

2024 WRC 1 (Tauranga) and 2 (Wellington) Tournament Programme



WRC 1 at Mercury Bay Park Arena-Tauranga 27th & 28th of April

**WRC 2 at Te Rauparaha Arena and Aquatic Centre- Wellington 25th and
26th of May**



NEW ZEALAND WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

THE EVENT: WRC 1 & 2

WRC 1 hosted by Parafed 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. The format is to be confirmed once all team entries are in. We are aiming for a 2-division tournament after the success of the 2023 tournament. A massive thank you must go out to our host regions and their support, thank you Parafed BOP and dsport.

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TOURNAMENT VENUE-WRC 1

Tournament Venue: **Mercury Baypark Arena**

Address: 81 Truman Lane,
Mount Maunganui
3175

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

Facilities: <https://www.mercurybaypark.co.nz/>

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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 Teams 2024



Auckland Rhinos			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Hayden	Barton-Cootes	3.0	NA
Dan	Buckingham	3.0	NA
Maia	Marshall-Amai	2.0	NA
Tainafi	Lefono	2.0	NA
Gareth	Lynch	1.0	NA
Nathaniol	Tairi	0.5	NA
Support Staff			
Shae	Lightwood-Morris		Support
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	Schilder	NA	2.5
*Leo	Hoffman	?	1.0
Support Staff			
Mitch	Carroll		Manager
Ben	Daniels		Mechanic
Gideon	Gouws		Support
Thea	Gouws		Support
Lily	Tamaru		Support
Ligs	Hoffman		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	NA	2.0
Ants	Carter	1.5	1.0
Aston	Mitchel	NA	2.5
Jacinta	Richardson	3.5f	NA
Ian	Simpson	0.5	NA
Josh	Hirini-Barclay	NA	3.0
Mitch	Simpson	1	N/A
Support Staff			
Korral	Heremaia		Support
Shiny	Carter		Support
Paula	Kairau		Support





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	NA
Chris	Moore	0.5	NA
Robert	Verner	NA	2.5
Cameron	Leslie	2.5	NA
Peter	Martin	2.5	1.5
Keenan	Alexander	2.5	NA
Support Staff			
Peter	Klinkhamer	Mechanic	
Russ	Mecchia	Manager	
Edwyna	Carlson	Rugby Mumma	





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	1.0
Fritz	Tuaa	NA	2.0
Nikki	Broughton	NA	2.5
Hayden	Delves	NA	3
Henry	Mitchell	NA	3.0
Cherie	Lucena	NA	2.5
Support Staff			
Neil	Cudby	Coach	
Cherie	Lucena	Mechanic/carer general everything	





Otago WheelLanders			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Dillon	Maydon	1	0.5
Levi	Mehaka	3	2.5
Scott	Greaves	N/A	3.0
Morris	Mcleod	N/A	2.5
Latisha	Acott	N/A	2.5f
Dylan	Lloyd	2.0	N/A
Matt	Russell	N/A	1.5
Hannah	Scott	N/A	0.5f
Lauren	Dewhirst	NA	2f
Libby	McDonald	NA	2.5f
Nic	Robertson	NA	3.0
Angus	Lloud	?	0.5
Support Staff			
David	Dewhirst	Coach	
Marnie	Scott	Supporter	
Emily	Robertson	Supporter	
Colin	Russell	Mechanic/Supporter	
Adam	Lloud	Support	





Manawatu Mustangs			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Nat	Manville	0.5	N/A
Sarah	Ward	0.5	N/A
Marion	Buckley	N/A	2.0
Johnathon	Tyson	?	2.0
Brendan	Uncles	N/A	1.5
Jack	Brown	N/A	3
Michael	Manville	N/A	3
Support Staff			
Darrell	Manville		Coach
Nat	Manville		Coach
Brendan	Uncles		Coach
Brenda	Manville		Manager
Earlwyn	Uncles		Mechanic
David	King		Mechanic

(UC) stands for unclassified.

Please note (SG) means social grading

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 27th April

Time	Game	Court 1	Time	Game	Court 2
9.30am	1	BOP v Canterbury	9.30am	2	Manawatu v Auckland
Sponsor Game- Time TBC					
12.30pm	3	Canterbury v dsport	12.30pm	4	Auckland v Waikato
3.30pm	5	dsport v BOP	3.30pm	6	Manawatu v Waikato
Tauranga-Sunday 28th April					
Time	Game	Court 1	Time	Game	Court 2
9.30am	7	3 rd in Pool A v 3 rd in Pool B	10am	8	1 st in Pool A v 2 nd Pool B
12.00pm	9	1 st in Pool B v 2 nd in Pool A	1.00pm	10	3 rd in Pool A v 3 rd in Pool B (optional to play an extra game)
2.30pm	11	Winner of game 8 v Winner of game 9	2.30pm	12	Loser of game 8 v Loser of game 9

The 2024 WRC draw works in 2 parts. WRC 1 involves 6 teams (for a number of reasons) These 6 teams will fight it out qualify for the top 4 playoff and WRC Division 1 title at WRC 2. The bottom 2 teams after WRC 1 will drop down and be joined by Otago and hopefully one more team to play off for the 2nd Division title. If another team cannot enter WRC 2. It will be division 1 4 teams and division 2 3 teams This allows for development and extremely competitive wheelchair rugby to be played. The WRC 2 draw is TBC from WRC 1 standings.

WRC 1 draw- 2 Pools of 3 as per 2023 final results. Teams will play 2 Pool games on Saturday. The 1st and 2nd finishers in their pool will play crossover games v the 1st and 2nd finishes in the other pool. 1st in Pool A v 2nd in Pool B and 1st in Pool b v 2nd in Pool A. 3rd in each pool will play each other with a spot to have a rematch if they would like. Final standing will determine the divisions at WRC 2.



WRC 1 Pools

Pool A

Auckland
Waikato
Manawatu

Pool B

Canterbury
dsport
BOP

WRC 2 Draw to be sent out once WRC 1 has been completed.



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





In February 2024, NZWR approved an updated Anti-doping Policy.

Anti-doping

Anti-doping is founded on the intrinsic value of sport, often referred to as "the spirit of sport": the ethical pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each athlete's natural talents.

Anti-doping seeks to protect the health of athletes and to provide the opportunity for athletes to pursue human excellence without the Use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods.

Anti-doping programs seek to maintain the integrity of sport in terms of respect for rules, other competitors, fair competition, a level playing field, and the value of clean sport to the world.

The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind. It is the essence of the Paralympic Movement and is reflected in the values we find in and through sport, including:

- Health
- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Athletes' rights as set forth in the Code
- Excellence in performance
- Character and Education



- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other Participants
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

The spirit of sport is expressed in how we play true. Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby commitment

New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby (NZWR) is committed to the advancement of clean sport that rejects cheating through the use of performance enhancing drugs and methods.

NZWR is working in partnership with Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) to:

- Promote a culture of clean sport
- Deliver anti-doping education
- Organise and implement testing programmes
- Report doping and suspicious activity
- Support athletes to compete drug free

For full information about anti-doping, visit <http://www.drugfreesport.org.nz/>



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