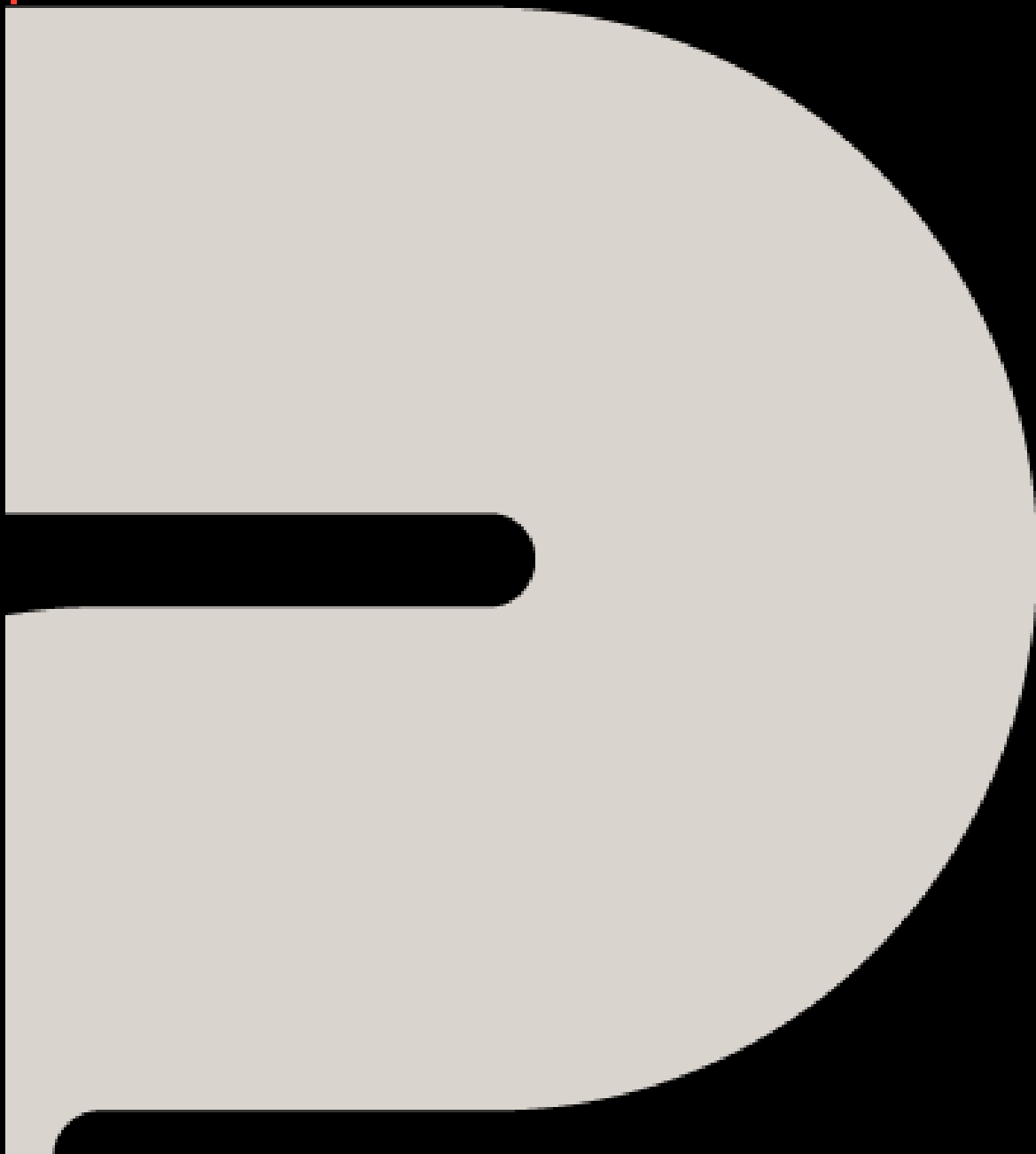


# Appendix 1

## WWR – Rule Change process



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## GENERAL PROVISIONS

This document details the process for making changes to the *International Rules for the Sport of Wheelchair Rugby* (the "Rules").

Changes to the Rules may be proposed at any time; however, changes will not be trialled or implemented during the 6 months prior to the WWR World Championship.

Changes to the Rules may be proposed at any time; however, substantive functional changes, or changes that affect the PRIS system will not be trialled or implemented during the 18 months prior the Summer Paralympic Games.

Proposals to change the Rules may be made by any Full member in good standing with the WWR.

Changes may also be proposed by a Working Group or Council of WWR. All proposals will be processed in the same way, regardless of who proposed them. No more than 4 substantive functional rule change proposals will be accepted at one time.

Rule proposals are to be submitted in writing. The proposal must include the following:

- The full text of the proposed rule
- The justification for the rule
- An explanation of how the rule will function in the game
- A list of articles in the current rules that will need to be revised
- Information on testing of the proposed rule that has been done by the proposer

## REVIEW

All Rule proposals will be sent to the Head of WWR Technical Committee and the Chair of WWR Athletes Council for review. Feedback will be given on the validity and workability of the change, and of any recommended adjustments to the rule proposal.

Following the review, the Head of Technical Committee will review the proposals with the Head of Rules Committee. The Head of Technical Committee, Athletes Council and Rules Committee will select the members of the Rules Project Group that will determine the validity of the rules change proposal. The Head of Rules Committee will lead the Rules Project Group.

The following guidelines will be used for the selection of the Rules Project Group:

- 2 members of the Technical Committee will be selected.
- 1 member of the Athletes Council will be selected.
- 1 retired/non-active player in good standing will be selected.
- 2 retired/non-active coaches in good standing will be selected.

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The Rules Project Group will decide if the proposal should be presented to the Board or if it will be rejected. If a proposal is rejected, the proposer will be given detailed feedback to the reasons why. Decisions to reject a rule proposal are not subject to appeal. The Rules Project Group can suggest changes to the proposal and it can be resubmitted. If the proposal is accepted, the Chair of the Rules Project Group (Head of Rules Committee) will inform the Head of Technical Committee and the Head of Athletes Council. The Technical Committee will review the WWR Rules to determine changes needed to accommodate the proposals.

The Rules Project Group will also determine if a rule change proposal is administrative or functional. An administrative proposal can be presented to the Board immediately for approval and will not require a trial period. A functional rule change, which will be determined by a change that would affect the way the game is played on court, will continue to the reporting phase of the process.

## REPORTING

Following acceptance of the rule change proposal by the Rules Project Group, the Technical Committee and the Athletes Council will report to the Board of Directors on the impact of the rule change proposal. The report should include the full text of all required changes to the Rules.

The Board will review the report and make a final decision. If the proposal is rejected, all parties involved will be informed of the reasons why. Decisions to reject a rule proposal are not subject to appeal. The proposer will be given an opportunity to modify the proposal based on the Boards decision. If the proposal is accepted, the process will continue to the trial period.

## TRIAL PERIOD

Once the Board has approved the rule change proposal, the Rules Project Group will determine the following:

- The date that the rule changes will begin. The trial period will be for a maximum of 12 months and a minimum of 6 months as determined by Rules Project Group and in accordance with time restrictions prior to the WWR World Championship and Summer Olympic Games. The rule changes will be re-assessed by the Rules Project Group at the end of the trial period to determine if additional changes or clarifications are needed.
- The pro forma that will be used to assess the effects of the rule changes at events. The trial can include both sanctioned and non-sanctioned events. Input should be included from teams and technical staff.

## DECISION

The Board will review the reports of the Technical Committee, Athletes Council and the Rules Project Group to make a final decision as to accept or reject the new rule. The Board will only accept or reject the rule as proposed; no amendments to the proposal will be made. If the Board approves the decision, the rule change proposal will become permanent within the WWR Rules