



# **POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL**

## **LAWS OF THE GAME**

**Amendments for 2009 / 2010 Season**

**Official Rules & Regulations**

**The Wheelchair Football Association (The WFA)**

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The WFA have made amendments to the Laws of the Game for the 09/10 Season.

Page	Law	Para	Recommendation	Reason	Accept	Decline
7	1	Diagram of Field of Play	Replace all reference of Court to Field	Conformity across document		
7	1	Diagram of Field of Play	Add tape markings on floor underneath goal posts	Official mark if goal post is moved during play, to coincide with recommendation for Law 10		
7	1	Diagram of Field of Play	Add tape markings on floor to show 5m markings from corner triangle.	Official mark on floor to coincide with recommendation for Law 17		
7	1	Additional page	Add full size diagram of field with all markings for Powerchair football only in black & white	Full size picture which can be used to help when marking field to avoid confusion.		
11	4	Powerchair	Add Forward and Reverse to paragraph 3. Should read: the maximum speed allowable during a match for powerchairs is 10kph (6.2mph) forward and reverse	Clarity in the law		
11	4	Powerchair	Add example of essential equipment to paragraph 4. Should read: backpacks, bags, etc. are not allowed to be attached to	Clarity of what is allowed		

11	4	Powerchair	powerchairs during play (essential equipment accepted e.g. Oxygen / feeds / ventilators etc.)	Add inc essential equipment to paragraph 5. Should read: chairs must not have any sharp surfaces or items that might become entangled with other powerchairs (inc. essential equipment)	To coincide with previous recommendation		
14	5	Powers and Duties	Add new bullet after point 10. To read: stops the match if, in his opinion, a dangerous situation occurs or is likely to occur.	Extra information in support of referee to stop the game if he believes a situation may occur, prior to this happening, i.e bouncing ball.			
14	5	Powers and Duties point 11	Add the word "Major" to point 11. Should read: stops the match if, in his opinion, a player is in danger of flipping over or if major powerchair components begin falling onto the field.	To prevent stoppages occurring when a small screw falls off a chair			
18	7	Allowance for Time Lost	Add the word "Major" to point 1. Should read: stoppage to ensure a player's safety such as when a player is in danger of flipping over or when major powerchair parts fall onto the field in close proximity	Coincide with recommendation above			

21	8	Set Ball Procedure	to play Add to paragraph 2, both players must face the ball parallel with the touch line until the ball is touched. Should read: One player from each team comes no closer than one meter from the ball, both players must face the ball parallel with the touchline until the ball is touched.	Further detail on how this set ball procedure should be executed safely.		
21	8	Set Ball Procedure	Add diagram of set ball set up and player position.	Provide clarity to recommendation above.		
22	9	Ball out of Play	Change requirements (replace players with opponents) in active play. Should read: it is held immobile for more than 3 seconds between two or more opponents in active play	Clear up the situation and interpretation.		
22	9	Ball out of play	Add diagram of Immobile ball situation	Provide clarity to previous recommendation.		
23	10	Goal Scored	Add new paragraph to read: In absence of a goal post, a goal is scored when majority of the ball passes inside the goal marking and wholly crosses the goal line.	To coincide with new markings on court and clear explanation that if the goal post moves a goal can still be scored.		
25	11	Field Position	Further diagrams to show	Clearer explanation of interpretation of		

		Infringements / sanctions section	situations which occur more often than current ones.	this law.		
27	12	Fouls & Misconduct Direct Free Kick	Add point below bullet 4 to read: Denies a goal scoring opportunity	Additional point to clearly state that this is a direct free kick and not indirect.		
29	12	Fouls & Misconduct Italic explanations	New diagrams and explanation of Spin Kicks	Explain the different situations when a spin kick is safe and when foul / misconduct should apply.		
31	13	Free Kicks New sub heading following position of free kick	New sub section called Position of Defender and to read: Defenders' have priority over position in own goal area prior to kick.	Referees where using this wording in interpretation of the law, this shows that it only occurs when in the goal area from all set kicks.		
35	15	Kick In Procedure	Extra bullet point to procedure to read: Defenders' have priority over position in own goal area prior to kick.	As previous recommendation		
37	17	Corner Kick Procedure	Amend bullet point 2. Add from corner triangle. Should read: opponents remain at least 5 m	This interpretation should be included as a law similar to that in the running game		

37	17	Corner Kick Procedure	(16.5 ft) away from corner triangle until the ball is in play. Extra bullet point to procedure to read: Defenders' have priority over position in own goal area prior to kick.	and FIFA. Has previous recommendation on law 13 & 15.		
38	Kicks from Penalty Mark	Procedure	Take out "on their team sheet" from point 8. Should read: If a team has a greater number of players – or finishes the match, than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility	Wording not required		
39	Kick from Penalty Mark	Procedure	Add the substitute must participate in the kicks and is the only player allowed to defend all subsequent kicks by the opposing team. Should read: A goalkeeper who is injured or suffers complete technical failure while kicks are being taken from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute. The substitute must	To clearly define that the replacement player must defend the kicks and not allow any other player to do so.		

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