



## IWBF OFFICIAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL RULES

### Summary and comments of the changes to the rules for 2004-06

The following is a summary of the main changes to the rules for 2004. While we believe we have covered the majority of the changes it is possible that there are some small changes in the rules for 2004-06 that are not mentioned here. This has been prepared by the Technical Commission of IWBF.

- Article 2.2.5 Team bench areas – This has been added for clarification:  
There must be seven (7) seats available in the team bench area for the coaches and the team followers. All players will use their wheelchairs at the bench. All other people shall be at least two (2) m behind the team bench.  
**Please note** the organisers will be encouraged to remove any chairs not being used by the team staff to provide more space for the wheelchairs.
- Article 3.1.9 Any tyre or castor(s) that marks the floor is not permitted. Exceptions may be made where it can be demonstrated that the marks can be easily removed.  
See also **Comment:** Any tyre/castor(s) that leaves permanent marks on the floor is not permitted. Surface marks that are easily removed are not considered to be permanent.
- Article 4.3.4 Playing uniform - Playing barefoot is not permitted.
- Article 5
- 5.4 Players: Injury—Bench personnel entering. Coaches, assistant coaches, substitutes and team followers may enter the playing court, with the permission of an official, to attend to an injured player before he is substituted.
- 5.5 A doctor may enter the playing court, without permission of an official if, in the doctor's judgement, the injured player requires immediate medical treatment.
- Article 9
- Tap-off to start a game or period — The tap-off will now only occur to start the game.
- 9.1 The first period begins when the ball is legally tapped by a player involved in the tap-off.
- 9.2 All other periods begin when the ball touches or is legally touched by a player on the court after the throw-in.
- Article 12
- 12.4 Alternating possession**
- 12.4.1 Alternating possession is a method of causing the ball to become live with a throw-in rather than a tap-off.
- 12.4.2 In all tap-off situations teams will alternate possession of the ball for a throw-in at the place nearest to where the tap-off situation occurs.
- 12.4.3 The team that does not gain control of the live ball on the court after the tap-off which began the first period will start the alternating possession.
- 12.4.4 The team entitled to the next alternating possession at the end of any period shall start the next period with a throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table.

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| Article 17.3.3 | <p><b>Entering the restricted area</b>—The present IWBF interpretation is still in effect. Entering the restricted area applies to both front court and back court throw-ins.</p> <p>17.3.3 An offensive player is not allowed to enter the restricted area during an out-of bounds situation until the ball is at the disposal of a player for the throw-in. (see Rule 26.1.1)</p> <p>26.1 A player shall <b>not</b> remain in the opponent's restricted area for more than three (3) consecutive seconds while his team is in control of <b>a live ball on the court and the game clock is running</b>. (see Art.17.3.3)</p> |
| Article 28.2.2 | <p>The eight (8) second period will continue with any time remaining when the team that previously had control of the ball is awarded a throw-in in the backcourt, as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A ball having gone out-of-bounds.</li> <li>• A player of the same team having been injured.</li> <li>• A tap-off situation.</li> <li>• A double foul.</li> <li>• A cancellation of equal penalties against both teams</li> </ul>   |
| Article 29.1.2 | <p>Twenty-four seconds—Please reference bullet #3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the ball hits the backboard (not the ring) or misses the ring, a violation has occurred unless the opponents have gained immediate and clear control of the ball, in which case the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.</li> </ul>   |
| Deletions      | <p>Please note every effort has been made to remove all references to terms such as dunk, pivot foot, post play and interference with the ball which are not consistent with wheelchair basketball.</p>  |
| Rule 9         | <p>This is a new section to our rules to provide a better explanation of the Player Classification System.</p>   |
| Mechanics      | <p>Administration of free throws—See FIBA Mechanics on 3-person officiating. The lead official will now administer all free throws.</p> <p>Administration of Technical, Unsportsmanlike and Disqualifying Fouls—See FIBA 3-person mechanics</p> <p>Please note diagrams #15, #48 &amp; #49</p>   |
| Diagrams       | <p>Diagram #4 – Has been updated to include the space for the Classifier</p> <p>Diagram #6 (Page 38) <b>Cylinder Principle</b> – this has been added to better illustrate the principle.</p>   |
| Equipment      | <p>Article 7.5 - Ball size - For all women's competitions in all categories, the circumference of the ball shall be no less than 724 mm and no more than 737 mm (size 6) and the ball shall weigh no less than 510 g and no more than 567 g</p>  |