



Rugby Wheelchair Specifications

The IWRG released several rulings this past summer clarifying areas of concern regarding wheelchair specifications for IWRG sanctioned tournaments. The USQRA will enforce the rulings as stated for the 2009 – 2010 quad rugby season.

1. Use of spring loaded anti tips

The use of spring loaded anti tips will be prohibited for use in USQRA sanctioned tournaments. *Note: Any attempt to configure anti tips in a manner to circumvent the intent of the maximum 2 cm clearance rule is considered illegal.*

2. Dents in front bumper of wheelchair

The bumper may have dents caused through general play that do not put the chair in breach of the rules of the game.

Dents in the bumper can extend up to 10mm in the horizontal plane that the bumper is expected to be presented in as per the rule and not be in violation of the rule. This ruling does not apply to the ends of the bumper which must remain in the plane as indicated by the rules. It is the responsibility of players to ensure their chair is legal and any obvious dents should be repaired at the earliest opportunity.

Teams wishing to question the legality of a bumper of a chair during a game must lodge a chair protest as per the rules

Game officials can still rule a bumper in breach of the rule if a dent poses a danger to other players *or is deemed to be a mechanical advantage*. The officials' ruling is final and the bumper must be repaired before the chair can be used in competition again.

3. Definitions of the Wheelchair: Widest Part of Chair and Push Rims

The widest part of the chair is the wheel. The widest part of the wheel, in its playing position, can be either the push rim or the tire.

However if the push rim is the widest part of the chair it may not extend more than 50mm past the tire, at its widest part, in the horizontal plane.

The push rim is defined as the surface mounted to the wheel to aid in propulsion of the chair. The surface must be smooth in construction.

4. Rear most part of the chair

The rear most part of the wheelchair is the rear of the main wheels.

Please note that the main wheels must be the rear most part of the wheelchair and that the push bar on the back of the seat must not extend beyond the rear most part of the large wheels, inclusive of any safety padding on the bar.