

MANITOBA WHEELCHAIR SPORT ASSOCIATION

RETURN TO SPORT PLAN

SPORT WHEELCHAIR PROTOCOL

VERSION 1.1 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

MWSA Sport Wheelchair Protocols

INTRODUCTION

Sport wheelchairs are defined as sport equipment owned by MWSA that MWSA provides to multiple individuals for their use on a time-limited basis and with other specific restrictions as defined by MWSA. MWSA understands that there is an increased risk of transmission of the novel coronavirus to individuals through the use of this specialized equipment.

In consideration of the health and safety of our athletes and participants, MWSA will implement the following equipment protocols as approved by the Government of Manitoba.

PHASE 1: CHAIR USE SUSPENDED

In Phase 1, MWSA will suspend the use of its sport wheelchairs by its athletes. This will require all participants involved in MWSA programming to own and transport their own sport wheelchairs. MWSA is in this phase at the time of writing this plan.

PHASE 2: WHEELCHAIR LOANS AUTHORIZED

In this phase, the use of sport wheelchairs provided by MWSA will be authorized provided that the sport wheelchairs are direct loans to specific individual athletes. The following principles will apply to this phase:

- Each athlete will be required to fill out a wheelchair loan form prior to borrowing the sport wheelchair. In this form, the athlete will consent to:
 - Being responsible for the daily transport and maintenance of the sport wheelchair;
 - Being responsible for the daily sanitization of the sport wheelchair on arrival and prior to departing any MWSA programming;
 - Agreeing not to share the sport wheelchair with any individuals outside of their immediate family bubble;
- MWSA will ensure the complete sanitization of the sport wheelchair prior to providing the sport wheelchair to the athlete
- When returning the sport wheelchair back to MWSA, MWSA will separate the used piece of equipment and ensure proper sanitization of the equipment is complete. Where possible, MWSA will then store this piece of equipment separate from all other stored equipment for up to 72 hours.

PHASE 3: SHARED EQUIPMENT SEPARATED BY PROGRAM

In this phase, the use of shared sport wheelchairs will be authorized. MWSA will separate specific wheelchairs for specific programs to ensure they do not have cross contamination between the programs. The following principles will apply to this phase:

- All wheelchairs will be stored in a secure space. Within this secured space, only designated individuals will be authorized to enter/exit this space to retrieve sport wheelchairs;
- At the beginning of each program, the sport wheelchair's hard surfaces will be disinfected prior to use by an athlete;
- At all times MWSA will provide the same sport wheelchair to the same athlete at each session. An athlete may utilize a different sport wheelchair depending on availability and proper fit of the athlete;
- At the end of each program, the sport wheelchair's hard surfaces and upholstery will be disinfected. After sanitization, the designated individual will be responsible for ensuring the sport wheelchairs are properly sanitized and stored appropriately;
- Sport wheelchairs that need to transition between programs shall be removed from the storage of the current program, sanitized, stored separately for a minimum of three days, and re-sanitized again prior to entering the storage room of the other program.
- In this phase, presentations to day camps will be authorized provided that:
 - The wheelchairs used in the day camps can be separated from other ongoing programming for a minimum of three days;
 - That the session provided by MWSA to the day camp aligns with MWSA's Return to Sport Plan for the sport being offered;
 - That the day camp can ensure daily screening of participants for symptoms of COVID-19;
 - That proper sanitization procedures can be accomplished as outlined in this plan.

PHASE 4: SHARED EQUIPMENT THROUGHOUT ALL PROGRAMS

Phase 4 expands on the third phase by removing the requirement of separating shared sport wheelchairs between specific programs. The following principles will be applied to this phase:

- All sport wheelchairs will continue to be stored in a secured space that is accessed by designated individuals only. All entry/removal protocols related to the sport wheelchairs shall be maintained;
- All sanitization protocols will be maintained in this phase (cleaning at beginning and at conclusion of the program);
- Matching of the same sport wheelchair to the same athlete will continue, where possible;
- Sport wheelchairs will be allowed to transition from program to program provided the programs are operated by MWSA. The sport wheelchairs will be required to be sanitized prior to being placed in another program's storage facility;
- Sport wheelchairs used by day camps will continue to be separated, sanitized, and isolated for a minimum of three days prior to being returned to another program's storage facility;

PHASE 5: EQUIPMENT RENTED BY COMMUNITY GROUPS

In this phase, MWSA will expand the use of its equipment by allowing chair rentals by community and school groups. The following principles will be applied to this phase:

- Rentals by community groups will be only allowed with a separated group of sport wheelchairs that will not be stored with another program's equipment;
- Upon delivery, MWSA will service and sanitize the equipment on-site prior to the group's use of the sport wheelchairs;
- MWSA will provide common equipment repair materials in the event its required (example: new tubes for popped tires);
- At the conclusion of the rental, all equipment will be re-sanitized on-site prior to being loaded into MWSA's vehicle;
- MWSA will complete a deep sanitization upon returning the equipment to their designated storage site;
- MWSA will require the equipment remain with MWSA for at least one week prior to allowing the equipment to be rented again;

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Programming Resumes (Phase 2): **September 1, 2020**