

To: All Wheelchair Rugby Participants

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Topic: Rear Most Part of the Wheelchair.

There has been some discussion about the rear most part of the wheelchair. The previous set of rules had this specified as follows.

“LENGTH: *The length of the chair is measured from the front-most part of the back wheel to the front-most part of the chair. This measurement cannot exceed 46 cm. (See diagram B) Combined with the maximum diameter of the wheel (70 cm) the total length shall not exceed 116 cm.”*

The Technical Commission Equipment Committee have also discussed this and are all agreed that the common understanding is that the rear most part of a wheelchair is the rear of the main wheels.

As part of the rules rewrite this will be corrected to reinstate overall length of the chair and the rear most part of the chair.

- The rear most part of the wheelchair is the rear of the main wheels.
- The maximum length of the chair is 46cm plus 70cm for total of 116cm.

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.

(Exception: Article 27. Anti-tip devices

*The wheelchair shall be fitted with an anti-tip device attached at the rear of the wheelchair. **If the wheel of the anti-tip device is fixed, it cannot project further to the rear than the rearmost point of the main wheels. If the wheel of the anti-tip device swivels, the housing that holds it cannot project further to the rear than the rearmost point of the main wheels.** The bottom of the wheel of the anti-tip device must be no more than 2 centimeters above the floor. (See Wheelchair diagram B)*

Regards



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