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## **WORLD-STANDARDIZED RULES – WHEELCHAIR COMPETITION**

Except when clearly contradicted by these additional rules, the [General Rules](#) of Pocket Billiards apply.

The International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation (ISMWSF) is recognized by the World Pool-Billiard Association (WPA), the world governing body of pocket billiards, as governing all international competitions concerning wheelchair pocket billiards. The ISMWSF has adopted the rules of play within these pages except for the amendments, exceptions and alterations stipulated below.

### **CUE SPORTS CLASSIFICATION**

There are two (2) categories or classes for those competing in wheelchairs, i.e.

1. Those players who meet the minimal disability and who are unable to make and sustain a functional bridge with their non-cueing hand.
2. All other players who meet the minimal disability who can make and sustain a functional bridge with the non-cueing hand.

### **DEFINITION OF MINIMAL DISABILITY IS;**

1. Amputation above the ankle.
2. Decrease of muscle strength in one lower limb of at least 30 points.
3. Severe mobility problems comparable with handicaps under a) and b) of this section.

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Players must remain seated on the cushion or seat of the wheelchair when playing a shot. Should a player's buttocks be clear of the cushion or seat when striking the cue ball, it will be deemed a foul.
2. Feet must be kept clear of the floor, should feet or foot-plates touch the floor when striking the cue ball, it will be deemed a foul.
3. Players in class 1 may request the Referee for assistance with rests and equipment etc.
4. Below the Knee strapping is allowed to keep feet on foot-plates. Strapping above the waist is not allowed except for medical reasons.