

# International Committee Wheelchair Floorball (ICWF)

Wheelchair Floorball Rules - Additions to the 2019 IFF Rules 2019

Letters at a numeric label of an appendix stand for its eventual relation to an existing IFF rule:

A - adds

S - complements

M - modifies

... eventual existing rule for standard floorball.

#### 104 Substitution zones

- 104:1S If the venue does not allow substitution zones along one of the long rink sides, these can be placed in the corners of the rink.

#### 303 Special goalkeeper rules

- 303:2M The goalkeeper must not leave the goal-field area during a game.
- 303:3A A goalkeeper can move and protect the net with legs if the physical handicap does not allow him to move using arms.
- 303:4A A goalkeeper can cautiously play the ball with his stick above the big wheel level when in the small goalkeeper area. If this is considered dangerous or disturbing for an opponent, the goalkeeper is considered a field player.

#### 401 Players' equipment

- 401:1M Players may wear long trousers, which don't need to be identical.
- 401:4M Players are not obliged to wear shoes, except for a goalkeeper moving using legs, who must wear shoes.
- 401:5A A part of every player's equipment is his wheelchair, which must be in accordance with the Game Safety Rules. Wheelchairs must be equipped with spoke protectors. Eventual repaired protectors must be authorized by referees. The backrest and any other protruding parts must be padded so that they cause no injury during collisions. Wheelchairs must be equipped with a front bumper having a height of 11 cm above the floor, measured from the floor to the lowest point of the bumper. A detailed description is a part of the Game Safety Rules.
- 401:6A During the game, players must sit on their wheelchairs, i.e., their buttocks must touch the seat of the wheelchair.

#### 403 Special goalkeepers' equipment

- 403:1M A goalkeeper is allowed to use the stick. A goalkeeper can drop the stick to protect the net, to pick up the ball and to finish the throw out.

#### 502 Face-off

- 502:5M During a face-off, players may use any wheelchair position.
- 503:12A If a ball gets stuck in a wheelchair or in a player's lap, play is resumed with a face-off at the closest face-off dot. The referee should let a player try to play a ball stuck on his own wheelchair by using the stick or shaking the wheelchair (not his hand or foot).

## 507 Offences leading to a free hit

- 507:3M When a player raises the blade of the stick above the big wheel level in the back swing before hitting the ball, or in the forward swing after hitting the ball. This also applies to fake shots. High back or front swings are permitted if there is no other player within close range and there is no danger of hitting another player. (904)
- 507:4M When a field player uses any part of the stick to play or try to play the ball above the big wheel level. (904)
- 507:5A When a field player plays a ball under an opponent's wheelchair or puts the stick under an opponent's wheelchair. (905)
- 507:18S Accepting a pass that includes a situation where a goalkeeper touches the ball with his stick or leg (in the case that a goalkeeper can use the legs according to rule 303:3A).

## 605 Offences leading to a two-minute penalty

- 605:3M When a player plays the ball above shoulder level using any part of the stick. The player's shoulder line in an upright sitting position is considered the shoulder line. (904)
- 605:5M When a player hits an opponent. (909) This includes hitting a passing opponent from the side or from the back.
- 605:27A When a field player or a goalkeeper plays the ball with a leg. (912) This does not apply when a goalkeeper is allowed to use the legs to move according to rule 303:3A.
- 605:28A When a player puts his foot (feet) on the floor and gets involved in a play, or helps himself in a movement or with turning or braking the wheelchair.
- 605:29A When a player plays the ball while jumping. (916) It is considered a jump when the player's buttocks completely lose contact with the seat of the wheelchair.
- 605:30A When a goalkeeper leaves the goal-field area during a game.

## 613 Offences leading to a match penalty 1

- 613:1S When a player uses a wheelchair that is against the Game Safety Rules.

## 702 Correctly scored goals

- 702:2S When a goal is scored by directing the ball to the goal using a wheelchair, it is only considered a correctly scored goal if it has been done unintentionally.

## 703 Incorrectly scored goals

- 703:2S When the ball is directed to the goal intentionally using a wheelchair, it is considered an incorrectly scored goal.

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