
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



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- One of nine single day SA Challenge sport tournaments
- Teams from UniSA, Flinders University and the University of Adelaide
- Sixth year delivering wheelchair basketball





HOW IT STARTED

- Introduced in 2020 following an SA Challenge sport review
- Change in sports centre flooring provided opportunity for accessible sports



STUDENT RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

BOTH WHEELCHAIR USERS AND NON-WHEELCHAIR USERS

- Met with UniSA Manager: Access & Inclusion
- Allied Health & Human Performance – WAVES program (formerly Invictus Pathways Program)
- Course Coordinators – Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- Access Guild Club (Student Association Club)
- South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association
- Athlete Development Program (ADP) points system
- Incorporated wheelchair sports into other events – Inclusive Sport Event, Wurringka Wellbeing Event for UniSA Aboriginal students
- Hired wheelchairs for activations at campus events – Orientation, Campus Fair
- Word of mouth (peer to peer)

COMMUNICATIONS

Made it clear it's open to ALL students.

"No experience or equipment is required for this event. The tournament is open to all students, wheelchair users and non-wheelchair users. Time will be allocated for warm up/drills on the day to allow all students to familiarise themselves with the sports wheelchairs prior to the games commencing"





EQUIPMENT

SPORTS WHEELCHAIRS

- Hired from SANFL & Novita
- Low cost ~ \$160.00 including delivery for 10 chairs
- Flinders Uni Sport & Fitness purchased some wheelchairs

MODIFICATIONS

- Allowing sport staff to make up the numbers, or combined teams on occasions
- Reducing team number (4-a-side)
- Reducing the number of teams (1 match between 2 universities)
- Modified rules to protect player safety and protect equipment (non-contact)



ACCOMMODATIONS / ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



- Venue accessibility – automatic doors, ramps, lifts, accessible bathrooms
- At point of registration, asking students if they need any assistance to participate
- Allowing time for warm up drills/skills
- Communicate to participants that if they require assistance transferring from a wheelchair to a sports wheelchair, they are encouraged to bring a companion on the day

OUTCOMES



- Successful delivery for five continuous years
- Some students have subsequently entered the SA Wheelchair Basketball Association social competition
- Word of mouth was particularly effective last year. UniSA and Flinders University had teams of eight or more students
- Many students who have played previously have returned to play again