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## **The Changing Classification System in Wheelchair Basketball and Tennis**

Join the Exercise & Sport Science Initiative (ESSI) and Adaptive Sports & Fitness for a seminar focused on the implications of the changing classification system in wheelchair basketball and tennis. The classification system in para sport is

intended to create equitable competition between athletes. "Classification aims to minimize the impact of impairment on athletes' performance so that sporting excellence determines which athlete or team is ultimately victorious. Ensuring that athletes are classified prior to competing is crucial to safeguarding the integrity and credibility of the competition" (International Paralympic Committee). There are pending changes to the classification system for wheelchair basketball and wheelchair tennis that could drastically impact the respective sports with regards to international competition, grass roots development, and the overall long-term success and sustainability of those sports.

**Join us as Dr. Feranmi Okanlami hosts a conversation and Q&A.**

### Speakers:



**Mike Frogley, MEd**

Wheelchair Basketball Coach and Director



**Jason Harnett, BA**

U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) National  
Manager and Head Coach - Wheelchair Player  
and Coach Development



**Erica Gavel, PhD Candidate**

Paralympian in wheelchair basketball and a PhD candidate at Ontario Tech University studying environmental physiology and Paralympic performance



**Johan Latorre, MD**

Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellow, University of Michigan

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