

To: All Wheelchair Rugby participants

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Topic: Interpretation of Measurement for Wheelchair Rugby Chair Bumper.

It has been brought to the attention of the Wheelchair Committee of the IWRF Technical Commission that officials are measuring the width of the bumper incorrectly in some instances.

Article 28 deals with the dimensions of the bumper. This ruling is related to Article 28.b

Article 28.b - The front-most part of the bumper must be a minimum of 20 centimetres wide measured side to side and must span straight across.

The official interpretation for all future sanctioned tournaments is as follows.

The Bumper will be measured along a line parallel with the floor at that point at which the bumper makes initial contact with another chair. (For measurement purposes it will be the front most part of the bumper, which is the area that would initially contact another chair if two chairs were to hit head on).

Only the part of the bumper that contacts another chair shall be measured.

See diagram on next page

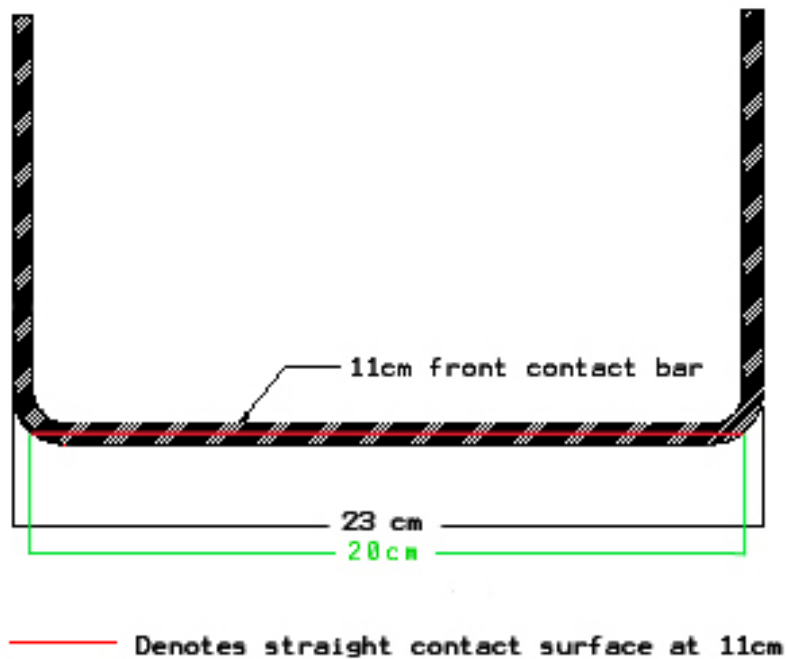
In the following diagram:

The red line is identified as the contact point.

Any part of the red line may be measured to satisfy the 20cm minimum width of the bumper.

The green lines show correct measurement.

The black lines show an incorrect measurement.



*Note: Officials must take care when measuring the bumper not to include that part of the bend in the bumper that does not make initial contact with another chair as shown by the **black** line. This can easily occur when using the outside of the bumper to hold the end of the tape measure.*

As can be seen in this example it is very easy to add centimetres to the width of a bumper by measuring incorrectly.

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