

*Dublin Officials Association Seminar – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2011*



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# Irish Wheelchair Association-Sport



- Promote opportunities for athletes with a physical disability to participate in wheelchair basketball...



# Participation Progress to date...

- **Regional Club Development**
- **National League Division One**
- **National League Division Two (Development/Juniors)**
- **Central Venue for League Participation (IWA Clontarf)**
- **Able-Bodied Club Affiliation –  
(Fr. Matthews; Galway Titans; Clonaslee and Killester...)**
- **International Team**

# National League – key areas for improvement

- Referees
- Coaches
- Table Officials
- Profile of Wheelchair Basketball



# Some recent examples of Partnership

- Basketball Ireland – Memorandum of Understanding
- BI and IWA-Sport Hosted European Championships 2007
- Deborah McArdle – Table Official of Irish Wheelchair Basketball League
- Eddie Guilmartin – IWA-Sport Referee and Conversion Course Tutor



# Inclusion

- Our own inclusion philosophy covers the participation of athletes with and without a physical disability in our National League



# Purpose of presentation with regard to Wheelchair Basketball

- Creates a clear pathway for the development of Wheelchair Basketball
- Encourage new Referees thus enabling Nationwide League Participation
- Create a stronger link between IWA-Sport and Basketball Ireland and its' Referees
- This leads to the development of further participation and the possibility of regional, national and elite athletes for the future.
- Domino Effect – wider exposure leads to wider participation which in turn leads to more athletes being involved in the sport of Basketball
- N.B. Wheelchair Basketball is Basketball...

## Future Benefit of Referee Partnership:

- Nationwide League Format
- Increases Public Profile
- N.B. This cannot be achieved without you!





# Referee Conversion Course



Date: Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Venue: IWA Clontarf, Clontarf, Dublin 3.

Time: 12pm Start

Tutor: Eddie Guilmartin

No Fee

Lunch is provided

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Thank you for your time!  
Questions?