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Molten Extends Global Partnership with WWR - Supporting the Global Growth of Wheelchair Rugby-



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Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki) have agreed to renew the partnership with the World Wheelchair Rugby (WWR) to continue supplying the official game balls for its competitions.

The renewal of this partnership further reinforces the strong collaboration and highlights the ongoing commitment to the development and global growth of wheelchair rugby. For over 20 years, Molten has served as the official supplier of game balls for wheelchair rugby. Under the renewed partnership, Molten will continue to provide official game balls for the 2026 WWR World Championship, the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games, and various Zonal Championships. In addition, Molten will supply equipment to support the continued development of wheelchair rugby worldwide.

Molten is committed to developing optimal products and to creating an ideal environment through which everyone, regardless of their role in sports, can experience the powerful emotions that only sports can inspire. Through this commitment, Molten strives to make a world where sport is an integral part of everyday life.

“We feel privileged to continue the outstanding partnership with the WWR, the official governing body of wheelchair rugby. It is an honor to support the growth of wheelchair rugby through our high-quality products and dedicated services,” stated Kiyofumi Tamiaki, President of Molten Corporation.

“We are now well into our LA 28 Paralympic phase and with our Zonal Championships taking place this year, I'm pleased that Molten, our long-standing partner and ball provider are with us throughout the next few years. They continue to provide support, not just to our Championship events but also through the provision of balls for development as well. I look forward to working with them and my thanks for their ongoing support.” said, Richard Allcroft OBE, President of WWR.

■ About the World Wheelchair Rugby (WWR)

The organization serves as the International Governing Body for Wheelchair Rugby disciplines. It unites national teams from around the world and is responsible for the promotion and development of the sport, the establishment of standardized rules, and the organization and management of International Competitions.

The organization is also actively working to create an inclusive environment where athletes with disabilities can participate in wheelchair rugby as a competitive sport. These efforts have made a significant impact in raising the sport's profile as a Paralympic discipline and in advancing its level of play globally.

URL: <https://worldwheelchair.rugby/>

■ About Molten Sports Business

Since its establishment in 1958, Molten has been manufacturing and distributing premium sports equipment, particularly competition balls for basketball, handball, football, and volleyball.

With a commitment to the highest standards of quality recognized worldwide, Molten

continues to enhance its technologies and support athletes, coaches, and sports communities across the globe.

Visit the Molten Sports Official Site: <https://www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/>

■ Social Initiatives of Molten Sports Business

Molten aims to become a social brand that addresses societal challenges through its products and activities.

Key initiatives include:

- [MY FOOTBALL KIT](#), an assembly-style football designed to bridge experience gaps among children and promote educational opportunities.
- [B+](#), a basketball brand initiative aimed at promoting and strengthening the sport.
- [Arch to Hoop](#), an initiative by the General Incorporated Association "Arch to Hoop Okinawa" that addresses experience gaps between children and adults through basketball.
- [Keep Playing](#), an initiative promoting the continued participation of women in sports under the slogan "Keep doing what you love. Keep playing sports."

Additionally, Molten is taking steps to reduce environmental impact by revisiting the materials used in its products.

■ About Molten Corporation

Starting with the manufacturing and sales of competition balls and automotive components, Molten has expanded its business by leveraging two core technologies: hollow-body technology, which controls internal air pressure, and polymer chemistry technology for advanced materials development.

Today, Molten operates in diverse fields, including sports equipment, automotive parts, medical and welfare devices, and marine and industrial products such as floating piers and bridge bearings.

Through continuous innovation, Molten remains committed to exploring new possibilities and contributing to a safe and sustainable society.

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