National Junior Championships. Non-disabled and non-eligible players are permitted to play in the National Junior Championships and will be classified as 5.0.

Only one 5.0 player per team may be on court at any one time. The U18's competition will be played to 16 classification points. An additional 1.0 will be added to the team classification for every female player on court, to a maximum of 18 points.

In the event that a team cannot start the game to the points criteria, the following procedure will apply: The team will forfeit the fixture 20-0.



Squad size

U14 Competition - a minimum of 5 players, maximum of 10 players

U18 Competition – a minimum of 7 players, maximum of 12 players

For questions in relation to this selection policy, please contact:

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