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International rules for the sport of Wheelchair Rugby Amendments



This table details amendments to the International Rules for the Sport of Wheelchair Rugby introduced with the January 15, 2022 version of the Rules. The table shows text from specific articles in the Rules, with changes highlighted. The full articles are not included, only the paragraphs containing changes.

Updates to the Decision Review Regulation Process

The Competitions Committee and Technical Committee have been working to remove the Decision Review Regulation from Competition Regulations and incorporating it into the Correctible Error process (Article 42) within the rules. The motivation behind incorporating a decision review into the correctible error rule was to streamline the process, as the basis of the correctible error and a decision review are similar.

The update will also allow for decisions made within the game to be corrected by the officials within that game, i.e., removal of the requirement for external consultation from the process.

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Updated text

Head Official or other senior International official (Technical Delegate)

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- f. If the requested correction was not upheld by Referee 1, play will resume immediately. The coach who requested the correction will be charged with a technical foul.
- g. A coach is permitted to request any number of corrections. 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. Requests that are ruled in favour of the coach do not count toward this limit.

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- a. Supervise the work of the table officials at the scoring table.
- b. Assist the referees with the conduct of the game.
- c. Assist the referees with any correctable error situations.
- d. Ensure the accuracy of the score sheet.
- e. Ensure the proper operation of the game clock.
- f. Ensure the proper operation of the forty second clock.
- g. Ensure the proper operation of the scoreboard.
- h. Ensure the proper operation of the alternate possession direction arrow.
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