

COUNTRY: NEW ZEALAND

TEAM NAME: New Zealand
Wheel Blacks



INTERNATIONAL
WHEELCHAIR
RUGBY
Canada Cup

TEAM COLOURS: Black & Silver/Grey

IWRF WORLD RANKING: 5

TEAM PROFILE:

The Wheel Blacks won a Bronze medal at their first competition at the inaugural World Championships in Switzerland in 1995. Since then they have medalled in every Paralympic Games and World Championship with the exception of 2002 when they finished 6th in Sweden. Two years later they won the gold medal at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens,

In 2006, in their home country, the Wheel Blacks won Silver at the World Wheelchair Rugby Championships and also won Silver at the 2006 Canada Cup. They added another Silver to their medal count at the 2007 Oceania Wheelchair Rugby Championships in Australia.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Name	Class	Number
1. WAITE, Jai	1.0	5
2. WAKEFORD, Adam	1.0R	14
3. KLINKHAMER, David	1.5	11
4. JOHNSON, Tim	2.0	7
5. TAYLOR, Sholto	2.0	4
6. TINKER, Jeremy	2.0	5
7. PALMER, Curtis	2.5	2
8. BUCKINGHAM, Dan	3.0	13

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF:

Name	Title/Role
1. SHARMAN, Grant	Coach / Manager
2. MITCHELL, Greg	Assistant Coach / Manager
3. MITCHELL, Debra	Support Staff
4. TINKER, Cathy	Support Staff
5. OLSEN, Kurt	Support Staff
6. HEALY, Jason	Support Staff
7. CORBAN, Rod	Support Staff