



## Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India (WBFI)

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This official statement is being issued with the approval of the Executive Committee of the WBFI. This is necessitated because some individuals are using social media to spread views about the WBFI and its governance which are not only defamatory but also based on incorrect facts and misplaced perceptions.

WBFI and the sports of Wheelchair Basketball in India is, work in progress and it will take a lot of effort and time to achieve the best for all stakeholders. How-ever the intent and the mission is clear and we hope people can align with this endeavor in a positive and selfless spirit. While constructive criticism is always accepted, inaccuracies, insinuations and falsehoods only serve to detract from the ideals we hope to achieve.

The WBFI has been working tirelessly to uplift the sport for the disabled and has taken all possible steps to ensure transparent governance. Some facts which would place things in perspective are as follows:

1. WBFI was registered under the Tamil Nadu Registration Act in Oct. 2014
2. WBFI is registered under Income Tax Act Sections 12AA and 80G.
3. WBFI strictly adheres to accounting standards. Our accounts are audited and we are up to date with our financial statements.
4. WBFI have been submitting financial returns to Registrar's office, Society of Registration.
5. WBFI does not have FCRA registration yet and we are working towards obtaining the same. Our resource mobilization has been severely constrained because of not having FCRA. Despite these constraints we have continued to maintain momentum solely by mobilizing local funding sources and using financial mechanisms that fully comply with regulations.
6. WBFI received IWBFI (International Wheelchair Basketball Federation) affiliation in 2015.
7. WBFI is also affiliated to PCI (Paralympic Committee of India) since December 2014
8. WBFI has been arranging preparatory camps across India to introduce the sport and attract more players. Till now we have reached out to 19 States. We endeavor to collaborate with local DPOs / NGOs and State Govts for arranging these camps.
9. We recognize the technical nature of the sport and have arranged courses exclusively for coaches/referees/classifiers
10. Since beginning in 2014, WBFI has organized 5 National Championships.
11. So far we have been able to introduce this sport to around 500 persons with disabilities in India.
12. Wherever we organize an event we pay deep attention to accessibility issues and despite severe challenges we engage strongly with the agencies to ensure accessible premises including accessibility sporting facilities, transportation, accommodation, etc to the maximum extent possible with our limited resources.
13. We aspire to acquire National Sports Federation status with Government of India and have already started the process. We are working towards fulfilling the requirements specified by Government of India to be eligible for NSF status
14. As a National Federation, we strongly believe and remain committed to developing capacity of State level associations to promote the sport. In this connection, we conducted a Symposium for state WCBBI association executive committee members, and will continue such efforts. We have been encouraging State associations to register with their respective State Govt Society of Registration and apply for affiliation with WBFI.
15. For us player development is at the centre of our activities and since inception besides national level technical camps and championships, we have been regular in ensuring our players get to participate in international tournaments. Our dream is to have an Indian team participate in 2024 Paralympics.