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### SUMMARY

The WWR Wheelchair Rugby World Championship is held every four years. The World Championship is the premier event in the WWR calendar and as such high standards for hosting the event are expected. Past World Championship events have been successful in terms of logistical support, sport technical delivery, spectator participation, and athlete performances.

This document details the sport technical, logistical, and administrative requirements to host a 12-team WWR World Championship. WWR members interested in submitting a bid for this event should confirm that they are prepared to meet these requirements.

### PARTICIPANTS

| Category                        | Number  |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Teams                           | 12      |
| Athletes (12 per team)          | 144     |
| Team Staff (minimum 6 per team) | 72      |
| WWR International Officials     | 30      |
| WWR Representatives             | 3-6     |
| LOC staff/Committee on site     | 8       |
| Volunteers                      | 100-150 |

### SCHEDULE

| Day | Activity                                |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|
| 1   | Arrivals of teams and officials         |
| 2   | Training & Classification               |
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| 4   | Competition - round robin               |
| 5   | Competition - round robin               |
| 6   | Competition - round robin               |
| 7   | Competition - quarter finals            |
| 8   | Competition - semi finals               |
| 9   | Competition - finals & Closing Ceremony |
| 10  | Departures of teams and officials       |

### EVENT DATES

The WWR would like the event to be hosted between July 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026.

### COMPETITION VENUE

During the training days 2 courts must be available and during the competition phase 2 courts for competition and a minimum 1 court for warm-up must be available.

#### 2 x Competition Courts

- Hardwood surface - 21m x 38m
- Minimum end run off - 5m
- Minimum side run off - 3m

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- Only Wheelchair Rugby lines on courts
- Ceiling height minimum 7.5 m
- 4 x 40 second try clocks with integrated game clock per court
- At least one full scoreboard clearly visible from Field of Play per court

### 1 x Warm-up Court

- Hardwood surface - 21m x 38m
- Minimum end run off - 5m
- Minimum side run off - 3m
- Wheelchair Rugby lines marked; may have other lines pre-existing
- Ceiling height minimum 7.5 m

### Temperature and light

- Should be climate controlled for cooling and heating as required with the ability to maintain temperature range of 19 - 22 degrees Celsius on Field of Play
- If cooling is not available the LOC must provide temporary solutions for the Field of Play eg, large fans or blowers
- Lighting must be sufficient and equal over entire field of play

### Offices

- 1 room for Host Organizing Committee
- 1 room for WWR Technical Delegate and WWR CEO
- 1 room for accredited media

### Classification

- 2 x classification rooms with massage table and mat on floor
- 1 x classifier meeting room
- Must have hard floor surface access for testing athletes
- Adequate area for out of competitions evaluation 8m x 15m minimum

### Referee rooms

- 2 x change rooms including showers, lockers, and towel service
- 1 x referee meeting room

### Wheelchair & Equipment Storage

- 12 secure lockable storage rooms or cages
- Minimum 5m x 5m each
- Additional space required for other equipment storage

### Spectator Capacity

- One court with minimum 2000 capacity including accessible seating
- Second court with minimum 200 capacity including accessible seating

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation must be provided for all registered participants. All accommodation should be minimum 3-star standard hotel-style. Room availability should be a minimum of 136 double-occupancy rooms and 20 single-occupancy rooms.

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All rooms for athletes and at least 25% of rooms for other participants must be wheelchair accessible or able to be adapted to allow wheelchair access. Hotel facilities must be wheelchair accessible and generally suitable for people with physical disabilities. There must be a minimum of two elevators serving every floor where participants will be accommodated.

If multiple hotels are to be used for accommodation, all must be of the same general standard.

A separate 3 to 4 star standard hotel should be available for family and friends to book at their own expense.

### MEETING ROOMS

Meeting rooms must be available for teams and officials throughout the entire event. There should be a minimum of 4 meeting spaces available at all times. Meeting space should be at the host hotel and/or training and competition venue with convenient access.

### TECHNOLOGY

The competition venue and office areas should include wireless Internet access for staff and officials. WWR personnel should have access to printing and photocopy facilities on site.

The LOC should provide a communication system, e.g. radio or mobile phone, for LOC and WWR senior management team.

### TRANSPORTATION

The host will cover the cost of return airfare for WWR International Technical Officials and WWR Representatives (up to 36 persons).

Accessible transportation will be provided between ports of entry and the host hotel for all participants. Arriving personnel should wait no more than 90 minutes before transport leaves to the accommodation. Departing personnel should not arrive at the airport more than 3 hours prior to flight departure times.

Accessible transportation must be provided between the host hotel and training and competition venues. This should include scheduled transportation for teams and officials, as well as a regular shuttle service throughout the day. The time to travel between the host hotel and training and competition venue should be no more than 30 minutes.

At least five vehicles must be provided for the use of the WWR Board and staff, Classifiers and Officials for the duration of the event. These must have the capacity to transport wheelchair users.

### FOOD SERVICES

The host must provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for all participants throughout the duration of the event. Food service should begin with lunch on Day 1 (Arrivals) and should not end prior to lunch on Day 10 (Departures). Food services must be nutritious and varied.

The host must provide water and nutritious snacks for teams and officials at the competition venue. This should be provided in the appropriate locations e.g. athletes' lounge, officials lounge, and office areas.

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### **MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The host must provide an event website at least one year out from the official start of the event. Media services must be available to print, TV and photographers.

The host must provide full video coverage of all competition courts, with video made available for webcast, broadcast, and for teams to record. At least one court must be setup for multiple camera webcast/broadcast with commentary.

Minimum broadcast (live stream) requirements: 1 single camera (HD 1080p with 3-5x zoom capability) installed at center court facing crowd (if possible). Inclusion of scoreboard graphics and time clock is required. English commentary required. Main distribution: WWR YouTube channel with assistance from WWR staffing.

### **ANTIDOPING**

Doping control will be conducted at the event. The LOC in consultation with the WWR is responsible for liaison with the appropriate National Anti-doping Organization to conduct sample collection and analysis. WWR will direct the number and type of tests to be done and will be the results management authority for the event. The costs of doping control will be paid by the LOC.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

As host, consider how you can include sustainability initiatives throughout the planning and delivery phases of this event.

### **TEST EVENT**

Hosting a test event would be advantageous 12 to 16 months prior to the event. This should be a tournament for at least eight teams and must meet all technical requirements of the World Championship. It should be held in the same venues proposed for the event. The LOC may charge a registration fee for participation in this event.

### **BUDGET**

The WWR is providing a budget template for your reference. Please note registration fees for the Championship should be no higher than US \$2500 per registered participant (team athletes and staff).

As a reference point please note previous world championship budgets have totaled between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 (USD). If you have more questions on the budget please contact Tim Johnson, WWR Competitions Working Group Lead via [tim.johnson@worldwheelchair.rugby](mailto:tim.johnson@worldwheelchair.rugby)