

GETTING STARTED

Talk With Your Team Captain

Your Team Captain will be the one responsible for organizing your team. Be sure to let your Team Captain know your **Tee Shirt size**, name, address, email and phone number. They are required for the Team Registration Sheet. ***Your team captain will need to return the Team Registration Sheet to GSIL by 03/10/25, so plan accordingly.***

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Mark Your Calendar

Though your first game will be between 9:00am and 3:00pm, play continues all day until the championship game around 5:30pm. Please plan to be available ALL DAY in the event that your team continues to win!

9:00 am - 1:00 Round Robin
1:30 pm - 5:30 Competitive
5:30 ish - Championship

02

Find Your Sponsors

Your team's registration fee is \$1000 minimum (approx. \$125/player). You can raise this with one sponsor, two or twelve, it's up to you. Ask friends, family and co-workers – people are always happy to help! Make sure your sponsors fill out the **Sponsor Pledge Sheet** completely and accurately.

**Credit card transactions can be made online at www.gsil.org/hoops*

03

The Final Countdown

Once you collect all sponsor pledges, please ensure your **Sponsor Pledge Sheet, as well as any cash or checks, are turned in to your captain by March 28th**. **Follow us on Facebook!** Encourage friends, family and your generous sponsors to attend to the event! Admission is free!

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Please arrive 30 minutes before your first game on April 5, 2025.

GOOD LUCK & HAVE FUN!

Still have questions?

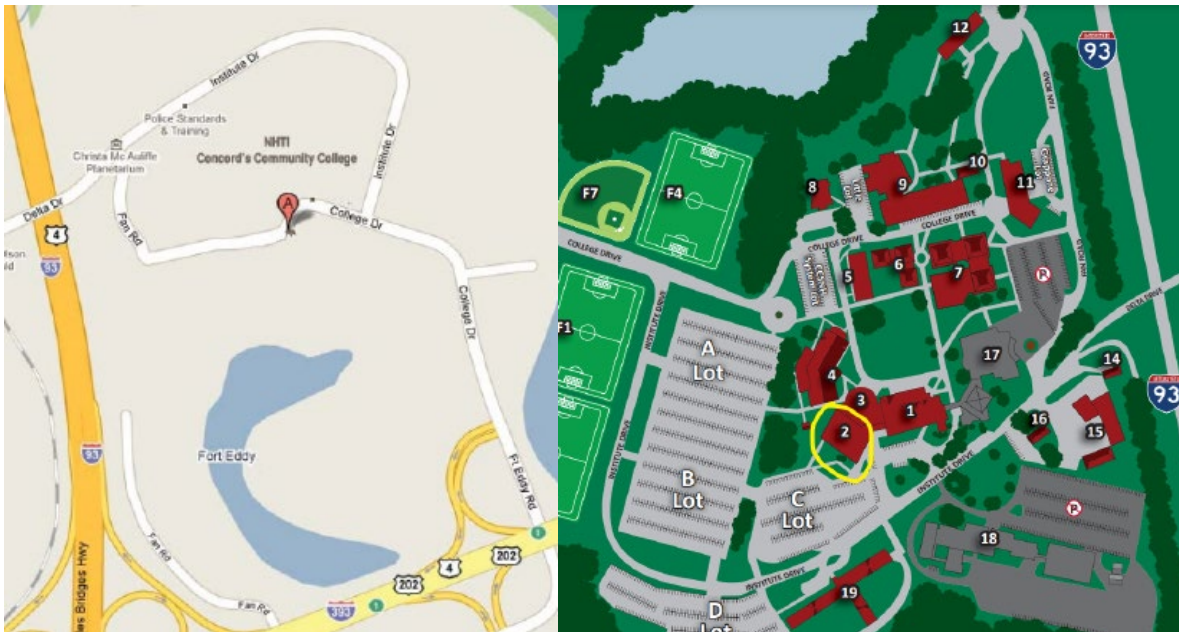
Contact Terri Voth, Donor Relations Specialist & Event Planner at development@gsil.org or (603) 410-6503.



Stay tuned to [Facebook.com/GraniteStateIndependentLiving](https://www.facebook.com/GraniteStateIndependentLiving) for team spotlights, event news and a special countdown to the event!

DIRECTIONS TO THE COURT

NHTI – Concord's Community College
Crocker Wellness Center (Gym / Building 2)
31 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301



From Points North or South:

I-93, Exit 15 East to I-393 to Exit 1 and follow signs

From Points West:

I-89 to I-93 North to Exit 15 East to I-393 to Exit 1 and follow signs

From Points East:

Route 4 to I-393 to Exit 1 and follow signs

HOW TO FIND SPONSORS

Know the GSIL mission and why we are hosting this year's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

GSIL has a mission to promote quality of life with independence for people with disabilities and underserved students through advocacy, information, education, support and transition services. We provide the supports needed to keep people with disabilities living at home, independently. We also help transition folks out of nursing homes back into their community and provide programs to transition underserved students with disabilities from high school towards a more promising future.

This Is Easy

We have tried to make this as easy as possible for you:

- Please have every sponsor fill out the **Sponsor Pledge Sheet**. Sponsors can make payments using cash, check or make their donation at www.gsil.org/hoops. Easy-peasy. All checks should be made out to: Granite State Independent Living/Hoops.
- Find sponsors through Facebook. *See the directions sheet enclosed.*
- **Does your sponsor's company offer a match for charitable gifts? If yes, you can tell your potential sponsors that every dollar they give is DOUBLED by their employer! Some employers will sponsor the team too!**
- Each team commits to fundraise \$1000 for entry (minimum), which means every player is responsible for raising or donating approximately \$125/each - depending on the number of players on your team. We recommend 8-10.
- Visit www.facebook.com/GraniteStateIndependentLiving for sharable posts to help you raise awareness and inspire your sponsors. Content is updated regularly, so check back often!

Examples of Whom You Might Ask:

The Obvious

Friends and family (golfing, bowling, fishing, skiing, buddies, etc.)

Current job contacts if permissible

Previous job contacts if permissible

The Not-So-Obvious

Business associates

Church mailing lists

Professionals like your doctor, hairdresser, etc.

School (college, high school) contacts

-PLEASE -

Thank your donors and be very gracious and appreciative.

If you can, a handwritten thank you note is always appreciated!

FACEBOOK FOR SPONSORS

- **Sign-in to your Facebook account.** If you don't have one, just follow the steps to sign up.
- To link to Granite State Independent Living in a private message or profile status, be sure you have "liked" the GSIL page. If you're not a friend, search for the page "Granite State Independent Living". **Give us the thumbs up by clicking "Like" at the top.**
- Next, go to your profile and choose **Update Status.**
- Here you can type any message you'd like. There are settings that let you show the update to everyone/ public/ or just friends. That's your call, but the more public you make the status, the more visibility it will get by potential sponsors!
- **Now you can link GSIL inside your message.** When you type GSIL, make sure you use this "@Granite State Independent Living". As you type, a little window will appear with GSIL's name. Just click on that name.
- With GSIL now highlighted, it's time to craft your post! Here's some wording you can use if you want:

I'm playing basketball in a wheelchair for a fundraising event in support of Granite State Independent Living. I'm looking for friends who could help by donating \$10 as I learn first-hand just how hard it is to use a wheelchair, let alone play basketball. :0) Message me if you're in...

The game is on April 5, 2025 - would love your support. If you're not familiar with GSIL, check them out at www.gsil.org.



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Feel free to "like", "comment" or "share" anything we post!

HOW TO PLAY

The rules of wheelchair basketball are similar to standard basketball rules created by the Men's National Collegiate Athletic Association, but differ in these fundamental ways:

Advancing the Ball

For every three pushes on the chair, a player has to do something with the ball – pass it, shoot it, or put it on the floor for a dribble. Once you put it on the floor, you can take three more pushes.

Traveling and Double Dribbling

If a player touches his wheels more than three times after s/he receives or dribbles the ball, s/he is in violation of traveling/double-dribbling.

Loss of the Ball

If a player in possession of the ball makes any physical contact with the floor or tilts the chair so far backward that the safety casters touch the floor, it is a violation and the ball is awarded to the other team.

Out of Bounds

In wheelchair basketball, a player is considered out-of-bounds when any part of the player's body or wheelchair touches the floor on or outside the boundary.

Player Location

The location of the player is determined by the location of the big wheels of the wheelchair.

Fouls

Fouls occur when the one player or his wheelchair comes in contact with an opponent of his or her wheelchair. Physical advantage fouls occur when a player with a functional leg uses it to advantage during a game.

Ties

In the event of a tie, there will be a shootout to determine the winner. Here are the rules for determining a winner:

Players will shoot from the bottom of the key.

A player from Team 1 will shoot, then a player from Team 2. If the first shooter scores, the second must score to keep even. If the first player misses, and the second player scores, Team 2 is the winner. If both miss or both score, go on to players 3 and 4. Continue in this fashion until a winner emerges.

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 5, 2025**

Games are all day
at the NHTI Gym, Concord, NH!

www.gsil.org/HOOPS
development@gsil.org

SPONSOR PLEDGE SHEET



Team Name: _____

Player Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please sign-up as many sponsors as you can! Minimally, your team's commitment is \$1000, averaging to approx. \$125/player. Please (neatly!) fill out this log with complete information. Players or sponsors can call (603) 410-6503 with any questions. All information is required. **Names and addresses collected will not be sold or shared in any way.** Try checking with your employer, as many companies offer to match employee gifts! All donations are tax deductible and directly support the mission of Granite State Independent Living.

Sponsor's Name	Address	Phone Number	Email Address	Amount	Payment	Paid
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	cash / check / online	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	cash / check / online	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	cash / check / online	<input type="checkbox"/>

Use the back of this sheet for additional sponsors.

Please submit this pledge sheet and all cash and/or checks to your team captain by March 28, 2025

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Sponsor's Name	Address	Phone Number	Email Address	Amount	Payment	Paid
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____	cash / check / online	<input type="checkbox"/>
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30.	_____	_____	_____	_____	cash / check / online	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for your generous donation to GSIL.

All proceeds directly support our mission of promoting life with independence for seniors and people with disabilities throughout New Hampshire. Granite State Independent Living is a 501(c)(3).

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Granite State
Independent Living



**SATURDAY,
APRIL 5, 2025**

**NHTI Gym
Concord, NH**

development@GSIL.org

FREE ADMISSION

**Hoops on Wheels is an all-day
basketball tournament where players
maneuver the court using wheelchairs—
whether they have a disability or not!**

www.gsil.org/HOOPS

Grab a group of 8+ friends, family or colleagues to compete in this year's wheelchair basketball tournament! You choose your league—go for the gold in the competitive bracket or keep it recreational in the round robin. Games start at 9:00am and run all day, with the championship game starting around 4:00pm. Games begin every 35 minutes at NH Technical Institute in Concord, NH. Each team is responsible for fundraising \$1,000 (~\$125/player).

Spectator admission is free and all are welcome to watch the fun and competition! All team fundraising proceeds directly support Granite State Independent Living and our programs designed to help people with disabilities and underserved youth live life independently.

**Thank you for generously
supporting GSIL!**



Hoops on Wheels 2025

PLAYER CARD



Name: _____
Team Name: _____ **T-Shirt Size** _____
Address: _____

Email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

GSIL has permission to publish all or any parts of photographs, video and audio of me for use in professional publications.

I acknowledge that neither NHTI as part of the Community College System of NH nor GSIL, nor any director, officer or employee or other representative of GSIL shall be responsible for any injuries, damages or losses caused to me in connection with this wheelchair basketball tournament.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

