



13th National Indoor Wheelchair Soccer Championships

MEDIA FACT SHEET

What **2010 National Indoor Wheelchair Soccer “Blue Northern” Championship**
Two championship tournaments with America’s best adult IWS teams

- the **USA-IWS 13TH Division-I National Championship** and
- the **USA-IWS 8TH Division-II National Championship**

When: Veteran’s Day Weekend, November 12-14, 2010

Where: University of Houston’s Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, Houston, Texas
<http://www.uhrecreation.com/>

The Rise of the Phoenix!

Indoor Wheelchair Soccer rose as a phoenix out of the ashes of a game played in the mid-seventies to become a fast paced game of five players plus one goal keeper. A coed sport of inclusion, it is open to all players with any physical disability within the full range of ability. Players in power chairs play next to players with a full range of abilities. The sport thrives as one fast paced game of inclusion based on a fair functional classification system. A player in a power chair has even won the MVP award twice!

TODAY

The **Blue Northern Tournament** will generate **a blast of energy** from such teams as the nine-time Division I Champion Houston Challengers and three-time Division I Champion New York Chariots. Division II is so competitive it hasn’t produced a repeat champion in four years. And **a blast of energy** from nationally elite players who bring an “A Game”, including such Champions and Paralympians Stephen Welch, Chhay Mak, Ahmad Karimzada, Eddie McGee, Ricardo Cedillo, Willie White, Juan Rios, Ryan Hundemer, and Christian Ekunwe. Headliner teams and players are expected to draw their share of media attention both locally and nationally.

Governance

- The United States Association of Indoor Wheelchair Soccer (USA-IWS) is the governing body for the **National Championship**
- USA-IWS rules apply to the competition



Tournament Organization

Host: University of Houston’s Campus Recreation and Wellness Center

Houston Organizers:

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