

BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(To be executed by Participants over the Age of Majority)

WARNING!

Please read carefully. By signing this document, you will waive certain legal rights – including the right to sue

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As a Participant in the sports of Wheelchair Rugby, and/or Wheelchair Tennis and/or Wheelchair Athletics and Seated Throws, and the activities, programs, classes, services provided and events sponsored or organized by BC Wheelchair Sports Association and its affiliated clubs and teams, including but not limited to: games, tournaments, competitions, practices, training, personal training, dry land training, use of strength training and fitness conditioning equipment, machines and facilities, nutritional and dietary programs, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, aerobic and anaerobic conditioning programs (collectively the “Activities”), the undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following terms outlined in this agreement:

Disclaimer

2. BC Wheelchair Sports Association, its affiliated clubs and teams, and their respective Directors, Officers, committee members, members, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, and representatives (collectively the “Organization”) are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind suffered by a Participant during, or as a result of, the Activities, caused in any manner whatsoever including, but not limited to, the negligence of the Organization.

I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 1 and 2

Description and Acknowledgement of Risks

3. I understand and acknowledge that
 - a) The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life;
 - b) The Organization may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which have different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming;
 - c) The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of my fitness or abilities, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, and the equipment being used might malfunction; and
 - d) The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and COVID-19 is extremely contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Organization cannot guarantee that the Participant will not become infected with COVID-19 or other highly contagious diseases. Further, participating in the Activities could increase the Participants risk of contracting COVID-19 or other highly contagious diseases.
4. I am participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of my participation, I hereby acknowledge that I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with or related to the Activities. The risks, dangers and hazards include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Physical contact with other participants, spectators, equipment, wheelchairs, the court, and other hazards;
 - b) Health: executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques, physical exertion, overexertion, stretching, dehydration, fatigue, cardiovascular workouts, rapid movements and stops, lack of fitness or conditioning, traumatic injury, bacterial infections, rashes, and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, COVID-19 or other contagious diseases, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof.
 - c) Premises: defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects, walls, wheelchairs, equipment or persons; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on floors, grass, turf or other surfaces, extreme weather conditions; travel to and from premises

- d) Use of Equipment: mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of or the failure by the Organization to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to use or operate the equipment within my own ability
- e) Contact: contact with wheelchairs, other equipment, or other persons, whether intentional or unintentional, is a common part of wheelchair rugby, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair athletics and seated throws programs, and may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury, or serious spinal injury.
- f) Advice: negligent advice regarding the Activities
- g) Ability: Failing to act safely or within my own ability or within designated areas
- h) Sport: the game of wheelchair rugby, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair athletics and seated throws and their inherent risks
- i) Cyber: privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage
- j) Conduct: My conduct and conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between participants
- k) Travel: Travel to and from the Activities
- l) Negligence: My negligence and negligence of other persons, including NEGLIGENCE ON the PART OF THE ORGANIZATION, may increase the risk of damage, loss, personal injury or death. I understand that the Organization may fail to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of wheelchair sport programs, some of which are referred to above.

I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 3 and 4

Terms

5. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate in the Activities, I agree:
- a) That when I practice or train in my own space, I am responsible for my surroundings and the location and equipment that I select;
 - b) That my mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities and I assume all risks related to my mental and physical condition;
 - c) To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities;
 - d) To comply with the rules of the facility or equipment;
 - e) That if I observe an unusual significant hazard or risk, I will remove myself from participation and bring my observations to a representative of the Organization immediately;
 - f) The risks associated with the Activities are increased when I am impaired and I will not to participate if impaired in any way;
 - g) That it is my sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for me. By commencing an Activity, I acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity;
 - h) That COVID-19 is contagious in nature and the Participant may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 or other contagious diseases and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death; and
 - i) That I am responsible for my choice of safety or protective equipment and the secure fitting of that equipment.

Release of Liability and Disclaimer

6. In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate, I agree:
- a) That the sole responsibility for my safety remains with me;
 - b) To ASSUME all risks arising out of, associated with or related to my participation;
 - c) That I am not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or its agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to participate in the Activities;
 - d) To WAIVE any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization;
 - e) To freely ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from my participation in the Activities;
 - f) To FOREVER RELEASE and INDEMNIFY the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the "Claims") which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of the Organization;

- g) To FOREVER RELEASE AND INDEMNIFY the Organization from any action related to my becoming exposed to or infected by any contagious disease, including, but not limited to COVID-19 as a result of, or from, any action, omission or negligence of myself or others, including but not limited to the Organization;
- h) That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to my vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities;
- i) That negligence includes failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Activities; and
- j) This release, waiver and indemnity is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of Ontario and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Jurisdiction

7. I agree that in the event that I file a lawsuit against the Organization, I will do so solely in the Province of British Columbia and further agree that the substantive law of the Province of British Columbia will apply without regard to conflict of law rules.

I have read and agree to be bound by paragraphs 5 to 7

I have read and agree to be bound by the BC Wheelchair Sports' Code of Conduct and Ethics https://goo.gl/LhSQ9H	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I have read and agree to be bound by the BC Wheelchair Sports' Social Media Policy . Entry, participation or attendance during the BCWSA activities, events, programs, services, in person or online, constitutes permission to be photographed or videotaped for possible publicity, promotional or media purposes and constitutes a waiver of any and all claims for compensation from all sponsoring agencies. https://goo.gl/YkL1Fb	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I consent to medical treatment in case of emergency. I agree to full responsibility for payment of any fees incurred as a result of necessary medical treatment.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Acknowledgement

8. I acknowledge that I have read and understand this agreement, that I have executed this agreement voluntarily, and that this agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. I further acknowledge by signing this agreement I have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which I have released herein.

Name of Participant	Signature of Participant	Date
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Name of Personal Support Worker (if applicable)	Signature of Personal Support Worker	Date
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