



WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

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About the Turnstone Flyers:

Turnstone's Flyers practice their tennis skills once a week with a Pro Instructor. Outside of these practices, athletes are encouraged to arrange additional times to practice with one another throughout the week.

Annually, Turnstone partners with Indiana University-Purdue University of Fort Wayne (IPFW) to host the 'IPFW Open Presented by Turnstone'. This tournament is held in late May or early June on the IPFW campus. Turnstone also hosts an "Up/Down Tournament", which is held at Wildwood Racquet Club. Participation in these tournaments, as well as participation in tournaments held outside of Fort Wayne, is at the discretion of each athlete. Wheelchair tennis tournaments are held across the country. Information on wheelchair tournaments can be found by accessing the United States Tennis Association at www.usta.com.

Who is a wheelchair basketball athlete?

Wheelchair tennis is open to individuals who use either a powered or manual wheelchair. Due to the independent nature of the sport, Turnstone recommends that athletes be age 12 and older. Athletes who are younger than 12 years of age are encouraged to pursue wheelchair tennis with their family. Common diagnoses of persons who participate in wheelchair tennis include: Amputation, Spinal Cord Injury, Spina Bifida, Perthes Disease, Hip Dysplasia and Cerebral Palsy.

Rules of the Game:

Wheelchair tennis is an inclusive sport. Players with disabilities can play with players without disabilities. These competitions are referred to as Up/Down matches. Other important notes on the sport are below...

- Wheelchair tennis is played on regulation sized tennis court
- Athletes using a wheelchair may allow the ball to bounce twice before sending it over the net.

For more information on Turnstone's sports and recreation program, please contact Andrew Achenbach or Kevin Hughes at 260-483-2100.



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