
“Hill on Wheels”

Wheelchair Basketball Team

Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital is proud to sponsor the “Hill on Wheels” Wheelchair Basketball Team. “Hill on Wheels” is a community-based team that provides an opportunity for individuals with a permanent lower extremity disability to play basketball in a competitive environment. The team was founded in 2002.

“Hill on Wheels” is a Division III member of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. The team has been extremely successful in its short history, capturing its first Division III National Championship Title in 2008.

The National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) was founded after WWII when many soldiers were returning with physical disabilities. In an effort to provide recreation and athletics to these individuals, leagues started forming at VA hospitals around the country and soon expanded into the community. Women, junior and intercollegiate leagues followed and the NWBA now hosts over 180 teams throughout the United States and Canada.

The game is played according to NCAA rules with a few exceptions. Each player is assigned a classification number I, II or III depending on his/her disability - each team may have only 11 points on the floor at one time. The wheelchair is considered a part of the player so fouls are called accordingly. The player has 3 seconds in the lane, and the player must dribble after two pushes of the wheelchair or it is considered a travel. The “Hill on Wheels” season follows the NCAA session with practice beginning in September. Games are played October through April. Regular season and post-season tournaments are played locally, regionally and nationally.

“Hill on Wheels” is always looking for new players. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact us.

Donations

Hill on Wheels welcomes donations from the community to assist in acquiring wheelchair parts, travel, equipment and facility rental. If you are interested in donating, please contact Cindy Jacobelli at caj2@cardinalhill.org or call (859) 254-5701, ext. 5642.

For more information regarding athletics or recreation activities sponsored through Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital, please e-mail the Director of Athletics and Recreation Cindy Jacobelli at caj2@cardinalhill.org or call 859-254-5701 ext. 5642.

