

**MEDIA ALERT**

**Old North State Classic 2024 at Rocky Mount Event Center**

Annual youth wheelchair basketball tournament hosted by Bridge II Sports, a non-profit and supported by venue sponsor Rocky Mount Event Center begins December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**DURHAM. N.C. –November 18, 2024 –**

BridgellSports is honored to bring the spirit of the Old North State Classic (ONSC) to Rocky Mount for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 with the continued support of our venue sponsor Rocky Mount Event Center (RMEC).

Since 2018, ONSC has engaged over 1,000 youth athletes with disabilities from all over the east coast through the power of adapted sports competition and camaraderie.

ONSC is excited to have access to the wonderfully accessible Event Center in Rocky Mount, NC, for the traditional weekend tournament. Athletes will be competing across 4 courts, spanning Prep and Jr. Varsity (5 years old to 18 years) in a sanctioned National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. This year's event will consist of one and a half days of intense wheelchair basketball action in December.

Please come and cheer for this event in person! Admission and parking are free. This year the action will also be livestreamed on the [Bridge II Sports YouTube channel](#) in collaboration with Leading Edge Multimedia. The full production includes mounted backboard cameras, player graphics, and historic courtside announcing/interviews by basketball legends.

The Old North State Classic is a special event infused with the energy of empowerment and community as kids play the sport they love. This life-changing event is made possible through funding from BridgellSports, and support from several community and corporate partners. For the fourth time in five years, RMEC is serving as the event sponsor of ONSC. Beyond providing generous event space, RMEC has engaged in fully supporting the BridgellSports mission, to help find the player within.

For more information on Old North State Classic 2023, visit [www.bridge2sports.org/oldnorth/](http://www.bridge2sports.org/oldnorth/)

**Old North State Classic 2024 Schedule:**

Saturday December 7

Opening Ceremonies and Athlete Competition 7:45am-12:30pm

Lunch provided by RMEC 12:30pm-1:30pm

Athlete Competition 1:30pm-7:00pm

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Sunday December 8

Athlete Competition 8:00am-2:30pm

Closing Ceremonies and Athlete Awards 2:30pm-3:00pm

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### **IMPORTANT: MEDIA COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS**

Media please check in at registration to receive the BIIS media instruction.

Please let us know you are coming. Email [ashley@bridge2sports.org](mailto:ashley@bridge2sports.org)

### **Spectators Welcome**

-Live Stream will be presented by BridgellSports

### **About BridgellSports**

BridgellSports is a North Carolina non-profit organization dedicated to developing and implementing opportunities for youth, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities to realize their potential through sports participation.

Through sports programming, special events, awareness initiatives and team development, BridgellSports empowers persons with physical disabilities to “Find the Player Within” and challenge perceptions of disability. It is the power of adapted sports that builds healthy bodies, minds, impacting the community with strength. For more information on BridgellSports, visit [www.bridge2sports.org](http://www.bridge2sports.org)

### **About Rocky Mount Event Center**

With an impressive downtown of its own, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is conveniently located near other major cities in the state, making it accessible for travelers.

[Rocky Mount Event Center | Concerts, Tournaments, Trade Shows \(rockymountevents.com\)](http://rockymountevents.com)