

2010 WORLD WHEELCHAIR RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Richmond Olympic Oval – September 17-26, 2010



FACT SHEET

- The 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships Society, in partnership with the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association and BC Wheelchair Sports Association, will be hosting the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships (2010 WWRC) and International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF) Annual General Assembly from September 17 – 26 at the Richmond Olympic Oval in Richmond, BC.
- Building on the legacies from the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics the competition venue will be the world class multi-use community facility, the Richmond Olympic Oval. Competition will take place on the hardwood courts in the centre of the Oval.
- Twelve teams, including over 400 athletes, coaches, officials, delegates and volunteers will officially attend the event.
- Teams will earn a spot at the 2010 WWRC by qualifying within their world zones:
 - **Americas** - Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 26 - Nov. 1, 2009
 - **Europe** - Hillerod, Denmark, Oct. 11 - 18, 2009
 - **Asia Oceania** - Christchurch, NZ, Nov. 2 - 9, 2009
- The World Championships are held every four years. The 2006 Wheelchair Rugby World Championships were held in Christchurch, New Zealand; the United States finished first out of the twelve countries participating, while Canada finished third.
- Two test events at the Oval were run successfully in the spring of 2009 – the Vancouver Invitational and the 2009 Coloplast Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Championships.
- One of the members of the 2010 WWRC organizing committee is Duncan Campbell, one of the inventors of the sport.
- Wheelchair rugby was designated as a Canadian Heritage Sport in 2008. This distinction has only been awarded to six sports within the Canadian sport system, and wheelchair rugby is the only sport for athletes with a disability to receive this distinction.



ActNowBC.ca

