

To: IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Members and Fencing Federations

New IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Rules and Regulations for 2018

15th December 2018

Dear IWAS Fencing Members and Friends,

At the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Executive Committee (IW FEC) Meeting held during the IWAS World Championships in Rome, a number of Wheelchair Fencing rule changes were agreed. The following rule changes were made after discussions with, and recommendations from the Sports and Rules Commission, the Classification Committee and the Athlete Council.

New Sabre Distance

The new Sabre distance, which will be measured in the same manner as for foil, will have its trial period during the first two IWAS Wheelchair Fencing competitions for 2018, Eger, Hungary, World Cup and Pisa, Italy World Cup. The results of these trials will be reviewed and considered carefully by the appropriate commissions and the IW FEC in order to assess the next step.

Changes to Classification Procedures.

Classification Assessment scheduling will now be undertaken in line with other IPC sports standard practice and recommendations.

Classification will take place one day prior to the competition, starting at 08:30 and finishing at 18:30. Athletes will be sent their scheduled time in advance of the competition and will be expected to attend their designated slot on time. This may require that any athlete who requires a classification must arrive a day earlier so that they are ready to attend their assessment.

All medical documentation forms and athlete consent forms must be sent to the IWAS office at least 6 weeks before the competition, along with the date of their proposed first fencing event. This will enable the classifiers to produce a schedule for the assessments. (Due to time constraints this will remain at 4 weeks minimum for the Eger 2018 World Cup competition only)

In addition, due to the changes in regulations for 'hand strapping' to the grab bar, any athlete who uses a strap for a medical condition, who is unable to conform to the new rule m.25.9.11 the athlete **must** be reviewed by the classifiers prior to the competitions, to ensure the correct length of strapping is used. All such athletes **must** request a medical review for strapping at least 6 weeks prior to the competition.

All of the following technical, organisational and material rules changes can be found in the amended Wheelchair Fencing Rule books and the lists of amendments, available on the IWAS website here:

<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/index.cfm/sports/iwas-wheelchair-fencing/rules-documents11/>

Technical Rule changes

A number of technical rule changes have been made. These have been included in the amended version (2018) of the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Rules for Competition, Book One, Technical Rules. These are available on the IWAS Website and in the enclosed attachment.

<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/assets/File/Fencing/Rules/1%20-%20IWF%20Technical%20Rules%20Jan%202018.pdf>

and

<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/assets/File/Fencing/Rules/Wheelchair%20Fencing%20Technical%20Rules%20Amendments%20Spreadsheet%202018.pdf>

Organisational Rule changes

A number of organisational rule changes have been made. These have been included in the amended version (2018) of the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Rules for Competition, Book Two, Organisational Rules. These are available on the IWAS Website and in the enclosed attachment.

<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/assets/File/Fencing/Rules/2%20-%20IWF%20Organisation%20Rules%20July%20January%202018.pdf>

and

<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/assets/File/Fencing/Rules/Wheelchair%20Fencing%20Organisational%20Rules%20Amendments%20Jan%202018.xlsx.pdf>

Material Rule Changes

A number of material rule changes have been made. These have been included in the amended version (2018) of the IWAS Wheelchair Fencing Rules for Competition, Book Three, Material Rules. These are available on the IWAS Website and in the enclosed attachment.

<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/assets/File/Fencing/Rules/3%20-%20IWF%20Material%20Rules%20January%202018.pdf>

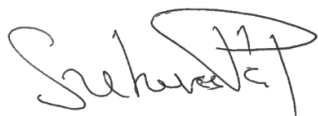
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<http://www.iwasf.com/iwasf/assets/File/Fencing/Rules/Wheelchair%20Fencing%20Material%20Rules%20Amendments%20Jan%202018.pdf>

Please view these new rules carefully. The new rules will come into effect from January 1st 2018 and will be enforced at the first IWAS competition – Eger World Cup.

The New rules include changes to the fencing wheelchair handrails, spoke protectors, hand strapping, additions to markings on jackets and back of the fencing chair amongst others. These changes may require the modification of some of the fencing wheelchairs and equipment currently in use.

It is the IWAS Member organisation and Fencing Federation's responsibility to ensure that all members of your fencing federations and Fencing Organisations are aware of the new rules and take any appropriate actions.

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IWAS wheelchair Fencing Chairman