



**International Wheelchair Rugby Federation**

## **Decision Review Process**

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Decisions made by referees during games are subject to the decision review process

## **Requesting a review**

If a coach or athlete believes that a rule has been applied incorrectly, they may request a decision review. The coach or an assistant should approach the bench, immediately after the call in question, and advise the Technical Commissioner of this request. At the next stoppage in play, the Technical Commissioner will advise the referees of the request.

The coach should tell Referee 1 what specific call is being questioned. Referee 1 will explain why the call was made. Referee 1 should also advise the coach if the call is based on referee judgment, and advise that such calls are not subject to review. Following the explanation, the coach may choose to decline the review. If the review is declined, play will resume immediately.

## **Conduct of review**

If the coach wishes to continue with the review, the Technical Commissioner will notify the IWRFF Head Referee. The Head Referee and Technical Commissioner will meet at the table with Referee 1 and the coach. The coach should state the call that is being reviewed and the reasons for the request. Referee 1 will then explain what the call was and why it was made.

The Head Referee and Technical Commissioner will discuss the request. If they determine that the decision review has been requested for a judgment call, they will uphold the original call. If they determine that the rule in question was properly applied by the referees, they will uphold the original call. If they determine that the rule in question was not properly applied by the referees, they will overturn the original call. When a decision is reached, the Head Referee will notify Referee 1 and the coach.

## **Results of review**

If the call has been upheld, play will resume immediately. The coach who requested the review will be charged with a technical foul.

If the call has been overturned, play will resume under the conditions that existed when the call was made. Any goals, changes of possession, penalties, etc., that occurred after the call should be nullified. The game clock should be reset to the time when the call took place. The results of the call should be adjusted to reflect the correct application of the rules.

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Any stoppage in play resulting from a request for clarification, explanation, or decision review will not count for substitutions. If the request is made after a goal, substitutions will not be permitted. If the request is made after any other stoppage, substitutions will be permitted.

## **Limits to reviews**

A coach is permitted to request any number of decision reviews. However, if the ruling goes against the coach, a technical foul will be awarded. If a coach has received three such technical fouls, no further requests will be permitted. Decision reviews that are ruled in favour of the coach do not count against this limit.

If Referee 1 feels a decision review request is frivolous, trivial, or part of a pattern of requests that are immediately declined after the explanation, he or she should warn the Coach that repeated trivial calls may be sanctioned by a technical foul. After such a warning, Referee 1 may sanction the coach with a technical foul for delay of game if the behaviour is repeated.