

International Committee Wheelchair Floorball (ICWF)

Wheelchair Rules

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Introduction

The aim of the document is to acquaint players and staffs with safety features of floorball wheelchairs including the photo documentation. The document also serves as a clear definition of rules that have to be complied to be allowed to enter international competitions organized by International Committee Wheelchair Floorball (ICWF).

Basic rules

1. Permissible Wheelchairs for international competitions organized by ICWF are not allowed to have any uncovered sharp edges.
2. The protective horizontal bar at the front of the wheelchair must be 11 cm from the floor (measured in the middle of the bar).
3. The anti-tip castor(s) must not protrude beyond the vertical plane that touches the rearmost points of the driving wheels. The anti-tip castor(s) are obligatory.
4. Lower limbs (especially feet) of the player in the playing field are not allowed to protrude from the wheelchair frame.
5. The player in the playing field is allowed to move using upper limbs only.
6. Plyers in the playing field have to be tied to wheelchairs to secure an incessant contact of the hind part with the wheelchair seat. Goalkeepers are no obligated to observe this rule.

Exceptions

Exceptions of the rules are declared only after detailed review of ICWF and are applied to the particular wheelchair and time period. Potential list of wheelchairs of that kind is going to be announced on website

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Basic Rules

Spoke Covers

Due to safety they are compulsory and have to be attached properly.

Correct



Wrong



Backrest Brace Tube Cover

It protects from possible injuries when falling and crashing. It has to be attached properly.

Correct



Wrong



Anti-tip Castor(s) Cover(s)

Due to safety when falling, they reduce consequences of unintentional contacts.

Correct



Wrong



Front Protective Horizontal Bar

ANO



NE



Side guards

Correct



Wrong



Push Handles

No wheelchair is allowed to have any backrest push handles.

Correct



Wrong



Goalkeeper Wheelchairs

1. They have to obey all rules above.
2. They are allowed to be equipped with any kind of properly attached covers or sheathings from solid material, however they are not allowed to protrude from the wheelchair frame – they do not extend the wheelchair frame.
3. The wheelchair has to be manufactured to meet disability, size and needs of the goalkeeper. For example, it is not allowed to use wheelchair that would be manufactured to cover maximum area of the goal.
4. ICWF is entitled to judge and approve goalkeeper wheelchair individually, therefore it is strongly recommended to consult the wheelchair with the department when measuring. It can prevent further inconveniences.
5. If the goalkeeper (due to his or her disability) is not able to move using upper limbs only, however needs to use lower limbs as well, the wheelchair does not have to contain front protective horizontal bar.

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