



In 2013, **CENTRE COURT ATHLETIC CLUB**
brought back Wheelchair Tennis to Chicagoland with the
CHICAGO WHEELCHAIR CLASSIC!

It is hard to believe that this is our 7TH year and thanks to the support of our sponsors, volunteers and players,
2019 IS OUR FOURTH YEAR AS AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT!

THE 2019 CHICAGO WHEELCHAIR CLASSIC will be held October 11-13 at Centre Court Athletic Club,
Hanover Park Park District, Hanover Park, Illinois.

This tournament is the fourth in a series of four tournaments held in the USA Midwest Section during 2019 and the only event held in Illinois. **This is also one of the last tournaments of the year during which players can accumulate points to qualify for the 2020 Paralympic Games!** Participants can look forward to food, fun and great competition throughout the weekend.

Our goal is to encourage and promote the development of adaptive competitive and recreational sports and to educate the public about the potential of wheelchair users and other persons with mobility impairments.

In order to host such an event, we need to acquire sponsors and raise funds as well as other donations. This year I hope you will be able to support our efforts by volunteering and help to make the event an even bigger success. Each year over 100 volunteers are needed in order to run this 3 day event. You don't need to know how to play tennis and there is little or no training needed for any of the volunteer positions.

Thank you for supporting the incredible sport of wheelchair tennis!

Please contact the tournament director to volunteer.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Tournament Sponsors: To host this event each year over \$12,000.00 is needed in sponsorships. Local businesses, nationwide corporations and individuals have supported the tournament in past years.

Van Drivers: Accessible mini vans are donated for use during the tournament. Several drivers are needed each day of the event to transport the players to and from their hotels and the tournament site

Ball Runners: The CWC relies on over 75 runners throughout the event. All ages 10 and above are welcome!

Meal Prep and Serving: We provide 6 meals during the weekend along with snacks throughout the tournament.

Photographers: For amateurs and professionals. You will have access to the courts throughout the tournament and will be given photo credit for all photos used for advertising, social media, etc.

Food Donations: The CWC relies on local restaurants for meals at discounted or donated costs. We feed approximately 75-100 players and volunteers during each meal.

Court Assistance: Volunteers are needed to provide assistance to some players to get on to and off of the courts.

Hospitality: Throughout the weekend volunteers will refill water, monitor the supply of snacks and greet players and guests as well as make sure that all the volunteers are well taken care of.

Physical Trainers: The International Tennis Federation requires that a trainer be present throughout the tournament. We would like to partner with local Physical Therapy Services, hospitals, schools etc. to recruit volunteers for this assignment.