



THE DAILY NEWS

2008 Canada Cup Newsletter

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Welcome!

We welcome the world to British Columbia, Metro Vancouver, and more specifically, Burnaby! We hope that all of you - IWRF delegates, officials, spectators and of course, the International athletes and their families and friends. The 2008 Canada Cup promises to be one of the most exciting events on this year's sports calendar. The fact that everyone seems to have the Beijing Paralympics on their minds just adds to the excitement!



We hope you will have the opportunity to take in the many sights and sounds of the Vancouver area while you are here. If there is any assistance we can give you during your stay, our Organizing Committee members and volunteers are here to look after you.

The 2008 Canada Cup is just a taste of what is in store for September, 2010 when the BC Wheelchair Sports Association (BCWSA) and the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association (CWSA) host the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships at the Richmond Olympic Oval in Richmond, BC. We hope you have already marked that on your calendar.

Good luck to everyone!

Gail Hamamoto
Tournament Chair

Tournament Social & Banquet

A Welcome Social will be hosted for team staff, officials, classifiers and special guests

on Friday, June 27nd from 20:00 – 22:00 in the Baccarat Room at the Hilton hotel. We hope you will all join us! The Tournament Banquet will be held Sunday, June 29th in the Crystal Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel hotel, with a reception beginning at 6pm and dinner at 7pm.

Media Day

Members of the local media participated in a “friendly” mini-media game to kick off the coverage of the Canada Cup. We sincerely thank members of the various competing teams who volunteered their services to take part in the game, enjoyed by all.

Doping Control

Please be advised that as per the requirements of IWAS and IWRF sanctioned tournaments of this size, doping control tests will be carried out by accredited doping control officers from the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) on Sunday, June 29th, following the gold medal game.

Physiotherapy & Massage Therapy

These services will be provided specific times during the tournament by professionals volunteering their time in support of the event. Please inquire at the Tournament Information Table at the gym for more information regarding sign up for these services.

Canada Cup Action Live on the Web

Beginning Saturday evening the world will be able to view, in their entirety, two of the premier games played earlier in the day, courtesy of Xable.com, the interactive media network for the disability community. Same day video coverage will also be provided for the final three games on Sunday. Colour commentary and a running analysis of the games will be provided by wheelchair rugby experts. The games may be viewed by following the Xable link at www.bcwheelchairsports.com.

