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### **Amendments to World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations 2018-2019**

Dear President/Secretary General,

Pursuant to Clause 2.5.2 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations 2018-2019, World Para Athletics has decided to amend Rule 7.3, Rule 14.2 and Rule 24.17 with immediate effect. We consider these amendments are necessary to clarify the interpretation and application of these rules.

You may find the aforementioned amendments in the attached Appendix. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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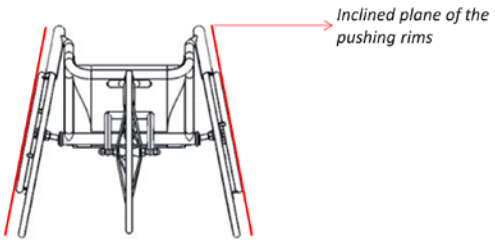
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Appendix - AMENDMENTS TO WORLD PARA ATHLETICS RULES AND REGULATIONS 2018-2019

Page	Rule	Action	Current	Amended Text (bold)	Rationale
			<b>Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes</b>	<b>Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes</b>	
72	7.3 (Second Comment)	Amend	<p><i>COMMENT: Any physical or technological action or activity that provides an athlete with an unfair advantage is not permitted on the field of play. Any device that has the capacity to be used for communicating is prohibited from the field of play. For example speedometers attached to wheelchairs that have a GPS component, regardless of whether the GPS has been deactivated or not, are prohibited from the field of play.</i></p>	<p><i>COMMENT: Any physical or technological action or activity that provides an athlete with an unfair advantage is not permitted on the field of play. Any device that has the capacity to be used for communicating is prohibited from the field of play. <del>For example Speedometers attached to wheelchairs that have a GPS component, regardless of whether the GPS has been deactivated or not, are prohibited from the field of play</del> may be allowed as long as communication function is not included (see Rule 7.3(b)).</i></p> <p><i>Call Room Judges will inspect the racing wheelchair frame as well as the helmet and athlete's ears to ensure the athlete is not in possession of any device that has the capacity to communicate.</i></p> <p><i>Note that further inspections may be conducted at any time.</i></p>	<p><i>This amendment provides clarity in the application of this Rule: athletes can use speedometers attached to wheelchairs with a GPS component as long as it does not have the capacity to communicate.</i></p>

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			<b>Rule 14: Wheelchair and RaceRunning Frame Requirements</b>	<b>Rule 14: Wheelchair and RaceRunning Frame Requirements</b>	
85	14.2 a)	Amend	<p>2. Wheelchair Frame Requirements:</p> <p>a) No part of the frame of the wheelchair, or any attachments to it, shall extend forward beyond the hub of the front wheel nor backwards beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels (including tyres). Additionally, the width of the frame, and any of its attachments, shall not be wider than the length between the insides of the rear wheel hubs, excluding the rear wheels.</p>	<p>2. Wheelchair Frame Requirements:</p> <p>a) No part of the frame of the wheelchair, or any attachments to it, shall extend forward beyond the hub of the front wheel nor backwards beyond the rearmost vertical plane of the rear wheels (including tyres). Additionally, the width of the frame, and any of its attachments, shall not be wider than the <del>length between the insides of the rear wheel hubs, excluding the rear wheels.</del> <b>inclined plane of the pushing rims</b> <del>insides of the rear wheel hubs, excluding the rear wheels.</del> (as outlined in Figure A).</p>  <p>Figure A – Inclined plane of the pushing rims</p>	<p>This amendment provides clarity regarding wheelchair frame requirements.</p>
		Add (Comment)		<p><b>COMMENT: Call Room Judges will inspect all wheelchairs to ensure no attachments are outside of the inclined plane of the pushing rims.</b></p>	

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			<b>Rule 24: General Conditions</b>	<b>Rule 24: General Conditions</b>	
142	24.17 (first Comment)	Amend	<p>Note (i): For Seated Throws Events, except where the first three rounds are held in two or more pools an extra minute shall be added between the third and fourth throws.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: In a practical sense, the Chief Judge or the Referee is in a position to allow additional time between throws if he determines that the athlete is not ready, or if the officials are not ready. For Seated Throwing the time clock should be initiated after the passing of the implement to the athlete and when the sector is ready and officials are out of the way. This may require some sort of audible instruction from the Chief Judge to the athlete.</i></p>	<p>Note (i): For Seated Throws Events, except where the first three rounds are held in two or more pools an extra minute shall be added between the third and fourth throws</p> <p><i>COMMENT: In a practical sense, the Chief Judge or the Referee is in a position to allow additional time between throws if he determines that the athlete is not ready, or if the officials are not ready. For Seated Throwing the time clock should be initiated after the passing of the implement to the athlete and when the sector is ready and officials are out of the way. This may require some sort of audible instruction from the Chief Judge to the athlete. <b>When the athlete finishes the third throw and the measurement is completed the time clock must be initiated for the one minute break. During the one minute break period the implement should not be provided to the athlete unless the athlete requests it. If the athlete asks for the implement before the one minute break has elapsed, then the time for the forth throw shall commence immediately (i.e., in the moment the implement is handed to the athlete and when the sector is ready and officials are out of the way).</b></i></p>	This amendment provides clarity regarding the one minute break period between the third and fourth throws in Seated Throws Events.