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## International Wheelchair Rugby Federation

### Bylaw 2 - Membership

#### Adopted December 2015

*Amendments to June 2010 bylaw are marked*

The WWR is open to membership by organizations and individuals interested in furthering the objectives of the WWR as the international governing body for the sport of wheelchair rugby.

#### Classes of membership

There are three classes of membership in the WWR

##### ***Full members***

Full members are national organizations recognized as having the responsibility to govern the sport of wheelchair rugby within their countries. As the organizations with primary responsibility for the sport, it is the Full members that provide the overall direction to the WWR.

Only one organization per country may become a Full member of WWR. Full members must be affiliated with their countries' National Paralympic Committees.

Full members are active participants in the international competitions of the WWR. They are expected to maintain active national wheelchair rugby programs including holding national championships, and should participate in their Zone competitions. Full members may bid to host official WWR competitions including Zone and World Championships. Full members are eligible to participate in qualification for official WWR Championships and the Paralympic Games.

All Full members are required to include an Athlete Representative in their governance structure. The Athlete Representative should be selected through a process that includes the active wheelchair rugby athletes in the country.

Full members have nominating, voting, and speaking rights at the General Assembly.

##### ***Affiliate members***

Affiliate members are national organizations recognized as having the responsibility to govern the sport of wheelchair rugby within their countries.

Only one organization per country may become an Affiliate member of WWR.

These members are developing the sport of wheelchair rugby but are not yet competing internationally. They may or may not have developed national programs and national championships. Affiliate members are expected to be actively working towards meeting the requirements for full membership.

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Affiliate members may attend the General Assembly with speaking rights but do not have nominating or voting rights.

## ***Associate members***

Associate members are organizations or individuals with an interest in the promotion and development of the sport of wheelchair rugby worldwide. Associate membership is offered by invitation of the Board.

Associate members may attend the General Assembly on invitation with speaking rights, but do not have nominating or voting rights.

## **Application for membership**

Full and Affiliate members will be admitted to the WWR on application and following the approval of the Board of Directors and payment of the appropriate membership fee. Applicants for membership must submit the following to the WWR Secretary General:

- Completed membership application form
- Copy of member organization's Constitution
- List of Directors
- Letter from NPC confirming affiliation
- Membership fee

Upon review of the application, the Board will confirm the application for membership which will take effect immediately upon approval.

## **Renewal of membership**

Membership in the WWR is on an annual basis from 1 January to 31 December. Existing Full and Associate members will be sent a membership renewal and membership fee invoice prior to the expiration of their membership. The deadline for membership renewal will be 31 December each year.

Full Membership: \$1500 (USD)

Affiliate Membership: \$500 (USD)

## **Suspension of membership**

Full and Affiliate members who have not paid their annual membership fee or submitted the renewal application will be under suspension until such time as the fee is paid and the application received.

Members under suspension will not have any of the usual rights and privileges of membership. This includes the rights to participate in, qualify for, or bid for official WWR competitions.

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Members engaged in a bid process for an official WWR competition will be considered to have withdrawn from that process in the event that their membership is under suspension.

Members involved in qualification for an official WWR championship will be considered to have forfeit their right to qualify in the event that their membership is under suspension.

Members who have been under suspension for two consecutive years may be subject to removal.

## **Termination of membership**

Any member may terminate their membership in the WWR by delivering to the WWR written notification of their withdrawal.

Members may be removed from the WWR by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the voting members at a General Assembly or Special Assembly.

## **Transfer of membership**

Full and Affiliate members may transfer their membership to another national organization upon application to the WWR. The new national member organization should complete the application process as for a new member, less payment of the membership fee, accompanied by a letter from the former national member organization granting the membership to the new member. Membership will be transferred upon receipt of the application package. The new member will be invoiced for the following year's membership fee during the annual renewal process.

## **Membership fees**

Membership fees for each class of member shall be set by the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by the membership during a General or Special Assembly. Membership fees shall be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.

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## WWR Membership Application

Type of membership:            FULL                            AFFILIATE

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:

Email:

Web site:

Name of primary contact for wheelchair rugby:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of secondary contact for wheelchair rugby:

Telephone:

Email:

Name of Athlete Representative:

Telephone:

Email:

Date and location of most recent national championships: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and location of most recent international competition: \_\_\_\_\_

Current number of wheelchair rugby athletes:            Male \_\_\_\_\_            Female \_\_\_\_\_

Current number of wheelchair rugby referees:            Male \_\_\_\_\_            Female \_\_\_\_\_

Current number of wheelchair rugby classifiers:            Male \_\_\_\_\_            Female \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION:

- National competition calendar for the previous two years
- International competitions attended by your national team for the previous two years
- Competitions outside your country attended by club or national teams for the previous two years
- Details of wheelchair rugby development activities undertaken for the previous two years
- Planned national and international competition calendar for the next two years
- Planned wheelchair rugby development activities for the next two years
- Copy of your organization's Constitution
- List of your organization's Directors
- Letter from your National Paralympic Committee confirming your affiliation

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## WWR Membership Renewal

Type of member:                      FULL                      AFFILIATE

### PLEASE PROVIDE UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION IF THERE HAVE BEEN ANY CHANGES

Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:  
Email:  
Web site:

Name of primary contact for wheelchair rugby:  
Telephone:  
Email:

Name of secondary contact for wheelchair rugby:  
Telephone:  
Email:

Name of Athlete Representative:  
Telephone:  
Email:

Date and location of most recent national championships: \_\_\_\_\_

Current number of wheelchair rugby athletes:	Male _____	Female _____
Current number of wheelchair rugby referees:	Male _____	Female _____
Number internationally certified:	Male _____	Female _____
Current number of wheelchair rugby classifiers:	Male _____	Female _____
Number internationally certified:	Male _____	Female _____

### PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION:

- National competition calendar for the past year
- International competitions attended by your national team or national development team in the past year
- Wheelchair rugby development activities undertaken in the past year
- Planned national and international competition calendar for the next year
- Planned wheelchair rugby development activities for the next year