

**COUNTRY:** JAPAN  
**TEAM NAME:** Japan  
**TEAM COLOURS:** Black & Red  
**IWRF WORLD RANKING:** 6



INTERNATIONAL  
WHEELCHAIR  
**RUGBY**  
*Canada Cup*

**TEAM PROFILE:**

Japan's wheelchair rugby team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2001, 2003 and 2005 Oceania Zone Championships. Ranked 8<sup>th</sup> going into the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens, they finished in 8<sup>th</sup> spot behind Germany. In 2006 they also finished 8<sup>th</sup> at the 2006 Canada Cup, and 5<sup>th</sup> at the 2006 World Championships. At the 2007 Oceania Wheelchair Rugby Championships they lost to New Zealand in the Bronze medal game, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position.

**TEAM MEMBERS:**

Name	Class	Number
TAKAHASHI, Yoshinobu	0.5	1
OGINO, Koichi	1.0	5
KAWANO, Shunsuke	1.5	12
MISAKA, Hiroyuki	2.0	6
MUROHASHI, Takuo	2.0	6
SATO, Yoshito	2.0	10
TAMURA, Manabu	2.5	9
NAKAZATO, Shin	2.5	11
FUJISHIMA, Shingo	3.0	7
SHIMAKAWA, Shinichi	3.0	4
NAGAYASU, Yu	3.5	3

**COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF:**

Name	Title/Role
SHIOZAWA, Yasuo	Head Coach
AOYAGI, Daisuke	Assistant Coach
SHIOZAWA, Mayumi	Team Manager
SHIMIZU, Kevin	Interpreter / Trainer
KAWABATA, Shinya	Support Staff
ENDO, Chieko	Support Staff
YAMADA, Sakiko	Support Staff
TAKAHASHI, Akiko	Support Staff