



## **GBWR Wheelchair Rugby 5s Summer League, Tournament 1 Saturday & Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 9am – 4pm Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP**

### ***Wheelchair Rugby 5s Summer League 2019***

The first Wheelchair Rugby 5s Summer League tournament for 2019 is about to begin! After the success of the 2018 Summer League, the 2019 WR5s Summer League is back and bigger than ever before. The league this season will consist of 16 teams battling it out over three days, in the Premiership and Championship Divisions!

**Venue: Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom, HP21 9PP**



The venue has a designated viewing area and spectators will be encouraged to utilise this. Children must be accompanied at all times.

On arrival, a designated changing/kitting up/chair area will be allocated per team. Kit can only be dropped off from 8.00am on the morning of the tournament.

### **Car Parking**

The Stadium has a large car park with many accessible parking spaces and additional overflow if required. It is arranged that the car park camera system will be off during our events so people can park for longer durations.

Please be advised that other events maybe taking place at the stadium so the car park may be busy.

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## **Café/Refreshments**

There is a café within the venue; they serve an array of hot and cold food/drinks. **Open from 08.00**  
CLUBS CANNOT HAVE FOOD OR HOT DRINK AREAS SET UP. Clubs are welcome to bring in pre-made sandwiches etc but must not have food preparation areas visible. A variety of vending machines and water fountains are available.

## **Classification**

There will be a classification system in place for the event. This has been designed to maximise participation while keeping all levels of disability competitive within the new game format.

There will **NOT** be classifiers present at any of the WR5s events or involved in the initial classification process for Wheelchair Rugby 5s. Instead we ask for the support from club coaches to take the lead and assess their players, against the following criteria:

- 0.5 point player = current 0.5-1.5 IWRF classified players
- 1.0 point player = current 2.0-3.5 IWRF classified players
- 1.5 point player = current 4.0 GBWR classified players and players with an impairment in one upper limb (above the elbow)
- 2.0-point player = impairment in both lower limbs.
- 2.5-point player = impairment in one upper limb (below the elbow disability)
- 3.0-point player = impairment in one lower limb, or other impairments that makes the athlete unable to stand or walk unassisted.

Teams will be permitted a maximum of 10 points on court.

Coaches and players are reminded that this is a **friendly** competition; adherence to fair play and sportsmanship should be at the forefront of every individuals mind.

There will be a number of players taking part as individuals rather than with a team, those players will be allocated a team to join either before or at the tournament. It is likely that **all teams** competing will have players allocated to them throughout the tournament. Therefore, bibs will be provided in the event a team does not have enough club playing tops.

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**Current Super Series classified players & those that competed in the 2018 Summer League, please bring your classification cards with you. All new 5s players will receive their WR5s classification cards at the tournament.**



### **Rule Changes**

The following rule changes are applicable for Wheelchair Rugby 5s:

- Teams will consist of five players on court and maximum squad of 12. All players, coaches and team staff **MUST** be registered as GBWR members.
- A team can field a maximum of 10 points on court at any one time. Points are allocated using the classification system designed for Wheelchair Rugby 5s.
- Wheelchair Rugby 5s will be played over two periods of 12 minutes with a 2 minute break at halftime.
- The game clock will continue running for the entire period of the game except for stoppages when a player is in the penalty bin and during the final 2 minutes of each half. During these periods the clock will stop for any and all in play stoppages.
- Coaches and players get 2 x 30sec time outs, these can be called by either the players (in real game time) or by the coach during a stoppage in play.
- Hats or head attire are strictly not to be worn at anytime during games.

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- The referee can stop the clock for long periods of inaction, such as for an injury.
- The 'No Contact Before the Whistle Rule' will be implemented.
- Teams can have up to 4 players in the bin before the need to substitute more players on court
- Players will be reminded of Article 91 regarding excessive force and Referees will be encouraged & expected to implement the rule at all times.
- No 0.5 reduction for athletes over 45 or for female athletes.
- Substitutions can be made on a backcourt inbound. I.e. after a try has been scored.
- 16 and overs can play, but must have done the 'safe to play course' and regularly train with an adult team.
- GBWR reserves the right to request, at any time, documentation confirming a player's physical impairment. Failing to provide the relevant documentation may result in a player being ineligible to compete in WR5s tournaments.

Otherwise all rules will be the same as for the Paralympic version of the game, which can be found on the GBWR and IWRF websites. If anyone wishes to read a copy of these documents please use the links below.

IWRF web page: [http://www.iwrf.com/?page=rules\\_and\\_documents&cat=474](http://www.iwrf.com/?page=rules_and_documents&cat=474)

GBWR Tournament Rules: <http://gbwr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/GBWR-Tournament-Rules-v002-September-2015.pdf>

### **Safeguarding**

It is a requirement that all teams participating within any GBWR competition adhere to the GBWR Safeguarding policy. All teams Club Welfare Officers and coaches need to have attended mandatory safeguarding training and meetings.

GBWR's Safeguarding policy can be found on our website at below link.

<http://gbwr.org.uk/home/about-us/about-gbwr/governance/safeguarding/>

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## **Format & Schedule**

The format for the first WR5s Summer League season is as follows:

Teams have been allocated a place within two divisions; the Premiership & the Championship based on last season's results. Each team will play every other team in their pool and then compete in the crossover games to give a final league standing. It is anticipated, that the final standings, (after the three league dates) will determine promotion and relegation for the 2020 WR5s Summer League competition. Therefore, the team that wins the Championship will replace the team that finishes in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Premiership.

**\*\*Teams will be awarded points based on the position they finish that weekend\*\***

1<sup>st</sup> = 10 points

### **Premiership 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

2<sup>nd</sup> = 8 points

3<sup>rd</sup> = 6 points

4<sup>th</sup> = 5 points

5<sup>th</sup> = 4 points

6<sup>th</sup> = 3 points

7<sup>th</sup> = 2 points

8<sup>th</sup> = 1 point

Pool A	Pool B
Ospreys A	Leicester Tigers
West Country Hawks	Bournemouth Lions
SM Maulers	Solent Sharks
Northampton Saints	Ospreys B

		Court 1			Court 2			
9:00	B	Leicester Tigers	V	Ospreys B		Bournemouth Lions	V	Solent Sharks
9:40	A	Ospreys A	V	Northampton Saints		West Country Hawks	V	Stoke Mandeville Maulers
10:20	B	Solent Sharks	V	Ospreys B		Leicester Tigers	V	Bournemouth Lions
11:00	A	Stoke Mandeville Maulers	V	Northampton Saints		Ospreys A	V	West Country Hawks

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12:20	A	Stoke Mandeville Maulers	V	Ospreys A		Northampton Saints	V	West Country Hawks
13:00		Lunch				Lunch		
13:30	G1	A3	V	B4	G2	A4	V	B3
14:10	G3	A1	V	B2	G4	B1	V	A2
14:40	5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup>	Winner g1	V	Winner g2	7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup>	Loser g1	V	Loser g2
15:20	1 <sup>st</sup> / 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Winner g3	V	Winner g4	3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	Loser g3	V	Loser g4
16:00		Depart						

### Championship 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Pool A	Pool B
Brighton Buccaneers	Norfolk Knights
Woodbridge Wheeled Warriors	Berkshire Banshees
Coventry WRC	H4H Endeavour
Hatfield Comets	Newcastle WRC

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### Warm up

There will be a small area available for teams to warm up.

### Filming and Photography

If teams are planning on filming or having anyone taking photos, that are to be used in any professional capacity, can they please let GBWR know, so the necessary documentation can be completed.



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***GBWR as always want the event to be successful, fair and fun. Please ensure you adhere to all Health and Safety requests at the event.***

Teams are asked to support their players, workforce and supporters to stay safe.



If you have any questions please contact **Adam Simmons, Projects Officer.**

**Contact Number: 07876594588** who will assist you or your club in the matter. Now with all the formalities out the way – we look forward to seeing you all at Stoke Mandeville for a great weekend of wheelchair rugby 5s



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