

WheelPower - British Wheelchair Sport

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Our purpose

WheelPower, the national charity for wheelchair sport provides opportunities, facilities, expertise and equipment that enable disabled people to participate in sport and lead healthy active lives.

Who we represent

WheelPower provide, promote and develop opportunities in recreational and competitive sport for individuals with a physical impairment or locomotor impairment who:

- Require a wheelchair for sport
- Are eligible to compete within wheelchair sport at the discretion of the particular sports association

Physical impairments include: spinal cord injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, amputation, cerebral palsy, hemiplegia and other locomotor impairments.



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Our support

WheelPower supports individuals to find a sport or physical activity that they are passionate about and enjoy. We use our expertise, annual programme of events, member sports associations and partnerships with organisations such as National Governing Bodies of sport, to deliver opportunities in a wide range of sports. Including archery, athletics, fencing, table tennis, tennis, powerlifting, bowls, cue sports, shooting, skiing, sledge hockey, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby.

WheelPower offer a free membership for individuals, family or carers, supporter or donor, volunteers and coaches. Sign up for free on the website and receive the following member benefits:

- Regular e-newsletter
- Access to resources and videos on how to maintain your sports wheelchair
- Regular information on what is happening in wheelchair sport
- Keep up to date on sport and physical activity opportunities nationally and locally
- Support in how to access sport and physical activity opportunities local to you

We run an annual programme of events including primary and junior camps, have a go sessions and National Wheelchair Games all held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, unless otherwise stated:

- Primary Sports Camps (3 events held annually for 6-11 year olds)
- London Primary Sport Camps (6 events held annually for 6-11 year olds)
- Junior Sports Camps (2 events held annually for 11-18 year olds)
- In2 Sport Camps (two day residential event for 18-30 year olds)
- Time to Shine (three day residential event for 11-18 year olds for six Olympic/Paralympic growth London boroughs, part of the Motivate East programme)
- National Junior Games (three day residential event for 11-18 year olds)
- National Junior Wheelchair Games (two day residential event for 11-18 year olds)
- Inter Spinal Unit Games (three day residential event for newly injured patients at 12 Spinal Units and a military rehabilitation unit)
- Sport specific National Championships

WheelPower also supports individuals, clubs and organisations to obtain sports wheelchairs through its WheelAppeal programme. WheelAppeal provides standard manual sports wheelchairs and grants towards bespoke sports wheelchairs. For more information about this programme and to apply for a wheelchair please visit the website.

Participation pathways for impairment group

Within wheelchair sport there are pathways for athletes from grassroots to competing at the Paralympics Games. In the majority of sports there are opportunities to have a go at an introductory level, participate regularly and compete to the individuals desired level.