# Media Advisory For Immediate Release

December 1, 2021

## Youth Wheelchair Basketball Tournament hosted by Bridge II Sports December 4 & 5 at NC State University

VISUALS – Youth athletes with disabilities competing in wheelchair basketball Interview opportunities available with athletes and coaches.

When: Saturday December 4, 2021 8am - 3pm

Sunday December 5, 2021 8am - 12pm

What: Over 100 youth with physical disabilities ranging in age from 6 to high school from around the

Southeast will take over the courts at Carmichael Gym on the NC State University campus for the 'Old North State Classic' to showcase the fast, athletic and skilled sport of wheelchair basketball. Both Prep (ages 13 and under) and Varsity (14 and up) games will take place continuously over two days of spirited competition. Teams participating include Bridge II Sports Team PRIDE, Charlotte Rollin' Hornets, Bennett Blazers (MD), Fairfax Falcons (VA), BlazeSports Hawks (GA),

and Roger C. Peace Rollin' Tigers (SC). www.bridge2sports.org/oldnorth

Unlike able-bodied youth basketball teams who get to play games at least once a week, tournaments are the only opportunities for youth with physical disabilities to get 'real game competition' against other teams. These tournaments are special events infused with the energy

of empowerment and community as kids play the sport they love.

Where: Carmichael Gym – NC State University

2611 Cates Ave. Raleigh, NC

#### IMPORTANT: MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions and the safety of ALL

Media interested in covering the event(s) are REQUIRED to:

--RSVP with a *proposed time and duration of visit* to Brad Rosell, Marketing Manager – Bridge II Sports bradr@bridge2sports.org or 919-907-1532

#### NO WALK UPS ALLOWED. BIIS will send confirmation to you.

- --Follow all COVID-19 precautions while on-site including mask worn at all times.
- -- Review and sign Bridge II Sports Media Policy and check in for credentials on-site.

### **About Bridge II Sport**

Bridge II Sports is a North Carolina non-profit organization dedicated to developing and implementing adapted sports opportunities for youth, adults and Veterans with physical disabilities to realize their potential. Through sports programming, special events, awareness initiatives and team development, Bridge II Sports aims to empower persons with physical disabilities to "Find the Player Within" and challenge perceptions of disability in our community. For more information on Bridge II Sports visit <a href="www.bridge2sports.org">www.bridge2sports.org</a>