

BUCS WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

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WHB i The BUCS Wheelchair Basketball Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the IWBF (International Wheelchair Basketball Federation) Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.

WHB ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

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WHB iv In the event that the BUCS general regulations contradict IWBF (International Wheelchair Basketball Federation) Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, the BUCS general regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

WHB v The gender eligibility criteria for the BUCS Wheelchair Tennis Championships will be determined as per [REG 4.3](#).

WHB 1 Championships There shall be a Mixed Team Championships delivered with support from British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB). The programme shall include leagues and knockout competitions as per BUCS general regulations, Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points') and Appendix 10 ('BUCS Promotion, Relegation and Knockout Information').

WHB 2 Affiliations

WHB 2.1 All institutions/Playing Entities must affiliate their club to British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Failure to affiliate a club to British Wheelchair Basketball by the deadline stated in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and the possibility of further disciplinary action.

WHB 2.2 All players, coaches and officials must sign up for the appropriate membership and licence with British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) prior to playing in any BUCS Wheelchair Basketball fixtures, as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Failure to do so will lead to sanctions as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and possibly further disciplinary action.

WHB 3 League sizes and format

WHB 3.1 Leagues will contain between three and five teams.

WHB 3.2 In leagues containing three teams, teams shall be scheduled to play each other three times. Each team within a league will host a round of three matches, involving them and the two other teams from the league, with each team scheduled two matches per round.

WHB 3.3 In leagues containing four teams, teams shall be scheduled to play each other twice. Each team within a league will host a round of three matches, involving them and the two other teams from the league, with each team scheduled two matches per round.

WHB 3.4 In leagues containing five teams, teams shall be scheduled to play each other once. The teams within the league shall be responsible for agreeing, with support from the BUCS Executive, which teams will host which fixtures.

WHB 4 Results

WHB 4.1 There shall be no drawn result in a wheelchair basketball match as per the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.

WHB 4.2 Under REG 9.3.4.3, if the result of a match played to at least 75% would be a draw, which is not permitted by WHB 4.1, the fixture should be rearranged in accordance with REG 14.3.

WHB 4.3 Under REG 9.3.4.8.1, if the result of a match played to at least 75% would be a draw, which is not permitted by WHB 4.1, if the lateness of the team was caused by the team, or one of its members, that team shall concede a walkover, but if the lateness of the team was caused through no fault of the team the fixture should be rearranged in line with REG 14.3.

WHB 5 League points

WHB 5.1 Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a loss.

WHB 5.2 Where a walkover has been awarded/conceded (REG 13), two points shall be given to the non-offending team and two points deducted from the offending team.

WHB 5.3 No points will be awarded to either team in the case of a void fixture.

WHB 6 Calculating final league positions

WHB 6.1 Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split using the sequential system of tiebreaker steps detailed in WHB 6.2–WHB 6.10.

WHB 6.2 If after the application of a step the number of tied teams is reduced, but two or more teams remain tied, the tiebreaker criteria from that step shall be reapplied again to any remaining tied teams, before, if required, moving to the next step. For the avoidance of doubt, this will also apply where four or more teams are tied and may then split into two or more separate groupings of tied teams.

WHB 6.3 For any tiebreaker step where data from fixtures across the whole league is used, if the tie on league points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to the teams tied or any void fixtures involving these teams, any results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on league points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will not be included in the calculation.

WHB 6.4 The teams tied will be ranked based on voluntary walkovers conceded (the lower the better).

WHB 6.5 The teams tied will be ranked based on league points accumulated from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better).

WHB 6.6 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points difference from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better).

WHB 6.7 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points for from fixtures between the tied teams (the higher the better).

WHB 6.8 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points difference from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better).

WHB 6.9 The teams tied will be ranked based on Points for from fixtures across the whole league (the higher the better).

WHB 6.10 If a tie cannot be broken using the above system, then the final league positions of any teams still tied shall be determined by the BUCS Executive drawing lots.

WHB 7 Fixture administration REG 9 shall apply with the following variations:

WHB 7.1 For league fixture rounds, the host team for each round shall take on any responsibilities of the 'first named (home) institution/Playing Entity'.

WHB 7.2 In addition to fulfilling REG 9.3.6, the host team shall inform the [British Wheelchair Basketball \(BWB\) Referee Appointments Officer](#) of all match details, to assist with appointment of referees. Failure to do so shall result in a £50.00 fine.

WHB 7.3 Where teams agree to change the date of a league fixture, this shall be communicated to [the British Wheelchair Basketball \(BWB\) Referee Appointments Officer](#) at the earliest possible opportunity.

WHB 7.4 Should a fixture have a change of start time or venue from that initially communicated to [the British Wheelchair Basketball \(BWB\) Referee Appointments Officer](#), the host team must communicate this to [the British Wheelchair Basketball \(BWB\) Referee Appointments Officer](#) a minimum of 48 hours before the previously scheduled start time of the fixture. Failure to do so shall result in a £100.00 fine, and the possibility referees will not be appointed.

WHB 7.5 Confirmation of fixture details It is the responsibility of the host team to contact the visiting team(s) and [the British Wheelchair Basketball \(BWB\) Referee Appointments Officer](#)/any appointed referees in writing (email) to confirm the fixture details at least seven days (not working days, e.g. weekends and bank holidays are included where applicable) prior to the fixture. At this time an emergency telephone number shall be exchanged together with the intended time of departure of the visiting team(s). This correspondence should be conducted through the relevant Athletic Union (or equivalent body).

WHB 7.5.1 In the case of knockout competition fixtures not taking place at a centralised venue, confirmation of fixture details shall be communicated at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) prior to the fixture.

WHB 7.6 Dates and hosting of National Championship Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals The National Championship Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals shall take place at a centralised venue on a date as listed in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines'), subject to the following:

- By the end of November of the respective season, BUCS will contact those institutions/Playing Entities with teams who could qualify for the National Championship to provide the opportunity for them to apply to host.
- If only one institution/Playing Entity applies, they shall be designated as host. If multiple institutions/Playing Entities apply, a random draw will be conducted to select the host.

- Costs for the hosting of Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals at a centralised venue will be covered equally by all participating teams, unless otherwise agreed by the host and all participating teams.
- Should no institutions/Playing Entities apply to host, then each fixture will be hosted by the respective first named (home) team, with the Semi-Finals taking place on the back-up date listed in Appendix 2 ('BUCS Leagues and Knockouts – Dates and Deadlines').

WHB 8 Equipment

WHB 8.1 Balls Size 7 balls shall be used for all matches. At least two balls must be provided and all balls must be in good condition.

WHB 8.2 Scoreboard A visible scoreboard comprising of a countdown resettable game timing device, team score, the number of time outs taken, and team fouls committed as a minimum shall be used for all matches. The scoreboard must be of a size easily visible from both team bench areas, preferably on the opposite side to the team bench areas.

WHB 8.3 24-second shot clocks Use of 24-second shot clocks is encouraged, but not compulsory.

WHB 8.4 Table equipment Player foul markers numbered one to five, team foul markers and an alternating possession arrow shall be required.

WHB 8.5 Scoresheets All fixtures should be fully recorded on an official scoresheet.

WHB 8.5.1 It is the responsibility of the first named (home) team for each fixture to keep a copy of the match scoresheet until the end of the season. In the case of a match appeal or dispute regarding a result, the home team must be able to produce the official scoresheet (white copy only) to BUCS when requested.

WHB 9 Team uniforms and equipment

WHB 9.1 All players on a team must wear matching-coloured vests of a single dominant colour with a legal playing number (numbers 0, 00 and 1 to 99).

WHB 9.2 The first named (home) team for each match must wear a 'light-coloured' uniform (e.g. white, yellow or pale blue) and their opposition must wear a 'dark-coloured' uniform unless otherwise agreed with their opposition and the match officials.

WHB 9.3 All players on a team must wear tracksuit bottoms, trousers or shorts of a uniform colour. Individuals wearing jeans will not be allowed to play.

WHB 9.4 Undershirts may be worn provided they are the same dominant colour as the playing vest.

WHB 9.5 Compression sleeves are permitted providing they are the same dominant colour as the playing vest, black, or white, but all players on a team must wear the same colour.

WHB 10 Match officials

WHB 10.1 Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements').

WHB 10.2 For league fixture rounds, British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will appoint referees to all matches and the host teams shall be responsible for payment of the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9.

WHB 10.3 For league fixture rounds, the host teams shall be responsible for the provision and payment of the table officials.

WHB 10.4 For the National Championship Quarter-Final and Semi-Final stages, British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will appoint referees to all matches. If matches take place at a centralised venue, the host shall be responsible for making payments to the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9, however the cost of the payments shall be split between the participating teams, unless otherwise agreed by the host and all participating teams. For matches which do take place at a centralised venue, the first named (home) teams shall be responsible for payment of the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9.

WHB 10.5 For the National Championship Quarter-Final and Semi-Final stages, if matches take place at a centralised venue, the host shall be responsible for the provision of the table officials and making payments to them, however the cost of the payments shall be split between the participating teams, unless otherwise agreed by the host and all participating teams. For matches which do take place at a centralised venue, the first named (home) teams shall be responsible for the provision and payment of the table officials.

WHB 10.6 For the National Championship Final, British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) will appoint referees to all matches and BUCS shall be responsible for payment of the referees in accordance with WHB 10.9.

WHB 10.7 For the National Championship Final, BUCS shall be responsible for the provision and payment of the table officials.

WHB 10.8 If referees fail to turn up, [the British Wheelchair Basketball \(BWB\) Referee Appointments Officer](#) should be contacted.

WHB 10.9 Payment of referees

WHB 10.9.1 Referees should be paid either on the day or receive payment within the following three working days if being paid by bank transfer. Failure to pay in line with these terms will lead to the team responsible incurring a £50 fine.

WHB 10.9.2 Referees shall be paid a £90 day rate, or £30 per match if officiating fewer than three matches in a day, as well as travel expenses of £0.35 per mile and any car parking or toll fees incurred. When two referees travel in the same vehicle to a game, only the driver can claim travel expenses. When only one referee officiates at a game, they additionally receive 50% of the second referee's fee.

WHB 10.10 Failure to provide the appropriate table officials REG 10.6 shall not apply. Failure to provide the appropriate table officials will lead to the team responsible incurring a £50 fine, unless an appointed/booked appropriate table official withdrew from the fixture within 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) of the fixture start time. Teams may not play under protest or appeal a match result based on a lack of appropriate table officials.

WHB 11 Teams

WHB 11.1 The maximum squad size for each match shall be 12 players. The minimum squad size for each match shall be five players.

WHB 11.2 A coach, assistant coach and up to a maximum of seven team staff are permitted to sit on the team bench. All individuals on the team bench must be registered with British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) and hold the relevant licence as per WHB 2.2.

WHB 11.3 At least one player eligible for the Female category and one player eligible for the Male category must be on court at all times.

WHB 11.3.1 Team captains shall inform the table officials which of their players are eligible for the Female category and which players are eligible for the Male category at each match.

WHB 11.4 At least one player with a permanent physical disability must be on court at all times.

WHB 11.4.1 All athletes meeting the criteria set in regulation WHB 11.4 must send medical documentation signed by a medical practitioner confirming their permanent disability to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk. Documentation should be sent as far in advance as possible to ensure BWB can assess the information prior to fixtures.

WHB 11.4.2 Team captains shall inform the table officials which of their players meet this regulation at each match.

WHB 11.5 Eligibility for individual players shall be as per REG 4 but the following exceptions shall apply:

WHB 11.5.1 Teams may include individuals from other institutions/Playing Entities who meet WHB 11.4, subject to the following:

WHB 11.5.1.1 The institution with which the individual is registered must either be a current BUCS member or, if not, be eligible for membership should they apply.

WHB 11.5.1.2 There must be written agreement for the individual to represent the team from both the institution with which the individual is registered and the institution/Playing Entity which they wish to represent.

WHB 11.5.1.3 A maximum of two such individuals may represent a team per match.

WHB 11.6 Teams must show/provide the scorer, no later than 20 minutes prior to tap-off, their electronic Licence Cards found on the British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) Membership Portal.

WHB 11.7 The table officials must present the scoresheet to each team's coach (or if they do not have a coach, their captain) and request they sign next to their name at least 10 minutes before tap-off. Each team's coach (or if they do not have a coach, their captain) is responsible for ensuring that the names of all participating players are listed on the scoresheet. Teams are advised to always check the scoresheet before tap-off to ensure the correct details have been listed.

WHB 11.7.1 This is in addition to the requirement for teams to complete BUCS Team Sheets (as per REG 11.2).

WHB 12 Discipline

WHB 12.1 British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) is empowered to discipline a player, coach, club, team, team follower or official whose actions are considered to bring the game into disrepute. BWB is authorised within its absolute discretion to suspend or fine a coach, player, club or team in circumstances where it considers it appropriate. These provisions apply to all BWB affiliated competitions.

WHB 12.2 Club Officials and BWB licenced Officials including Referees must respond, within seven days, to legitimate requests for information made by BWB when conducting preliminary investigations. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £100 and will be taken into consideration when complaints and appeals are being considered.

WHB 12.3 BWB shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to impose penalties for the following – please note that BWB retains the right to impose a time specific ban (with relevant licence(s) suspension) rather than match should the circumstances necessitate the change:

Incident	Suspension	Fine	Data Retention Period
1. Repeated instances of violent behaviour or physical violence (includes repeated incidents of pushing, hitting, assaulting players/officials/coaches/spectators)	10 matches – unlimited	£250 – £1,000	5 years or length of ban + 1 year
2. Premeditated violent behaviour (includes planning to push, hit, assault players/officials/coaches/spectators as well as threatening with violence)	10 matches – unlimited	£250 – £1,000	5 years or length of ban + 1 year
3. Isolated instance of violent behaviour or physical violence (includes a single incident of pushing, hitting, assaulting players/officials/coaches/spectators)	6 – 8 matches	£250	2 years
4. Threatening or aggressive behaviour (includes intimidation and threatening to physically injury someone)	4 – 6 matches	£50 – £150	2 years
5. Aggressive verbal abuse (includes discriminatory abuse, continuous abuse, repeatedly shouting at a player/official/coach/spectator)	2 – 10 matches	£50 – £250	2 years
6. Obscene and foul language (includes insults and swearing and the use of sledging directed at any player/official/coach/spectator)	2 – 4 matches	£50 – £150	2 years
7. Conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute/breach of code of conduct (includes any conduct that can be considered against the spirit of the game by a player/coach/official undertaken within the sport's environment*)	2 – 10 matches	£50 – £500	2 years
8. Corruption/match-fixing/betting (includes conspiring to commit	10 matches –	£500 – £1,000	5 years or

corruption, attempting to influence players/coaches/officials to affect the outcome of a match outside of playing parameters)	unlimited		length of ban + 1 year
9. Dangerous play likely to cause injury (includes any action during play which endangers the health and well-being of another player/coach/official)	1 – 4 matches	£50 – £150	2 years

WHB 12.4 Any sanction imposed will not be considered served, until the fine has also been settled. The suspension will continue to be in place until the debt is resolved.

WHB 12.5 In the event of BWB considering the alleged behaviour as above, then any party may be required to attend or provide information to a disciplinary panel hearing in which the penalties can be applied.

WHB 12.6 BWB recognises the impact social media platforms have on the modern society and promotes the use of all platforms for the promotion of the sport. In line with these regulations, any registered member found to bring the game into disrepute through the use of social media channels (including slander of BWB in its entirety or any member of staff) will be penalised in line with point 7 of WHB 12.3.

WHB 12.7 There shall be a right of appeal to any decision made by BWB. This process is outlined in WHB 12.9.

WHB 12.8 Disqualifying Fouls

WHB 12.8.1 Any licenced player, coach, or team staff member disqualified from a game because of a disqualifying foul, will receive disqualification points and a fine in line with the offence listed in the table under WHB 12.3. The fine will be issued 14 days after the date of issue, permitting any appeal to be lodged within seven days of the disqualification.

WHB 12.8.2 Any player, coach, or team staff member who is licenced for a club with multiple teams must serve the suspension for the team they were representing at the time of receiving the disqualification. This applies to all BWB affiliated competitions.

WHB 12.8.3 The player, coach or team staff member who is suspended from a fixture due to receiving a sanction is not permitted to take part in any of the other club games, in any capacity, unless the team for which they served the suspension is playing two games on the same weekend.

WHB 12.8.4 Any unserved ban from a previous season shall be carried forward to the following season.

WHB 12.8.5 All reports from match officials regarding disqualifying fouls will be reported to BWB who has the jurisdiction to impose additional penalties if considered necessary in adherence with WHB 12.3.

WHB 12.9 Appeals Any decision made by BWB can be appealed. All appeals must be made to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk within seven days of notification of the decision. The appeal fee of £150 (returnable if upheld) must be paid to British Wheelchair Basketball at the time of submission. The appeal must be written and will be judged by the independent panel, (minimum of three persons), considered qualified to adjudicate who will be

appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. The result is final and shall be notified to the appellant within seven days by BWB.