

To: All countries playing Wheelchair Rugby

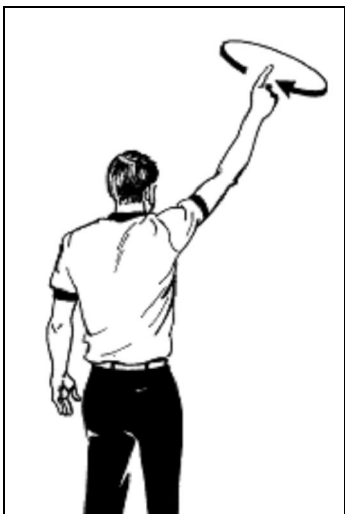
Please find attached the new revised rules for Wheelchair Rugby.

These are now the official rules for Wheelchair Rugby and are effective 1 October, 2008. All sanctioned tournaments will be conducted using these rules from 1 October forward.

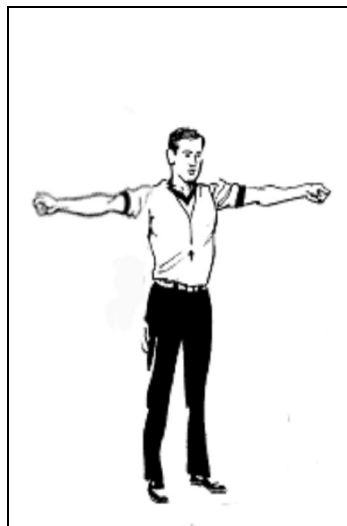
There are several changes to the rules and these are listed below:

- Art. 16 – Introduction of 40 second scoring clock
- Art. 27 – Clarification added confirming rearmost part of the wheelchair
- Art. 31 j – Use of devices to support/secure the ball
- Art. 35 – Allowance of 0.5 above 8 points for each female player on the court
- Art. 41 – Addition of forty second operator to games officials
- Art. 43 – Addition of forty second clock to list of correctable errors.
- Art. 46 – Remove requirement of Technical Commissioner to act as Alternate referee and add responsibility for forty second clock
- Art. 49 – Add forty second operator to rules
- Art. 51 – Increase intervals between 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th periods to 2 minutes
- Art. 53 – Forty second clock operation.
- Art. 57 – Changed number of time-outs per game – now 4 * 30 second time-outs that player can request and 2 * 60 second time-outs that can only be requested by the coach.
- Art. 59 – Neither team may substitute during an equipment time-out unless player requesting time-out has a problem that requires substitution. If this occurs both teams may substitute.
- Art. 76 – Reduced time to advance ball from back court to 12 seconds
- Art. 83 – Removed restriction on bounces a player may make before inbounding the ball
- Art. 87 – Added forty second violation to the rules
- Art. 105 – Increased penalty for chair protest when chair is found to be legal
- Art. 107 – Increased penalty on player when assessed a flagrant foul. (Note a card system has been introduced for flagrant and disqualifying fouls as per that use in football/soccer)
- Added to regulations is an automatic suspension from the next game in a tournament if a player is assessed a disqualifying foul or is assessed 2 flagrant fouls at a tournament as per football/soccer
- Scorer to now record minute and second of goal.
- The score-sheet and penalty score-sheet have been altered to accommodate rule changes.

- Two new referee signals have been introduced to administer the new rules:
 - Reset of forty second clock will be done by rotation of index finger in circle above head
 - After signaling time-out to score- bench a 60 second time-out will be indicated by extension of both arms at shoulder height parallel to the floor in a straight line with fists closed.



40 Second Reset



60 Second time-out

If you have any questions regarding the new rules, please direct these to the IWRP Technical Commissioner at sbattock@iwrf.com or via the IWRP website in the IWRP Global Talk Forum and the rules committee will respond to your enquiry.

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