

## WHEELCHAIR Basketball



Wheelchair Basketball is regarded as the fastest and most spectacular sport on wheels, where the speed and athleticism of the athletes is coupled with the fitness and skill of the game of basketball. Wheelchair Basketball is quite similar to the able bodied game, using the same court and rings with 5 players on court. The rules are very similar between the two games, with a small number of changes being made to the able bodied rules to take into account the Wheelchairs that are used (e.g. players must bounce the ball after pushing their wheels twice to avoid a travelling violation).

In Melbourne a weekly domestic competition is held at the Knox Basketball Stadium which incorporates two seasons throughout the year with 6 teams currently involved. It is a mixed competition in which players of all levels are most welcome to play as are people who do not have a disability but who are keen to play anyway. Wheelchair Basketball training is also conducted weekly in the WSV branches of Geelong, Ballarat, Horsham, Bendigo, Shepparton, Albury/Wodonga and Morwell. Each region also hosts a Wheelchair Basketball Tournament throughout the year with tournaments held approximately every two months.

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