

British Wheelchair Basketball

Eligibility Criteria

Applicable to:

- All players who are yet to be classified domestically
- Any domestic player who has not had their Eligibility confirmed since June 2020

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Health Condition	Impairment	Criteria	Supporting Documents
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Complex Regional Pain Syndrome	Impaired passive range of motion Impaired muscle power	Condition must have been diagnosed for a minimum of 18 months Reduction of function to lower limbs	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis and the date of onset Supporting documents require objective and quantitative measurements of lower limb function
Hip, knee or ankle joint replacement		Total Hip joint replacement Total Knee joint replacement Total Ankle joint replacement	Medical report which confirms the relevant surgery by the attending physician or surgeon and date of surgery X-rays/scans with the identification of the player visible
Joint hypermobility syndrome Ehlers Danlos syndrome	Impaired muscle power Impaired passive range of motion	Condition is permanent Permanent reduction of function to lower limbs Recurrent lower limb dislocation with most recent occurrence proven to have been within the last 12 months	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency Report from recognised medical professional with details of most recent occurrence of dislocation Supporting documents require objective and quantitative measurements of lower limb function
Osteoarthritis	Impaired passive range of motion	Permanent damage to the joint cartilage structure	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency And either: Radiographic evidence of cartilage or bone change due to osteoarthritis

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			Or: Reduction of Passive range of movement as documented by a medical professional Supporting documents require objective and quantitative measurements of lower limb function
Spinal cord injury Muscular dystrophy Post-polio syndrome Spina bifida Hereditary spastic paraplegia Multiple Sclerosis	Impaired muscle power	Reduced muscle power	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency, and loss of function of lower limbs
Arthrogryposis Contracture resulting from chronic joint immobilisation Trauma affecting a limb/joint Congenital deformity	Impaired passive range of motion	Restriction or lack of passive movement in one or more of the major joints of the lower limbs.	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency Results of passive range of movement test
Achondroplasia/Short Stature	Short Stature	Reduced length in the bones to the lower limbs	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency

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Amputation Congenital limb deficiency	Limb deficiency (lower limb)	A partial or total absence of bones or joints Minimum requirement for a lower limb amputation is total removal of the first ray of one foot	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency And either: - Full body photo with clear visibility of impacted limb Or: - X-ray showing limb deficiency/loss with the identification of the player visible
Leg length difference	Leg length difference	Minimum requirement is 6cm for a difference in leg length as measured from the greater trochanter to the ground in a standing X-ray	X-ray with the identification of the player visible
Cerebral palsy Brain injury Stroke Hereditary spastic paraplegia	Hypertonia	Reduced ability of a muscle in the lower limb to stretch caused by damaged to the central nervous system	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency, and loss of function of lower limbs And either: - Ashworth scale results Or: - Gross motor function classification system (GMFCS)
Cerebral palsy Brain injury Stroke	Ataxia	Uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency And either: SARA scale results

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Multiple sclerosis			Or: Gross motor function classification system (GMFCS)
Cerebral palsy Brain injury Stroke	Athetosis	Movement disorder caused by abnormal, involuntary movements due to damage to the nervous system	Report from recognised medical professional confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and permanency And either: - DIS scale results Or: - Gross motor function classification system (GMFCS)
Non-specific health conditions	Impaired muscle power Impaired passive range of motion	Minimum of 3 years with no improvement despite input from physiotherapy / rehabilitation services Reduction of function to lower limbs	Report from recognised medical professional who is a specialist in associated field confirming: - Diagnosis - Date of onset - Loss of function to lower limbs - Degree of disability caused Supporting documents require objective and quantitative measurements of lower limb function

Please Note:

1. This list is not exhaustive and there may be other causes of Eligible Impairments.
2. When applying for Eligibility It is important to give as much information as possible as to the cause of the impairment.
3. If an athlete has a Non-Eligible **and** an Eligible Impairment, the Eligibility Panel will evaluate them based on the Eligible Impairment.
4. The panel reserves the right to review an individual's eligibility at any given time.

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Please see below for a list of Non-Eligible Impairments:

- Pain
- Hearing Impairment
- Low muscle tone
- Health conditions which affect the upper limbs only
- Impaired muscle endurance
- Impaired motor reflex functions
- Impaired respirator functions
- Impaired metabolic functions
- Tics and mannerisms, stereotypes and motor perseveration



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