

# International Committee Wheelchair Floorball (ICWF)

Eligibility and specification of the minimal handicap for wheelchair floorball

## General

- An athlete must have an impairment of permanent nature of such a degree that it:
  - is obvious and easily recognizable,
  - makes ordinary standing and movement and consequently regular floorball playing impossible.

## Specification

- Lower limb amputation
  - Through the ankle.
- Paresis
  - Loss of 10 muscle points in both legs (without grade 1 and 2; max point 80).
- Joint mobility
  - Ankylosis of ankle joint.
  - Extension defect of at least 30 degrees or ankylosis of knee.
- CP
  - Spasticity/discoordination corresponding to class 7.
  - Can walk without help but the spasticity in lower extremities can cause a limp during walking.
  - Running increases the spasticity and causes limping.
- Leg shortening
  - At least 7 cm

## Contraindications

Among main contraindications for active playing of wheelchair floorball we count:

- Trophic disorders (decubitus, dermatitis, bigger pustules)
- Calcium distribution or usage disorders (osteoporosis)
- Internal diseases (cardiac, pulmonary, asthma, epilepsy)
- Head injuries (multiple, sole severe ones)

## Insufficient handicap

- Persons with hip disorders only i.e. restricted mobility.
- Persons without required minimum disability but who cannot play regular floorball because of chronic post-traumatic painful disorders, instability of ankle or knee joints or similar conditions.

## Miscellaneous

- If the minimal handicap is approved, the player is marked as classified for competitions organized by ICWF
- Card for handicap people issued by a national authority is not a guarantee for approving minimal handicap.
- Normal upper body function is expected, any impairment in upper body does not affect requirements of minimal disability in lower body (this does not apply to goalkeepers).

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