I. SELECTION SYSTEM

A. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1. Citizenship:

   Athletes must be United States citizens at the time of nomination with a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the respective Games.

2. Minimum International Federation (IF) IWBF standards for participation (if any):

   N/A

3. Other requirements (if any):

   • Paralympic Classification – At the time of nomination to the Team an athlete must have International Paralympic Committee (IPC) recognized Classification for the competition class in which she would be qualified for the Team. A brief description of the pertinent classification is in (Attachment 1). If there has been no opportunity for the athlete to be internationally classified, the athlete must be evaluated by USOC medical and Paralympic staff and determined likely to classify in the sport class in which he would be qualified for the Team; provided that athletes with an international sport class status of N-New are allowable for entry on the official team nomination into these Games. We will have an international classifier at trials and that person renders their best decision as to what the class of said player would be.

   • Athletes must be active players on a National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) or International Wheelchair
Basketball Federation (IWBF) member club team during 2010-2011.

- Athletes must be members in good standing with the NWBA.

B. Tryout Events:

1. Provide the event names, dates and location of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

   2011 Parapan American Games Team Trials (“Trials”) - Women
   June 16-19 2011
   Lakeshore Foundation – Birmingham, AL

2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for any “preliminary or qualifying” events or procedures that are prerequisites to attend any of the trials, events or camps listed above in B. 1 (if any).

   The Head Coach and the “Talent Pool” Committee (4-6 people set up regionally by the Head Coach from the collegiate and women’s division who have direct contact or knowledge of potential players for the National Team) will work together to select and invite athletes to the 2011 Parapan American Games Team Trials. The athletes will be selected based on their performance during the 2010-11 basketball season. The Head Coach may also solicit input from other NWBA coaches to determine other athletes appropriate for invitation. These names of the athletes selected for invitation to the Trials will be posted on NWBA website, www.nwba.org, 45 days prior to the start of the Trials. Players interested in attending the Trials who were not on the posted invitation list have 14 days from when the selection/invitation list was posted to write or email the Head Coach and apply for the Trials by sending the Head Coach their bio and/or film of themselves while in play for consideration. The final invitation list will be posted at NWBA’s website, www.nwba.org, 30 days prior to the Trials.

C. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that
explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (including maximum Team size).

Invitation to Trials

Once the final invitation list has been determined the Head Coach will issue invitations directly to athletes, the list of invited athletes will be distributed in the NWBA e-newsletter, and the list of invited athletes will be posted at www.nwba.org.

Player Selection at Trials

At the Trials, candidates will participate in drills and scrimmages that will give them a chance to demonstrate their individual fundamental skills and their ability to play within the staff’s playing system. The Selection Committee (see I.D.) will evaluate players during all sessions of the trials on the specific skills and characteristics listed in (Attachment 2).

Recognizing that a Team is more than the skills brought by its individual players, the Selection Committee will consider the mix of players (positions, skills, classifications, experience, match-up vs. international opponents, etc.) as well as player qualities beyond technical skills that contribute to a Team’s success. The coaching staff will record their consideration of these other factors which include:

1. **Teamwork**: The willingness to accept a role that leads to team success.
2. **Positive Attitude**: Exhibiting enthusiasm and support of teammates.
3. **Versatility**: Exhibiting a balance between offensive and defensive skills as well as the ability to play multiple positions and fulfill multiple roles.
4. **Maturity**: Exhibiting an ability to adjust to various situations and dealing with adversity. Adjusting to situations that are not going well and reacting appropriately.
5. **Coachability**: Exhibiting the ability to process and incorporate input from the coaching staff.
6. **Experience**: Number of years on the team and number of matches played.
Selection of Players Not in Attendance at Trials

A player who has been a member of the 2004, 2008 Paralympic Games Team or the 2006, 2010 World Championships Team who is injured, ill, or otherwise prevented from participation in the Trials may be nominated to the Team as well as player who is contracted overseas.

The criteria for these players will be the same with the exception that the Selection Committee will use historical knowledge of the player rather than his/her performance at the Trials.

Selection to 2011 Parapan American Women’s Team

The Women’s USA 2011 Parapan Team will be made up of those 12 players that have best met all of the criteria above, and give USA the best opportunity to succeed at the 2011 Parapan American Games. Up to six players not selected for the final 12 will be considered replacements for Parapan American Women’s Team. If one of the final 12 is unable to compete, one of the replacements will replace her based on classification, and team need.

D. Provide the names of all committees/groups who oversee the selection process, including the names and titles of the current members.

Women’s Team Selection Committee
David Kiley, Head Coach
Miles Thompson, Assistant Coach
Matt Buchi, Assistant Coach
Pam Fontaine, Coach Lady Mavericks
Christina Ripp, Athlete Representative

II. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

A. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

The sport of basketball is not a measured or timed event. In the selection of athletes who will compete together as a team, it is impossible to make selection decisions based solely on objective criteria. It is the belief of National Wheelchair Basketball Association that the selection criteria set out in (Attachment 2), which includes subjective components in the evaluation
of performance and ability will result in the selection of the very best athletes to comprise the best Team. Discretionary Selection is not a separate process but is a part of the Team selection process.

B. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

See Section I.C.

C. Discretionary Selection Committee

Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members currently serving on the committee and their titles:

See Section I.D.

III. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

A. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC, NWBA has jurisdiction over potential nominees. An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by NWBA, may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by NWBA:

- Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the NWBA Executive Director.
- Injury or illness as certified by an approved NWBA physician (or medical staff). If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by an approved NWBA physician (or medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.
- Violation of the NWBA Code of Conduct (Attachment 3).
- Re-classification of the athlete by the IPC, such that the athlete’s qualifying performance would not have qualified him/her for the Team.

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to this provision has the right to a hearing per the NGB/PSO’s Bylaws, Article 13 (http://www.nwba.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=53&Itemid=111) or the USOC’s Bylaws, Section 9.
B. After acceptance of nominations by the USOC, the USOC has jurisdiction over the Team under the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures. This occurs no earlier than 45 days and no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremonies of the Games (unless expressly waived by the USOC).

A Team member who is accepted by the USOC is subject to the USOC Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures.

C. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team at any time for violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as applicable. In such instances, the adjudication process will be managed through the United States Anti-Doping Agency.

IV. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

A. Describe the process by which the replacement pool of athletes will be identified:

See Section I.C.

B. Describe how the replacement athlete(s) will be selected, should a vacancy occur:

i. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Based on specific team needs, the Head Coach will submit the recommendation to the Selection Committee (I.D.) which will then make the nomination.

ii. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:

Based on specific team needs, the Head Coach will submit the recommendation to the Selection Committee (I.D.) which will then make the nomination.

C. Identify the group or committee that will be responsible for making athlete replacement determinations:

i. Group or committee who determines the replacement pool:

See Section I.D.
ii. Group or committee who determines a replacement to the Team:
   
   a. prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOC:
      
      See Section I.D.
      
   b. after acceptance of nominations by the USOC:
      
      Prior to Departure see Section I.D.
      
      After Departure – The Head Coach

V. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NWBA will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Parapan American Games and are included as attachments:

- NWBA Code of Conduct for Paralympic National Teams and Programs (Attachment 3)

VII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by the NWBA in the following locations and will include the USOC approval date:

A. NGB/PSO Web site: www.nwba.org and www.usparalympics.org
   
   These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOC.

B. NGB/PSO Official Publication (if any):
Notification of the procedures and website location will be published in the NWBA e-newsletter and the U.S. Paralympics e-newsletter, upon approval and for the three (3) months prior to the Trials.

C. Other: N/A

VIII. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including replacements, will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOC on: on or before August 22, 2011

IX. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

There will be mandatory training/competitions. The training and competitions dates and locations will be posted on www.nwba.org no later than June 30, 2011 and no later than 30 days prior to the event.

While waivers for this mandatory training will not be unreasonably withheld, waivers will primarily be granted only for illness, injury or other incapacity, or for personal/family emergency. All candidates for the team should arrange for appropriate time off from school, work or other obligations well in advance of team activities. Requests for a waiver may be submitted in writing to the Head Coach, Team Leader, and the NWBA Executive Director for review. A response to all requests will be issued to the athlete within 72 hours of the request.

X. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, IPC, PASO, WADA, IF, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

XI. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for
creating these Selection Procedures:

Todd Hatfield, Executive Director, NWBA
David Kiley, Head Coach
Christina Ripp, Athlete Representative

XII. NGB/PSO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The NWBA Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

XIII. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IWBF rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC, IPC, PASO, as applicable, and/or IWBF rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to NWBA. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOC.

XIV. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by NWBA may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John W. Ruger, by:

- Toll free telephone at (888) ATHLETE (1-888-284-5383)
- E-mail at john.ruger@usoc.org
- www.888athlete.org

XV. NGB/PSO SIGNATURES

I certify that I have read, understand and incorporated our IF and/or CF (PAG only), if applicable, standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures and that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by NWBA.
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*If USOC AAC Representative has delegated authority to the Alternate AAC Representative to sign the Selection Procedures, attach a letter from the AAC Representative indicating the reason he/she has delegated authority.

*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB/PSO. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance representative.
Attachment 1

IWBF Classification Overview

Classification Philosophy:
Wheelchair basketball classification is based on the players’ functional capacity to complete the skills necessary to play – pushing, pivoting, shooting, rebounding, dribbling, passing and catching. It is not an assessment of a player’s level of skill, merely their functional capacity to complete the task.

In particular, the trunk movement and stability observed during these actual basketball situations, forms the basis for the assignment of a player to a particular class.

Classes:
Players are assigned points as their classification – 1, 2, 3, and 4 are the recognized classes, with 0.5 classes between for the exceptional cases which do not fit exactly into one class, and the 4.5 category for the player with least or minimal disability.

Team Balance:
The total number of points allowed on court at any time is 14.0. That is, the total points of all five players actually playing. If a coach allows the team to have over 14.0 points, they will incur a technical foul on the bench.

Volume of Action:
Classes are defined according to players’ “volume of action”. Each class has a clearly defined maximal volume of action, which the player may exhibit. The volume of action refers to the extremes to which a player’s trunk stability will allow them to reach, without holding on to the wheelchair, before overbalancing.

Minimal Disability:
In order to play wheelchair basketball under the auspices of the IWBF, players must meet certain eligibility standards regarding their disability. The IWBF thus asks that a player have at least the “minimal disability” to be eligible to play wheelchair basketball.

For acceptance in the IWBF a wheelchair basketball player must meet the following criteria:

a) A wheelchair basketball player is unable to run, pivot or jump at a speed and with the control, safety, stability and endurance of an able-bodied player.
b) A wheelchair basketball player has a permanent physical disability in the lower limb(s) which can be objectively verified by acknowledged medical and/or paramedical investigations such as measurement, x-ray, CT, MRI, etc.
ATTACHMENT 2

Specific Skills Checklist

1. Ball handling skills
   o can dribble the ball with dominant and non-dominant hand while moving
   o can pass with dominant and non-dominant hand
   o uses a variety of passes
   o can pass to all classes
   o passes away from the defense

2. Chair skills
   o speed: top end
   o moves chair under control
   o quickness: ability to get started from a stopped position and get to top end speed
   o ability to change directions
   o ability to avoid contact
   o ability to use proper angles

3. Shooting
   o accuracy
   o range
   o can shoot with non-dominant hand
   o free throws: can they make the shot

4. Offense
   o Picking:
     ▪ do they pick?
     ▪ do they use proper pick mechanics
     ▪ do they set good picks?
     ▪ how do they read the court?
   o Team Player
     ▪ how do they work with others?
     ▪ are they working 1x1 or within the offense?
     ▪ do they make 2x2 reads?
     ▪ do they make 3x3 reads?
     ▪ do they read the other side of the court?
     ▪ will they work to get someone else the shot?
     ▪ are they looking for the best shot or their shot?

5. Defense
   o 1 on 1
- chair position
- communicating with others

  o Half Court (2x2, 3x3, 5x5)
  - switching
  - communicating with others
  - aggressive, but smart
  - identifies threats
  - can execute a triangle switch
  - Ballside/Helpside defensive principles

  o Full Court
  - ability to stay with other players in the full court
  - communicating with others
  - sees teammates, opponents, ball
  - identifies threats

6. Conversion

  o Defensive
  - gets back quickly
  - immediately helps teammates get back
  - communicates with teammates
  - quickly locates ball, opponents, ball
  - quickly locates threats
  - fills proper position
  - quickly recognizes numerical disadvantages

  o Offensive
  - blocks out
  - quickly becomes an outlet
  - outlet passes with either hand
  - recognizes when to power dribble
  - crosses down the court
  - immediately rubs off defenders for teammates
  - looks to back pick
  - fills correct lanes
  - can handle ball with either hand
  - quickly recognizes court balance
  - communicates with teammates
  - recognizes numerical superiority

7. Overall skills to look for:

  o athleticism
  o communication skills-hustle
  o unselfishness
  o rub-offs
  o positive attitude toward own performance
7. Other factors:

1. **Teamwork:** The willingness to accept a role that leads to team success.
2. **Positive Attitude:** Exhibiting enthusiasm and support of teammates.
3. **Versatility:** Exhibiting a balance between offensive and defensive skills as well as the ability to play multiple positions and fulfill multiple roles.
4. **Maturity:** Exhibiting an ability to adjust to various situations and dealing with adversity. Adjusting to situations that are not going well and reacting appropriately.
5. **Coachability:** Exhibiting the ability to process and incorporate input from the coaching staff.
6. **Experience:** Number of years on the team and number of matches played.
NATIONAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NWBA) CODE OF CONDUCT

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers a guide to my conduct as a member of any NWBA team. (the “Team”).

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition to play in the NWBA.

As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:

- Have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct; physically, emotionally and verbally.
- Am a member in good standing with the NWBA
- Am eligible to compete under the rules of the NWBA;
- Will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to play basketball;
- Will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Will respect members of the NWBA, my team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates and the NWBA; and
- Will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my team and the NWBA.

PARTICIPANTS’ AFFIRMATION

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

Signature
Date

Team Representative
Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION
(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)

Signature
Date
Relationship (Parent or Guardian)