



Rugby Nationals - Ottawa

We are proud to be involved with Rugby Nationals again this year and the Judy Zelman Award, hosted in the Nations Capital at the University of Ottawa. Patrice Dagenais, President of the Ottawa Stingers, with the organizing committee and the National President Laurel Crosby have passed along their thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers who will be working tirelessly all weekend (May 3-5) to ensure everyone has a great experience. They have shared their appreciation for the support of Wheelchair Rugby Canada by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport of Ontario, 49 Bespoke, Permobil, Dale Medical Products, NCSCD and the Title Sponsor, Vesco Metal Craft. They also thank all the other sponsors who helped make this event possible.

Wheelchair Rugby Canada is the national governing body for the Canadian Heritage Sport of wheelchair rugby.

Wheelchair Rugby Canada strives to be a world-leader in wheelchair rugby, a respected advocate for wheelchair athletes and a visionary organization committed to excellence in programs from recruitment to retirement.

There are five (5) teams in Division 1 and six (6) teams in Division 2. All information is on the web site here: <https://wheelchairrugby.ca> and see the schedule here.



OTTAWA 2019

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DIVISION 1				DIVISION 2			
Ontario Thunder (ON 1) Alberta Roughnecks (AB 1) Québec A (QC 1) Ontario Lightning (ON 2) Team BC (BC 1)				Ontario Storm (ON 3) Québec B (QC 2) New Brunswick (NB) Ontario Hurricanes (ON 4) BC Development (BC 2) Alberta Bighorns (AB 2)			
COURT 1				COURT 2			
FRIDAY, MAY 3 RD				FRIDAY, MAY 3 RD			
TIME	#	HOME	AWAY	TIME	#	HOME	AWAY
10:00	1	ON 3	BC 2	10:00	2	QC 2	NB
11:30 OPENING CEREMONIES				11:30 OPENING CEREMONIES			
12:00	3	ON 1	QC 1	12:00	4	AB 1	ON 2
13:45	5	ON 3	AB 2	13:45	6	ON 4	BC 2
15:30	7	ON 1	BC 1	15:30	8	ON 2	QC 1
17:15	9	ON 4	QC 2	17:15	10	AB 2	NB
SATURDAY, MAY 4 TH				SATURDAY, MAY 4 TH			
TIME	#	HOME	AWAY	TIME	#	HOME	AWAY
10:00	11	QC 1	BC 1	10:00	12	ON 3	ON 4
11:45	13	ON 1	AB 1	11:45	14	QC 2	BC 2
13:30	15	BC 1	ON 2	13:30	16	ON 3	NB
15:15	17	QC 1	AB 1	15:15	18	ON 4	AB 2
17:00	19	ON 1	ON 2	17:00	20	NB	BC 2
SUNDAY, MAY 5 TH				SUNDAY, MAY 5 TH			
TIME	#	HOME	AWAY	TIME	#	HOME	AWAY
09:30	21	AB 1	BC 1	09:30	22	QC 2	AB 2
11:15	DIV 1 BRONZE	3 RD PLACE	4 TH PLACE	11:15	24	ON 4	NB
13:00	25	ON 3	QC 2	13:00	26	AB 2	BC 2
14:45	DIV 1 GOLD	1 ST PLACE	2 ND PLACE				

Abilities EXPO Toronto



We participated in the third annual Abilities Expo April 5-7, 2019 and were pleased to see 3076 attendees or a 55% increase in the attendance at the show! This bodes well for the work that Caneast and Abilities are doing and compliments the support that the manufacturers have provided to this event. Now, I am sure that the next push is going to be for the dealer network to be more supportive (after all it is their

customers that attend this event) and the prescriber base to ensure that they are tuned into the needs and wants of the folks that they are serving.

It is not very often that you have a show that does not charge admission, has free parking, and encourages all exhibitors to provide sales of their products whether it be demo or refurbished merchandise, company memorabilia, or retail daily living items. And, who can top our on site repair and tire service or the Permobil service, parts and repairs to folks using their equipment!

BATEC Models



There are eight Batec models that we are working with: BATEC MINI, BATEC ELECTRIC, BATEC ELECTRIC 2, BATEC SCRAMBLER, BATEC URBAN, BATEC

RAPID, BATEC MANUAL and BATEC HYBRID. We have a compare and choose document on our web site and the international site to compare aspects of the Batec line of products.

All the Batec models have the same anchoring system, same type of structure, and varying power systems:

- BATEC MINI: powered by an electric motor on the 16" front wheel.
- BATEC ELECTRIC: powered by an electric motor on the 20" front wheel.
- BATEC ELECTRIC 2: powered by an electric motor on the 18" front wheel.
- BATEC SCRAMBLER: powered by an electric motor on the 19" front wheel (all terrain).
- BATEC URBAN: powered by an electric motor on the 20" front wheel.
- BATEC RAPID: powered by an electric motor on the 20" front wheel.
- BATEC MANUAL: powered by hand pedals on a 20" wheel.
- BATEC HYBRID: powered by a combination of an electric motor on the front wheel and hand pedals on a 20" wheel.

All eight (8) Batec models are designed for users with full hand function in their standard configuration.

For users without full hand function, we have controls sold under the name **QUAD**.

For users who only have functional difficulties in one of their upper limbs, we offer controls sold under the name **HEMI**.

VARILITE® @ Nationals

Cascade Designs manufacture and market innovative, lightweight, user-friendly postural support systems through their medical division VARILITE®. This year in our support of Wheelchair Rugby Canada Nationals, we have provided seven (7) VARILITE® ZOID cushions and ten (10) travel seats. Does anyone remember this image below that was at trade shows and in thousands of publications?

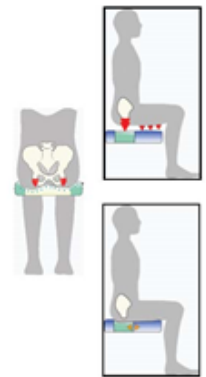


VARILITE® cushions come in widths from 10" to 24" and are tested to 750 pounds in the largest sizes.

Their "Air-Foam Floatation Technology" combines the best characteristics of air and foam.

VARILITE® Products excel in these areas, meeting and exceeding end user and prescriber expectations:

- 49 Pressure distribution
- 49 Postural support
- 49 Vibration reduction
- 49 Light weight
- 49 Low maintenance



Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities Toronto April 5-7, International Center;
- 49 19th Annual Access Ability Show April 18 Oakville, ON;
- 49 Rugby National Championships May 3-5, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Connections May 16 Living Arts Ctr. Mississauga, ON;
- 49 Accessible Technology Expo May 30 Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Access Expo June 7-8 at Variety Village, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) Sept 10 Richmond, BC;
- 49 Prairie Heart Show September 17 Regina, SK;
- 49 MEDiChair Show September 19 Saskatoon, SK;
- 49 Rehacare in Dusseldorf, Germany September 18-21.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability.

We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. Comments are welcome. Have a great Abilities Expo Toronto!