

Media Advisory

For Immediate Release

November 28, 2022

**Youth Wheelchair Basketball Tournament
hosted by Bridge II Sports December 3 & 4 at NC State University
and livestreaming with local legend announcers**

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

When: Saturday December 3, 2022 8am – 5:30pm
Sunday December 4, 2022 8am – 3pm

What: Bridge II Sports is hosting the **Old North State Classic** with over 200 youth with physical disabilities ranging in age from 6 to 18 (high school) from around the country showcasing the fast, athletic, and skilled sport of wheelchair basketball at Carmichael Recreation Center on the NC State University campus.

Mixed gendered teams of both Prep (ages 13 and under) and Varsity (14 and up) will take to the court for two days of spirited competition. Sixteen teams from 8 states will be represented including Bridge II Sports Team PRIDE (NC), Charlotte Rollin' Hornets (NC), Sportable Spokes (VA), Bennett Blazers (MD), Fairfax Falcons (VA), BlazeSports Jr Hawks (GA), Roger C. Peace Rollin' Tigers (SC), Katie's Komets (PA), Courage Kenny Rolling Timberwolves (MN), and the Brooks BullSharks (FL). www.bridge2sports.org/oldnorth

Please come and cheer in person to show the acceptance of all who play sport!

Admission and parking are free.

This year the action will also be livestreamed on the [Bridge II Sports YouTube channel](#) in collaboration with Leading Edge Multimedia. The full production includes mounted backboard cameras, player graphics, and courtside announcing/interviews by basketball legends Ernie Myers (NC State), Gene Banks (Duke), Phil Ford (UNC), and Chucky Brown (NC State).

Only at these tournaments do youth with physical disabilities get 'real game competition' against other teams. The Old North State Classic is a special event infused with the energy of empowerment and community as kids play the sport they love.

This year's tournament is generously sponsored by Sports for Special Kids, Van Products, Jillian's Jitterbug Foundation, Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance, and media sponsor CBS17.

Where: Carmichael Recreation Center – NC State University
2611 Cates Ave.
Raleigh, NC

IMPORTANT: MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

--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.

-- 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

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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 www.bridge2sports.org

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