



## WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

### **About the Turnstone Flyers & Bandits:**

Turnstone has three wheelchair basketball divisions. Our prep team is for athletes ages 8 to 12; Varsity is for youth ages 13 to 18 (or until graduation from high school); and the Bandits are ages 18 and older.

Each team practices one to two times per week at Turnstone. Turnstone's Prep and Varsity teams are members of the Midwest Conference, while the Bandits are a Division III team of the Mid-Atlantic Wheelchair Basketball Conference. All teams are members of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Each team holds two tournaments at Turnstone and travels during the season to participate in other organized tournaments. During the season teams may travel to Indianapolis, IN; Grand Rapids, MI; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO; Louisville, KY; Whitewater, WI; Nashville, TN; or Philadelphia, PA.

### **Who is a wheelchair basketball athlete?**

Common diagnoses of children and adults who participate in the program include: Amputation, Spinal Cord Injury, Spina Bifida, Perthes Disease, Hip Dysplasia and Cerebral Palsy.

### **More on wheelchair basketball:**

Athletes participate in wheelchair basketball using manual sport wheelchairs. Sport chairs differ from manual chairs in a variety of ways. Turnstone makes sports chairs available to athletes during the season. Other important notes about wheelchair basketball are the rules of the game. Please see below for the rules:

- Players must dribble the ball at least once/every two pushes
- No Double Dribble Violation
- All other stand-up basketball rules apply
- Played on a regulation sized court with standard size basketball and hoops (\*Prep teams play on regulation court; however, a youth sized ball is used, and the height of the basket is dropped to 8 ½')

### **Past Accomplishments:**

Prep: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place National Finish - 2004 / Conference Champions - 2005 & 2007  
Varsity: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place National Finish - 2008 / Conference Champions - 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009  
Bandits: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place National Finish - 2003 & 2004 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Place National Finish - 2007, 2008, & 2009

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