

## URGENT NOTIFICATION

In the Executive Committee Meeting of IWAS Wheelchair Fencing on 7 June 2021 the Executive Committee decided on the following rule change as an “Emergency Decision” (changes in blue) for clarification of the rule:

- m.61.** For wheelchair fencing a frame is utilised on each piste. The frame must fulfil the following conditions:
- The frame fixes the wheelchair in a stable position, by securing all wheels of the wheelchair to the frame.
  - The wheelchairs are fixed at an angle of  $110^{\circ} (\pm 5^{\circ})$  to the central (theoretical) line drawn between the end of the front wheel stop on both platforms.
  - The front wheels should touch the front stop in the forward position and all wheels should rest on the base of the frame.
  - The frame allows for easy adjustment of the fencing measure to accommodate the varying lengths of the fencers' arms.
  - The frame should also be easily adjustable to various widths of wheelchairs. If the wheelchair does not fit in to the frame, a replacement wheelchair that does fit must be used.
  - The frame must be easily adjustable for left-handed fencers.
  - The frame must also be constructed so that distance, angle, width of wheelchair is fixed and cannot move/change during the bout.
  - The frame should stay stable on the ground during a fencer's lunge.
  - The frame must be designed in a way that fencers cannot get injured (e.g. by sharp edges, etc.) before, during or after the bout, or when falling out of the wheelchair.
- All frames used in official IWF competition must have been approved by the IWF SEMI Commission.

