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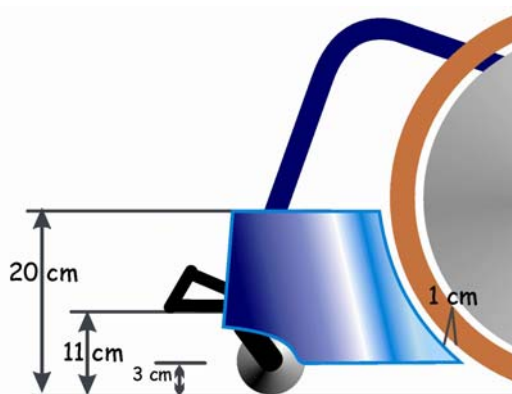
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To: all wheelchair rugby playing nations  
Subject: clarifications

1) The following clarification regarding the visibility of the front casters was made and applied at the World Wheelchair Games in Christchurch in October, 2003.

*The front caster wheels of the chair, particularly the point of contact between the wheels and the floor, must be visible from the front and side view of the casters when the casters are in a forward rolling position.*

This ruling does not supersede the requirement for the wing to be a minimum of 3cm. from the floor. In addition, this ruling does not require that the front caster or caster housing be positioned outside the wing. It is permissible to have a wing outside the caster housing as long as the caster wheel is visible. This may require building the wing higher than 3cm. from the floor, or building the wing with a cutout space to allow the front caster wheel to be seen (see diagram).



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- 2) During the World Wheelchair Games in Christchurch, in October 2004, two concerns surfaced and were brought to the Equipment Committee of the Technical Commission for study and recommendations. Following their recommendations, it is the ruling of the IWRF:
- a) *To expand a previous ruling that made the use of frictional material on bumpers ILLEGAL. This ruling is being expanded to include all contact areas of the chair, except the push rims or that part of the spoke guards that serves as the equivalent of the push rims. Note that the backrest bar(s) can and must be adequately padded with material that will ONLY protect an opponent against impact with the bar(s). The bar(s) can offer only structural support to the backrest, and no other mechanical advantage.*
  - b) *That the 45° connections be viewed as part of the bumper. Therefore, like the bumper, no part of these connections can exceed the maximum height of 20 cm.*



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