



## ***International Webinar 2020: AT's and Paralympians***

**Thursday September 23, 2021**

**2:00 - 3:30 PM EST (NY, USA)**

**A Zoom Videoconference**

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### ***Webinar Description:***

A unique opportunity to learn about the Athletic Training/Therapy experience of working with disabled athletes including those who have worked and competed at the Paralympics. The format will include fireside chat style presentations from our four presenters followed by Q&A

### **Our presenters:**

#### **Bryanna Howard**



Bryanna is employed through University of Utah Health and she is the Head Athletic Trainer at Mountain Ridge High School in Utah, USA. She is also an adjunct professor in the Athletic Training Education Program at the University of Utah. In her spare time, she works as an instructor with Wasatch Adaptive Sports, a non-profit organization based at Snowbird Mountain Resort in Utah that provides both summer and winter recreation opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

#### **Jess Tidswell**



Dr. Tidswell is a Licensed Athletic Trainer, a Board-certified Sports Physical Therapist and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. She has worked clinically with professional, Olympic and elite athletes for most of her career. She worked with the US Ski & Snowboard Association (USSA) and worked privately for professional free skier Tanner Hall for two years. She also worked as the Head PT/ATC for the USA Nordic Sports Organization (USA Ski Jumping and USA Nordic Combined). She is a senior classifier with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and volunteers her time to serve on a special advisory panel for the IPC and to classify athletes for alpine skiing and snowboarding around the world.

### **Marnie McRoberts**



Marnie is a Certified Athletic Therapist, Registered Kinesiologist, and Red Cross Certified First Aid and First Responder Instructor. She has been the Lead Medical Practitioner with Wheelchair Rugby Canada for over nine years, supporting the team at all camps and major competitions, and is currently working with the Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Team at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. Marnie is also a Part-Time Assistant Professor at York University in Toronto, Canada, and is also pursuing her Masters of Science Degree in Kinesiology and Health Sciences with a research focus on classification in wheelchair rugby.

### **Mike Whitehead (Paralympian)**



Before his spinal cord injury, Mike Whitehead was an avid multi-sport athlete who enjoyed basketball, volleyball, hockey, soccer and badminton. He quickly became hooked on the contact and the level of competition of Wheelchair Rugby and made the Canadian national team, just one year after his injury.

He has been a mainstay on Team Canada competing in the last four Paralympic Games (2 silvers & 1 bronze), five World Championships (1 gold, 1 silver & 2 bronze) and two Parapan Am Games (1 gold, 1 silver). Mike has coached Canada's wheelchair rugby team at the Toronto Invictus Games, spoke at a TEDxBeaconStreet event, and was recently inducted into the Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Hall of Fame.

He is currently competing in his fifth aParalympic games in Tokyo, Japan.

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