



WHEELCATS

The Perth Wheelcats are Wheelchair Sports WA's representatives in the National Wheelchair Basketball League. In the past 7 years since the Cats joined the NWBL in 2001 they have had an outstanding short history winning 3 national titles in that time. Their first title came in 2002 under Coach Max Bovey and proved that the Wheelcats would become a force to reckon with.

In 2004 Ben Ettridge took over as head coach with Paralympian and father Len Ettridge acting as assistant coach. The team began to build and in 2005 lost in the final to the West Sydney Razorbacks. Determined not to let that happen again the Cats rebounded and went on to lose only one game in 2006, netting them their second National Championship. 2007 saw the cats maintained their form finishing the year with a perfect record including a second consecutive Championship hosted on their home court at Herb Graham Recreation Centre in Mirrabooka. The 2007 season also included the Kitakyushu Champions Cup which pitted the best national league sides from all around the world against each other. The Cats went through undefeated and were crowned the best club team in the world.

The 2008 season was a record breaking year as the Cats became only the second team in NWBL history to win the national championship in 3 consecutive years. The team only lost 1 game on their way to dominating the league and the finals series. Not to be outdone in 2009 the Perth Wheelcats became the most dominant team in NWBL history winning their 4th consecutive championship, the first team to do so. The Wheelcats were crowned ANZ Team of the year for 2009, an accolade, which has been very well deserved for their years of hard work.

The squad consists of 16 players, 1 of them is local Albany man Brant Garvey.

