



Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

Wheelchair Rounders

Induction Pack



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Introduction

This pack outlines the aims and objectives of Lincolnshire Sports Partnership's Wheelchair Rounders Project.

The aim of Wheelchair Rounders is to develop an inclusive game of rounders for disabled and non-disabled participants to experience the game together on an equal playing field.

This pack will provide you with information about the game, the equipment and the competition.

Attached to this pack is the Rounders England Disability Pack – “Adapting the Game”. This pack will give you more details about the rules of the game and will also support schools to carry on playing indoor or outdoor rounders even if the wheelchairs are not at your school.

Lincolnshire is the first county in England to have Wheelchair Rounders so with your support this could be a very successful project.

About the game

Wheelchair Rounders can be played in either a manual chair or a powerchair. There are also ways of adapting the game to include players not in wheelchairs, for example these players can only walk or have to be on the posts.

If a player is playing in a powerchair please give them a maximum speed of three but adapt this to slower level if needed to make the game fair for everyone.

Carers are allowed to help. There can only be five carers /helpers on the pitch at any one time.

Teams can consist of six players plus an umpire on each team.

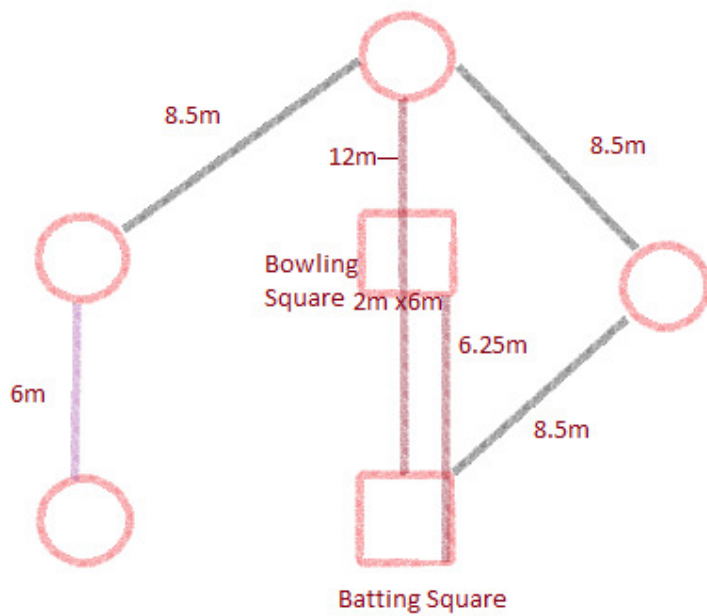
The umpire's roles are to keep the score and call no balls.

Wheelchair Rounders will be played indoors so will need to include rules from both the wheelchair game and the Indoor Rounders game.



Indoor/Wheelchair Rounders rules

Below is a diagram of the rounders pitch with the measurements next to each line. These can be adapted to fit the size of your playing area, but must be laid out to similar to the diagram below.



Equipment

Equipment will be provided to you by Lincolnshire Sports Partnership.

In the bag you will get:

- 4 Rounder posts
- 4 Rounders bases
- 2 Small Cricket bats
- 2 Indoor Rounders bats
- 2 Mini Tennis bats
- 2-4 special Rounders balls

The special rounders balls will be bigger and softer than normal Indoor Rounders ball. Sponge balls and tennis balls can also be used.

The equipment will be stored in Lincolnshire Sports Partnership trailers unless otherwise agreed.

The equipment will be with you for the 12 week period that the trailers are with you.

Leagues / Competition

Leagues

It is up to the schools how they would like to run the Wheelchair Rounders session. Options include during PE lessons, lunch time leagues or after school leagues. If schools are running leagues, the winning team will be asked to compete in the County finals that will take place before the end of the school year. Details of this will be passed on from Lincolnshire Sports Partnership nearer to the time.

If sessions are run in PE times the school will be asked to select a team to take part in the county competition.

Competition

The competition element will take place near the end of the school's summer term. One team from each school that has taken part in Wheelchair Rounders will be invited to the county final.

At the county final the teams will play in two leagues which will then result in the semi-final and a final to crown the champions of the Lincolnshire Wheelchair Rounders event.

More information about the competition will be sent out by Easter 2011.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Form

WHY?

It is important that we know how many people are taking part in Wheelchair Rounders and because we are the pilot area we have to report back to Rounders England and Lincolnshire County Council to show how successful the game has been.

At the end of your 10 weeks please can you send the KPI form back to Rachel Belcher at rachel.belcher@lincolnshiresports.co.uk or alternatively you can give the form to the Wheelchair Basketball coach for them to pass the form onto Rachel.

The KPI form is attached to the back of this pack.



Thank-you

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