



**BRITISH
WHEELCHAIR
BASKETBALL**



OUR AMBITION





MAKE WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL AN EVERYDAY SPORT



OUR OBJECTIVES

1.

**WIN GOLD
MEDALS –
IT MATTERS**

Winning medals raises the visibility of the sport and creates a platform from which we can inspire people to get involved.

2.

**CREATE MORE
PLAYING
OPPORTUNITIES**

Create more playing and participation opportunities throughout the country through clubs, schools and partner organisations

3.

**AMPLIFY
OUR
VOICE**

Amplify our voice by partnering with organisations who want to create a more equal society and change the narrative around attitudes to disability.

OUR STRATEGIC SPOKES



**COMMUNITY
GROWTH**

**INCREASE
AWARENESS
AND
UNDERSTANDING**

**APPROPRIATELY
RESOURCED AND
SUSTAINABLE**

**INSPIRE
PERFORMANCE**

COMMUNITY GROWTH

We will put our community at the heart of our strategy. We will invest in our people, clubs and competitions to ensure that everyone is welcome and safe in our sport.

INCREASE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

We know that sport has the power to change lives, so as we grow our audiences, we will use the platform of wheelchair basketball to advocate for a fairer, more inclusive society.

INSPIRING PERFORMANCE

We recognise the impact that high performance sporting success can have and will strive to create an environment where our high-performance athletes, coaches and officials can flourish, so that they can inspire others.

APPROPRIATELY RESOURCED AND SUSTAINABLE

To ensure future generations can benefit from wheelchair basketball, we will ensure that we have created an organisation that is built on solid foundations

OUR FINDINGS



YOU SAID:

- In the national leagues, 65% of people are happy to travel more than two hours to compete
- All divisions in the national league prefer home and away fixtures
- Promotion and relegation is important to people in all national leagues and women's leagues
- 50% of people feel promotion and relegation is not important in junior leagues

YOU SAID:

- 81% of people feel that it is moderately to extremely important that BWB's eligibility criteria is more flexible in order to allow for more people with lower limb impairments to be eligible for a classification
- In all divisions and leagues, with over 80% in favour or above, people agreed with the current points cap for classification
- Over 73% of people feel that the current deduction for classification in females and juniors and national league is appropriate

WE WILL

BY THE START OF THE NEW 2025/26 SEASON:

- Taking the feedback from the competition review and the 2024 Junior Review, we will publish a new junior playing programme to take into account the format of National Junior Championships including the playoff format and the age groups in junior club competitions.
- Publish resources for schools and clubs to deliver wheelchair basketball in an educational setting
- Publish new eligibility criteria for the 2025/26 season that includes more flexibility in domestic classification for people with lower limb disabilities
- Publish outcomes of sanctions regularly to club contacts and on our website

WE WILL BY THE END OF THE 2025/26 SEASON:

- Consider operational outcomes raised within the Opportunities to Play consultation for future implementation (through BWB Working Groups) and produce a 12-year league strategy in summer 2026
- Publish a clear pathway structure, explaining the process for moving from club to Home Nations Talent pathway and into the GB pathway, including how and when club coaches can communicate with pathway coaches.
- Continue to create the workforce development plan to ensure the growth and development of all roles within the sport

WE WILL BY THE END OF THE 2025/26 SEASON:

- Publish an Officials Development Pathway, focussed on providing clarity on progression from grass routes through to international representation
- Consult with British University & College Sport (BUCS) to define a long-term plan for development of the University Leagues
- Consult on the development of further age group competitions to support the growth of Junior Wheelchair Basketball

WE WILL

BY THE END OF THE 2025/26 SEASON:

- Establish a regular network for clubs to discuss common goals for the development of the top levels and share good practice
- Consult on the development of 3x3 strategy in collaboration with IWBF and Home Nations, including production of resources to support the education of players and coaches in the 3x3 game
- Develop a schools competition model, working with key partners to ensure more county level school competitions

THANK YOU

