



# **HIGH PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIPS**

**INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Expression of Interest Submission Deadline **5pm, 2nd October 2020**

# OVERVIEW

British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) is the National Governing Body for wheelchair basketball in the UK. With approximately 17,000 participants playing wheelchair basketball in a wide variety of settings, it is one of the largest disability team sports.

Wheelchair basketball is an iconic Paralympic team sport, and the current GB teams are internationally recognised as the best in the world. The senior GB squads hold the gold and silver world championship medals for both the men and women's teams', respectively. The elite performance programme attracts world-wide acknowledgement for its innovative and athlete centric coaching practices.

The 2020-21 Season marks a game changing year for Wheelchair Basketball and University Sport with its formal inclusion into the BUCS Competition Programme. The inclusion of wheelchair basketball will provide opportunities for participants to play with their peers regardless of their disability, ability or gender, the mixed league seeks to widen access to sport within the sector.

In 2019 the British Wheelchair Basketball launched its new five-year strategy that outlined an ambitious and focused blueprint for a positive future for the sport:

- **Double Participation** – Attract and retain new participants, Coaches, Leaders and Officials.
- **Domestic Professional League** – Enable the formation of local leagues, generating more quality competitive playing opportunities and delivering a professional league which attracts and retains the best talent in the world.
- **World-Class High-Performance System** – Realise World, Paralympic, European and Commonwealth medal success, and develop a world leading GB Academy.
- **World Leading Governing Body** – Attract new investment into the sport, grow new audiences and facilitate the digitalisation of the sport.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

British Wheelchair Basketball is inviting the university sector to formally submit an Expression of Interest to work collaboratively with the NGB to support and enable the continued growth of the sport.

The collaboration will specifically focus upon the development of four 'High Performance Partnerships' (HPP) within university settings. The HPPs will be centres of excellence for wheelchair basketball in the UK and will focus upon the following areas:

- Attract, retain, and develop world-class standard wheelchair basketball athletes, coaches and workforce

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Support the delivery of the world's first professional women's wheelchair basketball league, including development of a topflight team and annual entry into the new Women's Premier league.
- Support the successful introduction and development of wheelchair basketball into BUCS, including annual entry of BUCS team into the league.
- Nurture the next generation of GB wheelchair basketball athlete and support the GB team's continued international success.
- Work in collaboration with British Wheelchair Basketball to provide optimal development environments that encourage a 'dual career' approach and the healthy work/home balance, whilst ensuring access to high quality training, recovery and competitive opportunities
- Offer a minimum of 5 scholarships per year, with 60% to UK based athletes and 40% on international athletes.
- Host GB Training Camps (Men and Women's Squads) committing to 60 days per year.
- Provision of training courts and S&C facilities for UK based elite athletes.
- Development of a comprehensive university centric wheelchair basketball programme within the UK, with excellent community links.
- Co-investment partnership – facilities, staffing, activities, sponsorship

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

### Nurturing a collaborative relationship

British Wheelchair Basketball is committed to driving the successful development of the High-Performance Partnerships and has built its strategy to ensure that these critical relationships are effectively nurtured.

To support the development and growth of the High-Performance Partnership British Wheelchair Basketball will commit investment into the following areas:

- Coaching – CPD and salary contribution (50%)
- Competitive Leagues – Funding support, support and benefits package, NGB professional support

# TIMELINE

An indication of timelines for implementation of the HPP's:

**September 2020** – Expression of Interest released

**2pm 24th September 2020** – Partner Briefing (Zoom)

**2nd October 2020** – Expression of Interest Deadline

**December 2020** – Full outline and submission process begins

**Late January 2021** – Full submission deadline

**February 2021** – Interviews and shortlisting

**April 2021** – Programme planning and set up

**September 2021** – Programme delivery commences

## SUBMISSIONS

Following the submission of an Expression of Interest, British Wheelchair Basketball will formally arrange a briefing meeting with university representative and BWB's CEO, Participation Director and Performance Director, thereafter and invitation to tender information pack will be supplied. This will detail the expected activities and requirements of a High-Performance Partnership Hub as well as specifying the minimum operating standards.

EOI to be submitted to Tina Shepperson, [t.shepperson@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk](mailto:t.shepperson@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk) by 5pm 2nd October 2020

To book a place on the Partner Briefing on 24th September at 2pm, please contact [t.shepperson@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk](mailto:t.shepperson@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk)

Individual briefing sessions are available to book ahead of submission, please email [t.shepperson@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk](mailto:t.shepperson@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk)

# SUBMISSIONS

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Details of the person submitting this proposal, who hereby confirms that s/he has the authority to do so on behalf of his/her organisation.	Signature	
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<b>Question:</b> Tell us why you are interested in becoming an HPP?		
<b>Question:</b> What experience, expertise and track record do you have in high performance para sport?		
<b>Question:</b> What resources and investment would you be able to bring to the HPP? (eg scholarships, court time, staffing, BUCS team)?		
<b>Question:</b> What inclusive facilities and services would be available in the partnership to athletes and coaches (eg basketball courts, physio, gym, sports analysis, strength and conditioning etc)		



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