

2023 WRC 1 (Tauranga) and 2 (Wellington) Tournament Programme



WRC 1 at Trustpower Arena-Tauranga 29th and 30th of April

**WRC 2 at Te Rauparaha Arena and Aquatic Centre-
Wellington 17th and 18th June**



NEW ZEALAND WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

THE EVENT: WRC 1 & 2

WRC 1 hosted by Bay of Plenty, the Steamroller and WRC 2 hosted by dsport, in conjunction with New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby (NZWR) are pleased to be hosting the New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby's domestic competition the WRC 1 & 2 events. This pits the best regional wheelchair rugby players against each other striving to have their region crowned the best in the country. This year there are 5 regions represented at WRC 1. Auckland, BOP, Waikato, dsport, Canterbury. They will be joined by Otago, the re-emergence of Manawatu and we are re-joined by the Invictus team before they head out to thee Invictus games in Dusseldorf Germany. Good luck to all those competing and let the best region win. A massive thank you must go out to our host regions and their support, thank you Parafed BOP and dsport.

COVID

NZWR aligns and abides with the Sport New Zealand Covid 19 protection guidelines. The COVID-19 Protection Framework <https://sportnz.org.nz/media/5019/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-orange-full-guidance-4-4.pdf>

NZWR can take no responsibility for other expenses incurred, such as accommodation or flights. Please ensure you are aware and agree with refund/credit processes of your service providers.

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Get tested if you have cold or flu symptoms.
- Maintain good hygiene.
- Follow the Trustpower arena and Te Rauparaha Arena and Aquatic Centre- Covid Protection Framework requirements.

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TOURNAMENT VENUE-WRC 1

Tournament Venue: **Trustpower Arena**

Address: 81 Truman Lane,
Mount Maunganui
3175

Phone No: [07-577 8560](tel:07-577 8560)

Facilities: <https://trustpowerbaypark.co.nz/venue/trustpower-arena/>

We reinforce that players refrain from using *Stikum*, *Clister*, Belt Grip or any tacking substance in Stadiums and Buildings, showing respect for future users.

TOURNAMENT VENUE-WRC 2

Tournament Venue: **Te Rauparaha Arena and Aquatic Centre**

Address: 17 Parumoana
Street, Porirua City
Centre, Porirua 5022

Phone No: [04-237 1521](tel:04-237 1521)

Facilities: <https://terauparaha-arena.co.nz/>

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WRC 1-Teams



Auckland Rhinos			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Hayden	Barton-Cootes	3.0	NA
Levi	Mihaka	3.0	2.5
Maia	Marshall-Amai	2.5	NA
Tainafi	Lefono	2.0	NA
Gareth	Lynch	1.0	NA
Nathaniol	Tairi	0.5	NA
Support Staff			
Jai	Waite		Coach
Fredrica	Duncan		Support
Phillippa	McAllister		Support





Dsport			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Gavin	Rolton	0.5	NA
Tyler	Jennings	2.5	NA
Johan	Gouws	1.0	0.5
Christopher	Barry	2.5	1.5
Michael	Barry	NA	3
Rose	Vaea	NA	1.5
Frances	Shilder	NA	2.5
Support Staff			
Mitch	Carroll		Manager
Ben	Carroll		Support
Gideon	Gouws		Support
Thea	Gouws		Support
Lily	Tamaru		Support





Canterbury Chargers			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Cody	Everson	1	NA
Mike	Todd	2	NA
Greg	Mitchel	NA	4.5
Jamie	Kairau	UC	2
Donald	Corkill	0.5	NA
Aston	Mitchel	NA	1.5
Harry	Palmer	NA	3.5
Ian	Simpson	0.5	NA
Alex	Reilly	NA	2.5
Mitch	Simpson	1	0.5
Support Staff			
Korral	Heremaia		Support
Pauline	Hewitt		Support
Paula	Kairau		Support





BOP Steam Rollers			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Sam	Fitness	0.5	NA
Jordan	Tito	1	NA
Amanda	Lowry	1.5	NA
Jason	Prest	2	1.5
Kevin	Hoebergen	2	1.5
Fritz	Tuaa	NA	2.5
Nikki	Broughton	NA	3
Paul	Hale	3.5	3
Henry	Mitchell	4.5	3.5*
Jacinta	Richardson	4	3.5
Support Staff			
Neil	Cudby	Coach	
Cherie	Lucena	Mechanic/carer general everything	
Ngaro	Niha	Carer	
Jessie	James	Carer	
Tania	Sheperd	Carer	

*Henry will only be a 3.5 if Paul is unavailable





DG Sport Waikato Stampede			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Robbie	Hewitt	2	NA
Georgia	Mecchia	NA	3
Enfys	Wereta	NA	2
Jacob	Phillips	NA	3
Levi	Paekau	2	1.5
Chris	Moore	0.5	NA
Robert	Verner	NA	3
Amy	Dunn	NA	2
Peter	Martin	2.5	2
Richard	Voris	1.5	NA
Keenan	Alexander	UC	2
Support Staff			
Peter	Klinkhamer		Mechanic
Russ	Mecchia		Manager
Edwyna	Carlson		Rugby Mumma

(UC) stands for unclassified.

Please note (SG) means social grading. If an AB has a social grading, they are ineligible to run a high low. Social gradings are not for that use. Ie Hayden Barton-Cootes and an AB.

Social gradings have determined by a panel of your peers. They have been discussed on the merit of development and needs a team has to get people playing. Teams have applied for social gradings. Where it has deemed fit the social classification panel has granted a social classification without a application to make it a good fit with line ups. Social gradings are reviewable at any stage.



WRC 1- WHEELCHAIR RUGBY DRAW
Tauranga-Saturday 29th April

Time	Game	Court 1	Time	Game	Court 2
9.30am	1	BOP v Waikato	9.30am	2	Canterbury v Auckland
12.30pm	3	Canterbury v dsport	12.30pm	4	Auckland v BOP
3.30pm	5	dsport v Auckland	3.30pm	6	Canterbury v Waikato

Tauranga-Sunday 30th April

Time	Game	Court 1	Time	Game	Court 2
10.00am	7	BOP v Canterbury	10am	8	Waikato v dsport
1.00pm	9	Auckland v Waikato	1.00pm	10	dsport v BOP

The 2023 WRC draw works in 2 parts. WRC 1 involves 5 teams (for a number of reasons) These 5 teams will fight it out to qualify for the top 4 playoff and WRC title at WRC 2. The bottom team after WRC 1 will drop down and be joined by Otago, Manawatu and Invictus to play off for the bottom for placings. This allows for development and extremely competitive wheelchair rugby to be played. The WRC 2 draw is TBC along with the Otago, Manawatu and Invictus teams.



SINGLET'S

Teams are required to bring 2 sets of singlets. This will minimise the chances of having singlet clashes. If an athlete wears a undershirt it must be the same colour as the major colour of the playing singlet otherwise a tec foul will occur. The head referee has said they will be harsh on a breach of this rule.

TOURNAMENT RULES

NZWR will allow you to wear an undershirt the same colour as your playing singlet or a black undershirt. Whilst the current international rules states the same colour as your singlet we must remember we are not internationals and the undershirt rule is turning people away.

All other Current IWRP Rules will apply to this tournament.

- <https://worldwheelchair.rugby/wheelchair-rugby-rules/>

The current World Wheelchair Rugby Classification Manual will be adhered to except for the following:

- Athletes that are ineligible in accordance with the World Wheelchair Rugby Classification Rules shall be classified as; Paraplegics in their first year 3.5, Paraplegics after their first year 4.0. Able bodied athletes in their first year 4.0, Ablebodied athletes after their first year 4.5.
- Ineligible athletes, or athletes' with a "S" classification, will be moderated by the NZWR Committee appointed 'Social Grading Sub-Committee Representatives' throughout the event and any changes made will be at the discretion of the appointed representatives. Any decision will be final.
- **Social (S)** will be a classification that can be applied for, with a duration of one season of wheelchair rugby (social grading needs to be re-applied for on an annual basis). The aim of this grading is to encourage more athletes to continue playing wheelchair rugby, in doing so it should assist newer athletes and smaller regions to field competitive teams.

Apply for a social grade classification via the website - <http://www.wheelblacks.com/info/>



CLASSIFICATION PANEL

Classification Panel has been confirmed. Head classifier Brendon will be in touch with clubs to organise athletes that require classification.

Any queries regarding classification please contact Brendon Vercoe, Head Classifier.
Email: classification@wheelchairrugby.org.nz



CODE OF CONDUCT

Athletes, Coaches and Officials associated with NZWR must be aware that they are often the focus of public attention. NZWR expects that all teams and associated personnel are aware that by registering, officiating and/or volunteering at the BASH you are agreeing to follow the NZWR Code of Conduct as below:

General

- Abide by both the rules and the spirit of all competitions.
- Conduct ourselves in a manner that won't discredit ourselves, NZWR and other teams.
- At all times when travelling to and from and whilst participating in a sporting or social event, dress in team uniform or other attire appropriate to the occasion.
- Obey and respect any direction given by an appointee of NZWR.
- Refrain from using offensive or abusive language.
- Refrain from being intoxicated and using any banned/illegal drugs or substances.

Players

- Whilst competing obey and respect any direction given by an official.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Never argue with an official. If we/I disagree, we/I will have my captain, coach or manager approach the official at the appropriate time.
- Never engage in physical or verbal abuse of officials or other players. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.

Coaches/Managers/Officials

- Be reasonable in our demands.
- Teach players to follow the rules and set a good example.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour.
- Report incidents in writing to the NZWR within seven (7) days

Appeals Committee.

- An appeals committee will be present at WRC 1 and WRC 2. This will be determined by the availability, but all teams will be notified once these people are finalist



