

2025 WRC 1 (Tauranga) and 2 (Wellington)

Tournament Programme



WRC 1 at Mercury Bay Park Arena-Tauranga 10th & 11th of May

**WRC 2 at Te Rauparaha Arena and Aquatic Centre- Wellington 28th and
29th of June**



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 2025 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/>

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 Teams 2024



Auckland Rhinos			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Hayden	Barton-Cootes	3.0	NA
Mauri	Marshall-Amai	NA	3.5
Maia	Marshall-Amai	2.0	NA
Gareth	Lynch	1.0	NA
Nathaniol	Tairi	0.5	NA
Support Staff			
Shae	Lightwood-Morris	Support	
Fredrica	Duncan	Support	
Sosene	Manu	Support	
Kerryn	Taurere	Support	



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<u>Dsport</u>			
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	2.0f
Frances	Schilder	NA	3.5f
Leo	Hoffman	2.5	1.0
Nikita	Quinn	1.5	0.5
Connor	McLellan	NA	3
Support Staff			
Mitch	Carroll	Manager	
Ben	Daniels	Mechanic	
Gideon	Gouws	Support	
Thea	Gouws	Support	
Lily	Tamaru	Support	
Ligs	Hoffman	Support	
Lincoln	Stewart	Referee	
Frances	Quinn	Support	





Canterbury Red			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Cody	Everson	1	NA
Mike	Todd	2	NA
Donald	Corkill	1	0.5
Karen	Temoana	NA	2.5f
Ants	Carter	1.5	NA
Aston	Mitchell	NA	3
Jacinta	Richardson	3.5f	NA
Support Staff			
Korral	Heremaia	Support	
Pauline	Hewitt	Support	
Paula	Kairau	Support	
Greg	Mitchell	Coach	
Joshua	Hirini-Barclay	Mechanic	



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Canterbury Black

Athletes

First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Ian	Simpson	0.5	NA
Mitchell	Simpson	1	NA
Jamie	Kairau	NA	2.0
Andrew	Edmondson	2.0	NA
Craig	Wilson	0.5	NA
Greg	Mitchell	NA	4.5
Joshua	Hirini-Barclay	NA	3.5

Support Staff

Korral	Heremaia	Support
Pauline	Hewitt	Support
Paula	Kairau	Support
Greg	Mitchell	Coach
Joshua	Hirini-Barclay	Mechanic



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The Brand Maker Waikato Stampede

Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Robbie	Hewitt	2	NA
Georgia	Mecchia	NA	3.5f
Enfys	Wereta	NA	3.0f
Levi	Paekau	2	1.5
Chris	Moore	0.5	NA
Cameron	Leslie	2.5	NA
Thomas	Goodwin	?	1.5
Keenan	Alexander	2.5	NA
Support Staff			
Peter	Klinkhamer	Mechanic	
Russ	Mecchia	Manager	
Edwynna	Carlson	Rugby Mumma	



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BOP Steam Rollers Blue			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Sam	Fitness	0.5	NA
Amanda	Lowry	1.5	NA
Dylan	Lloyd	2.0	NA
Nikki	Broughton	NA	2.5
Hayden	Delves	NA	3
Henry	Mitchell	NA	3.0
Support Staff			
Jordan	Tito	Coach	
Fritz	Tuaa	Manager	
Sofia	Koch	Mechanic/carer general everything	





<u>BOP Steam Rollers White</u>			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Neil	Cudby	0.5	NA
Stacey	Roache	0.5f	NA
Kevin	Hoebergen	1.5	1.0
Jason	Prest	2	1.5
Juliana	Carvalho	NA	1.5f
Oakley	McDonald	NA	2.0
Noah	Broughton	NA	2.0
Dylan	Lloyd	2.0	NA
Niki	Broughton	NA	3.0f
Scott	McDonald	NA	3
Cherie	Lucena	NA	3.5f
Support Staff			
Neil	Cudby	Coach	
Fritz	Tuaa	Manager	
Carla	Savioa-Gill	Mechanic/carer general everything	





Otago WheelLanders			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Levi	Mehaka	3	2.0
Scott	Greaves	N/A	2.0
Morris	McLeod	N/A	2.0
Dylan	Lloyd	2.0	N/A
Matt	Russell	N/A	1.0
Nic	Robertson	NA	3
Libby	McDonald	NA	3.0f
Jason	Bettie	NA	2.5
Support Staff			
Dillon	Maydon	Coach	
Emily	Robertson	Supporter	
Colin	Russell	Mechanic/Supporter	
Andrea	Russell	Supporter	



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<u>Manawatu Mustangs</u>			
Athletes			
First Name	Surname	Class	Social Class
Nat	Manville	0.5	N/A
Henry	Matthews	0.5	N/A
Cooper	Franklin	?	1.5
Marion	Buckley	N/A	3.0f
Johnathon	Tyson	2.5	1.5
Tina	Grant	N/A	3.0f
Brendan	Uncles	N/A	2.0
Jack	Brown	N/A	3
Michael	Manville	N/A	3
Te Rongopai	Winiata	1	0.5
Support Staff			
Darrell	Manville	Coach	
Nat	Manville	Coach	
Brendan	Uncles	Coach	
Brenda	Manville	Manager	
Earlwyn	Uncles	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 an application to make it a good fit with line ups. Social gradings are reviewable at any stage.



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WRC 1 Draw- Saturday											
Time	Pool	Court	Team A		Team B		Time	Pool	Court	Team A	Team B
9.00am	1	1	Auckland	v	Canterbury Black		9.00am	1	2	dsport	v BOP White
11.00am	2	1	Canterbury Red	v	Waikato		11am	2	2	BOP Blue	v Manawatu
1pm	1	1	BOP White	v	Canterbury Black		1pm	1	2	dsport	v Auckland
3pm	2	1	BOP Blue	v	Canterbury Red		3pm	2	2	Waikato	v Manawatu
WRC 1 Draw- Sunday											
Time	Pool	Court	Team A		Team B		Time	Pool	Court	Team A	Team B
9.00am	2	1	Canterbury Red	v	Manawatu		9.00am	2	2	BOP Blue	v Waikato
11.00am	1	1	dsport	v	Canterbury Black		11am	1	2	Auckland	v BOP White
1pm		1	3rd in Pool1	v	3rd in Pool 2		1pm		2	4th in Pool 1	v 4th in Pool 2
3pm		1	1st in Pool 1	v	1st in Pool 2		3pm		2	2nd in Pool 1	v 2nd in Pool 2
Please note the finals games may be switched as it depends on who finishes in what order and when they fly out.											

The 2025 WRC draw works in 2 parts. WRC 1 involves 8 teams (for a number of reasons) These 8 teams will fight it out qualify for the top 4 playoff and WRC Division 1 title at WRC 2. The bottom 3 teams after WRC 1 will drop down and be joined by Otago (who will replace BOP White) to play off for the 2nd Division. 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 4. Teams will play 3 Pool games each. Playoff games will work as 1st in Pool 1 v 1st in Pool 2, 2nd in pool 1 v 2nd in pool 2, 3rd in pool 1 v 3rd pool 2 and 4th in pool 1 v 4th in pool 2. Final standing will determine the divisions at WRC 2.

WRC 1 Pools

Pool 1	Pool 2
Auckland	Canterbury Red
dsport	Waikato
Canterbury Black	BOP Blue
BOP White	Manawatu



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

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 WWR 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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