

# International Committee Wheelchair Floorball (ICWF)

## Wheelchair Floorball Rules - Additions to the IFF Rules

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 the substitution zones along one of the long rink sides, these can be placed in corners of the rink.

#### 303 Special goalkeeper rules

- 303:2 M The goalkeeper is allowed to leave the large goal area, however, outside the large goal area he is not allowed to intervene in the game in any way. (A situation, where no wheel of his wheelchair is in the large goal area, is considered to be leaving the large goal area by the goalkeeper. The lines marking the large goal area are part of the large goal area.)
- 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 the stick above the big wheel level when in the small goalkeeper area. If it 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 of 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 in the height of 11 cm above the floor, measured from the floor to the lowest point of a 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. Referee should let player to try to play a ball stuck on his own wheelchair by using stick or shaking wheelchair (not 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. It also applies for fake shots. High back or front swing are permitted if there is no other player in a 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 tries to play the ball above the big wheel level. (904)
- 507:5A When a field player plays a ball under opponent's wheelchair or puts the stick under opponent's wheelchair, both only in the situation that this opponent's wheelchair is located in a large goal area. (905) (The wheelchair is in the large goal area in a situation where any wheel of this wheelchair is in the large goal area. The lines marking the large goal area are part of the large goal area. This addition is therefore valid both in the defensive and in the attacking large goal area.)
- 507:17S Accepting a pass includes the situation when a goalkeeper touches the ball with his stick or leg (in case if a goalkeeper can use legs according to rule 303:3A).
- 507:23A If the goalkeeper leaves the large goal area and intervenes outside the large goal area in play. (917) (A situation, where no wheel of his wheelchair is in the large goal area, is considered to be leaving the large goal area by the goalkeeper. The lines marking the large goal area are part of the large goal area.)

## 605 Offences leading to a 2-minute penalty

- 605:3M When a player plays the ball above the shoulder level by any part of the stick. The player's shoulder line in upright sitting position is considered as the shoulder line. (904)
- 605:5M When a player hits an opponent. (909) This includes hitting a passing opponent from side or from 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 the 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 in jump. (916) As a jump, it is considered when player's buttocks completely loose 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 which is against the game safety rules.

## 702 Correctly scored goals

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

## 703 Incorrectly scored goals

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

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