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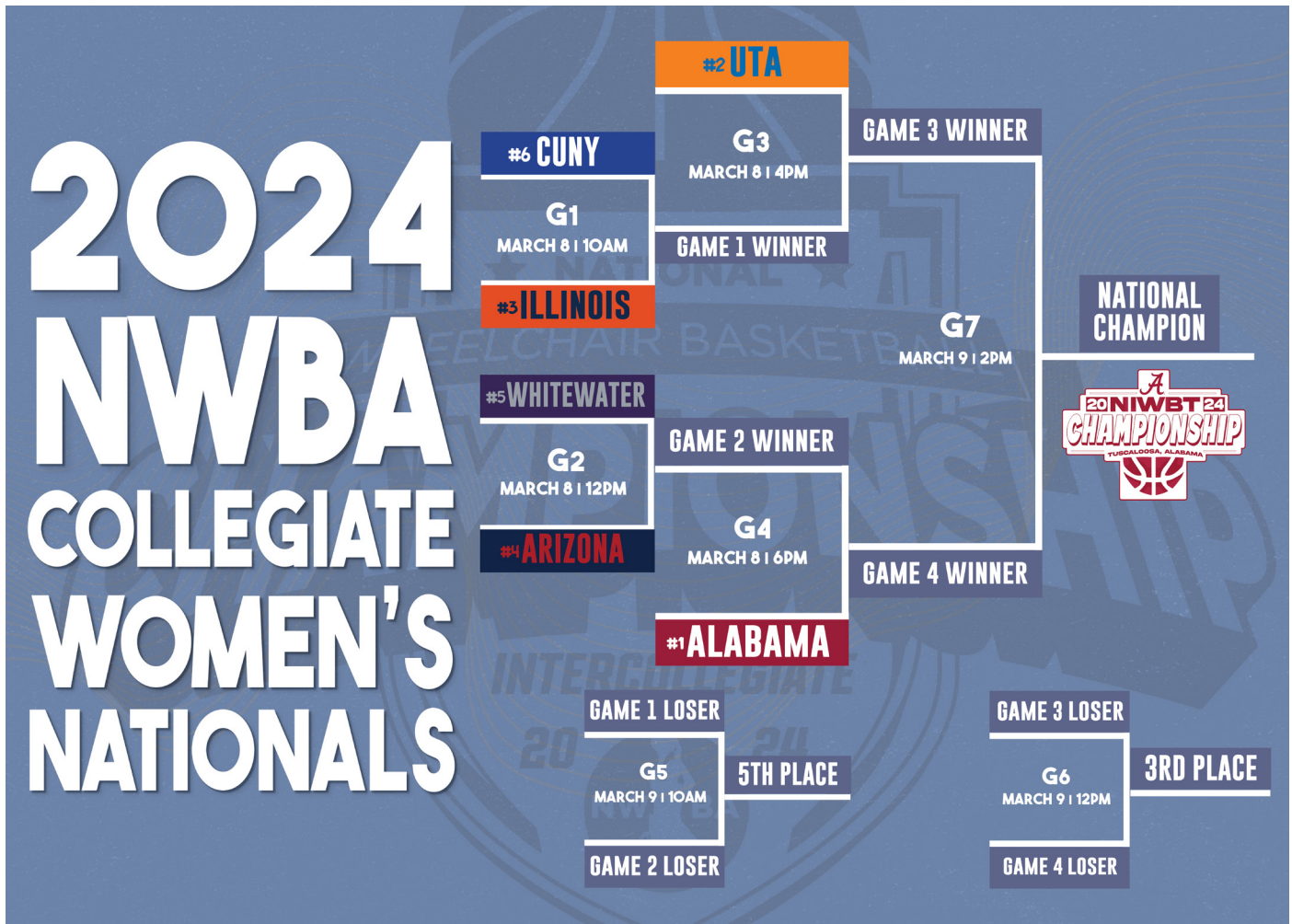
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2024 NWBA COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S NATIONALS



Friday, March 8

- 10:00 AM Game One: #3 Illinois vs. #6 CUNY
- 12:00 PM Game Two: #5 UWW vs. #4 Arizona
- 4:00 PM Game Three: Winner G1 vs. #2 UT Arlington
- 6:00 PM Game Four: Winner G2 vs. #1 Alabama

Saturday, March 9

- 10:00 AM Game Five: Loser of G1 vs. Loser G2 – 5th & 6th Place
- 12:00 PM Game Six: Loser of G3 vs. Loser G4 – 3rd & 4th Place
- 2:00 PM Game Seven: Winner of G3 vs Winner G4 – Championship

***Championship to be played at 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 11, 2023**

National Wheelchair Basketball Association

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) is comprised of over 200 basketball teams across twenty-two conferences and seven divisions. The NWBA was founded in 1948, and today consists of Men's, Women's, Intercollegiate, and youth teams throughout the United States of America and Canada.

Mission Statement

In our pursuit of excellence, the National Wheelchair Basketball Association provides qualified individuals with physical disabilities the opportunity to play, learn, and compete in the sport of wheelchair basketball.

Core Values:

- 1) Strive for excellence in all aspects of the organization;
- 2) Act with integrity and respect;
- 3) Embrace diversity; and
- 4) Recognize the tradition of the NWBA.

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Intercollegiate Division History

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) was founded in 1949. For the first twenty-one years of the NWBA, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was the only university in the United States to provide an intercollegiate wheelchair basketball program. During the late 1960's and early 1970's, then University of Illinois wheelchair basketball coach Stan Labanowich and NWBA Commissioner and founder, Tim Nugent worked with other universities with the goal of establishing formal wheelchair sports competition for students with disabilities.

Their efforts helped create additional programs at Southern Illinois University, Southwest State University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Wright State University. The first intercollegiate wheelchair basketball game was played on December 3, 1970 between Southwest State University and the University of Illinois.

In April 1977, the first National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament (NIWBT) was won by Southern Illinois, University. It was during the meetings held at this tournament that Frank Brasile, who was the coach at the University of Illinois, made a motion to form an intercollegiate conference within the structure of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Brasile wanted to assure that these intercollegiate teams became recognized for what they were (truly intercollegiate athletic teams) and to assure that the team members were also treated like their student-athlete peers when it came to peers and recognition's of intercollegiate athletes. It was the intention of this conference to meet the legislative mandates for individuals with disabilities to be treated equally under the guise of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act the following year, the Central Intercollegiate Conference was formed. The mission of the conference was simply to address the unique needs, interests, and abilities of the student-athlete while maintaining active membership in the NWBA.

Intercollegiate Division History

In 2003, the Central Intercollegiate Conference became the Intercollegiate Division. This gave intercollegiate teams more autonomy within the NWBA.

Since the inception of the Intercollegiate Division, the following teams have been members of the divisions at one time or another:

The University of Illinois, Southwest Minnesota State University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Wright State University, Southern Illinois University, Temple University, the University of Texas Arlington, the University of Arizona, Edinboro University, Oklahoma State University, Auburn University, the University of Alabama, the University of Nebraska Omaha, City University of New York, Eastern Washington University, and the University of Missouri.

The first women's collegiate team was formed at the University of Illinois in 1970. In 1974, Bob Szyman, then the Director of Recreation and Athletics at Illinois, organized the first women's wheelchair basketball game played between two college-based teams, the University of Illinois Ms. Kids and the Southern Illinois University Squidettes, in Kenney Gym on the Illinois campus. As the only women's collegiate team, the University of Illinois competed in the men's collegiate division through the early 2000's.

In the mid 2000's, programs grew at the University of Arizona, University of Alabama, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Edinboro University, and the University of Texas-Arlington. Out of this growth came a necessity to form a women's college division within the Intercollegiate Division. The 2010-11 season marked the inaugural season for women's competition at the collegiate level.

PLAYING THE GAME

RULES AND DEFINITIONS

PLAYERS

Any person who has a permanent lower limb impairment and cannot play stand-up basketball is eligible for wheelchair basketball. Not everyone who plays wheelchair basketball uses a wheelchair every day.

WHEELCHAIRS

The wheelchair is considered part of the body. Every player sets up their wheelchair based on their physical size and functional ability (see classification). Higher class players have the most function and sit taller with a flat seat. Lower class players have less function and sit with dump (the back of the wheelchair is lower than the front) to maximize their balance. All players use straps to be one with the wheelchair (just as stand-up players tie their shoes), have one or two wheels in the back, and slanted wheels (chamber) to allow them to spin faster and be more stable.

FAQ:

WHY DO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PLAYERS SEEM TO KEEP CRASHING INTO EACH OTHER?

When 10 players in wheelchairs are moving rapidly in a limited area contact will occur. Some of the contact is incidental and does not lead to an advantage. This type of contact is overlooked by the officials. Other types of contact give a player an advantage and are fouls. These include charging and blocking like in stand-up basketball. Unique to wheelchair basketball are fouls for holding and backing in.

WHAT ABOUT WHEELCHAIRS AND THE LINES?

For a successful three-point field goal or free throw, the large wheels of the wheelchair must be behind the three-point line or free throw line, but the front casters may be over the line. A player is out of bounds when any part of their body or wheelchair touches the line. To inbound the ball, all wheels must be behind the line.

HOW DOES WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL COMPARE TO STAND-UP BASKETBALL?

Wheelchair basketball and stand-up basketball are very similar in rules, except that there is no double dribble rule in wheelchair basketball (players can stop and start dribbling as often as they want). While the strategies are different, wheelchair basketball players set picks, seals and screens. They run fast breaks and shoot three-pointers. The court size, basket height, ball size, free throw and three-point lines are the same. Women's games are four 10-minute quarters. There is a 24-second shot clock.

TIME LIMITS

An offensive player cannot remain more than three seconds in the key while the player's team is in possession of the ball. The three second count begins when the ball is over half court and ends if a player is working to get out of the key. On offense, a team must get the ball over half court in eight seconds or it is a turnover.

DRIBBLING

Stand-up basketball has a two step travel rule; wheelchair basketball has a two push travel rule. If a player pushes more than twice in succession with one or both hands in either direction without dribbling the ball, it is a travel. A player may, however, wheel the wheelchair and bounce the ball simultaneously just as an able-bodied player runs and bounces the ball in stand-up basketball.

FALLING

If a player falls and is in immediate danger (such as in the key or near the ball), the play will be stopped. If a player falls and is not in danger, play will continue. If a player falls onto another player to gain possession of the ball, it is a foul.

CLASSIFICATION



SPORT CLASS 1.0

Players in sport class 1.0 have no trunk control and thus cannot bend forward or sideways or rotate to catch and pass the ball. To keep a stable position, the backrest of the wheelchair is a bit higher and the athletes usually have a strap for their trunk.

SPORT CLASS 2.0

These players can lean forward and rotate their body to some extent, allowing them to catch the ball within a larger radius. Like their team members in sport class 1.0, their wheelchairs have a higher backrest and strapping for trunk support.



SPORT CLASS 3.0

These players can lean forward and rotate their body allowing them to catch the ball within a larger radius. Their wheelchairs have a lower backrest and strapping for pelvis support.



SPORT CLASS 4.0

While 4.0 players can move forward and rotate like their team members in sport class 3.0, they can partially lean to the sides as well. Often players in this sport class can lean to one side only, for example, because an impairment in one leg would cause loss of balance to the other side.



SPORT CLASS 4.5

Players in this sport class have the least impairment and no restriction in trunk rotation or leaning forward or sideways. Players with an amputation or a 6 cm leg length difference would be eligible.



An athlete can also be allocated the sport class 1.5, 2.5, or 3.5. The activity profile of these "half-pointers" fit in between the profiles of the lower and higher classes.

14 EACH TEAM OF FIVE PLAYERS IS ONLY ALLOWED TO HAVE 14 POINTS ON THE COURT AT THE SAME TIME

Women's National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

2011 University of Alabama
2012 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2013 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2014 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
2015 University of Alabama
2016 University of Texas-Arlington
2017 University of Alabama
2018 University of Texas-Arlington
2019 University of Alabama
2021 University of Alabama
2022 University of Alabama
2023 University of Alabama





THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Player Name	Number	Classification	Year	Hometown
Erin Buckles	#3	1.0	Sophomore	Stafford, Virginia
Abby Bauleke	#4	1.5	Senior	Savage, Minnesota
Loeiza Vari Le Roux	#5	1.0	Grad Student	Lampaul France
Mary Silberman	#10	4.5	Senior	Shear Yeshur, Israel
Joy Haizelden	#12	2.5	Grad Student	Southampton, England
Elizabeth Floch	#15	1.5	Freshman	Blanchard, Idaho
Ella Frech	#21	3.0	Sophomore	Farmersville, Texas
Katie Hull	#22	2.5	Junior	Los Alamitos, California
Lisa Clary-Galibert	#25	2.5	Grad Student	Montpellier, France
Moira Paulus	#41	3.5	Senior	Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin
Bailey Moody	#43	4.0	Senior	Johns Creek, Georgia
Mary McLendon	#52	3.5	Freshman	Birmingham, Alabama
Ixhelt Gonzalez	#54	4.5	Sophomore	Chicago, Illinois

COACHES & STAFF

Ryan Hynes	Head Coach
Lindsey Zurbrugg	Nutrition Graduate Assistant
Laura Barnes	Manager
Anthony Wood	Strength Coach
Alex Curry	Athletic Trainer



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON MOVIN MAVS

Player Name	Number	Classification	Year	Hometown
Elizabeth Becker	22	1.0	Senior	Charlotte, NC
Madelyn Edwards	24	3.0	Junior	Tulsa, OK
Hannah Exline	3	3.0	Sophomore	Indianapolis, IN
Quinn Meyer	13	2.5	Freshman	Austin, TX
Mercyline Nyakundi	40	2.5	Freshman	Dundas, Ontario, CA
Denise Rodriguez	33	2.5	Junior	Dallas, TX
Harmonee Ruetes	12	4.5 A/B	Freshman	Chicago, IL
Elaina Terry	23	4.5	Junior	Garland, TX
Elodie Tessier	55	2.5	Senior	St-Germain-de-Grantham
Zoe Voris	4	3.5	Senior	Chicago, IL
Grace Wembolua	11	4.0	Sophomore	Paris, France
Brittany Yeomans	42	1.0	Freshman	Muskegon, MI

COACHES & STAFF

Morgan Wood
John McPhail
Cezar Olivas

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Athletic Director





UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

Player Name	Number	Classification	Year	Hometown
Katy Broadbent	4	2.0	Sophomore	Colony, Texas
Anikka Cassidy	22	3.5	Freshman	Calgary, Alberta, CA
Abigail Counts	54	1.0	Freshman	Flower Mound, Texas
Alejandra Ibanez	12	2.5	Senior	Murray, Utah
Bethany Johnson	24	4.0	Freshman	Winnipeg, Man, CA
Morgan McCammon	25	4.5	Junior	Georgetown, Texas
Hailey Smith	5	1.5	Junior	Ijamsville, Maryland
Kendall Speaks	20	1.0	Freshman	Rock Hill, SC
Amelia Stotts	3	2.5	Sophomore	Indianapolis, Indiana
Mary Wagstaff	10	4.5	Senior	Woods Cross, Utah
Marlee Wagstaff	11	1.0	Senior	Woods Cross, Utah

COACHES & STAFF

Stephanie Wheeler
Matt Poland

Head Coach
Assistant Coach





UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT WHITEWATER

Player Name	Number	Classification	Year
Elizabeth Mattas	23	1.0	Senior
Cecilia Jones	15	1.5	Junior
Logan Cover	3	1.0	Freshman
Maria Ireland	10	1.5	Freshman
Elizabeth Guerin	12	4.5	Senior
Elizabeth Ford	45	2.5	Junior
Maya Campbell	50/33	3.0	Freshman
Mada McCabe	32	3.5	Junior
Kylee Koenig	21	1.0	Junior
Caroline Roberts	24	4.5	Freshman

COACHES & STAFF

Jake Shafer

Head Coach





UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA WILDCATS

Player Name	Number	Classification	Year
Abby Coffin	0	4.5	Sophomore
Jahkyra Daniel	43	4.5	Freshman
Abigayle Dunn	5,7	1.0	Junior
Samantha Fraser	14	4.0	Freshman
Alyssa Freeman	3	1.5	Sophomore
Emilee Gustafson	54	4.0	Senior
Kenzie Haag	12	2.5	Freshman
Lily Lautenschlager	1	3.0	Sophomore
Samantha McMinn	22	3.5	Senior
Hayley Nilsen	20	1.0	Sophomore
Ella Rodriguez	23	4.5	Sophomore
Ny'Kol Turner	2	1.0	Freshman
Zoe Urban	15	2.5	Sophomore
Alma Velazquez	24	2.0	Sophomore

COACHES & STAFF

Josie Aslakson	Head Coach
Courtney Ryan	Assistant Coach





CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Player Name _____ **Number** _____ **Classification**

Gesy Duran	2	1.0
Marissa Flores	1	1.5
Isabella Johnson	10	2.0
Crystal Jones	22	3.0
Seira Larrauri	12	4.0
Zoie Larson	15	2.5
Marissa Schenker	20	
Katherine Valdez	4	2.0

COACHES & STAFF

Ryan Martin	Director
Alyssa Gunther	Assistant Director





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