



Pathway to Becoming an IWRF Referee



**International Wheelchair Rugby Federation
Technical Committee**

Become a IWRF Referee

Refereeing the exciting game of Wheelchair Rugby is not only fun, but it's also rewarding. We are always looking for referees to officiate the game at all levels.

No previous experience in wheelchair rugby? No problem. Many referees from able-bodied sports or other parasports have easily made the switch to "murderball." Referees with experience in basketball, hockey and other sports have found the transition to rugby to be particularly seamless. We can even help you learn to become an official even if you've never blown a whistle before.

- **Benefits of refereeing include:**

- Ample opportunities for advancement: Referees can work anywhere from the recreational level to the high-performance level.
- Travel opportunities: High-performance referees often travel around the world.
- Getting involved in a sport family: Wheelchair rugby has a reputation for being a close-knit community that supports its members.
- Flexibility: Because wheelchair rugby does not have to involve a large time commitment, it's a great supplement for a referee who concentrates on another sport. While many countries require referees to work a minimum number of games, generally referees can devote as much or as little time as they would like.

- **How Do I Get Involved?**

- The first step is to contact the IWRF Technical Commissioner in your Zone to express your interest. You will find an email link to this person under the "Your Zone" area on our website at www.iwrf.com.
- Learn the rules. To view the official rules visit our website at www.iwrf.com. You can also check out the sport in action by visiting our video library here as well.
- Attend a referee's clinic. Referees in all Zones will have opportunities to learn the game at a refereeing clinic. Most countries require attendance at a refereeing clinic for certification.
- After you have attended a referee's clinic, you must apply for domestic certification. Often this will involve a written test, a fitness test (beep test), and/or a floor test. Different countries have different criteria for referees. In the USA, for example, referees must work a minimum number of games per year and attend a clinic at least once a year.
- There are three levels of certification:
 - **National Referee:** has completed basic and/or intermediate training;
 - **International Referee – Zone:** has completed an advanced clinic and can officiate at international tournaments within their Zone.
 - **International Referee – World:** has become experienced internationally and can now referee at a World Championship or Paralympic Games.
- Getting your International Certification: If you desire, you can work your way up to achieving international certification. To do so, you must apply to the International Wheelchair Rugby Federation via your National Governing Body. To be granted a license, you must pass a written exam, fitness test and a floor test, where you will be observed by a senior official.

How do I learn more about Refereeing Wheelchair Rugby?

Visit the IWRF website located at www.iwrf.com. From here you can read more detailed information about the sport and download the latest IWRF Official Rules and other useful documents. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have additional questions or need help finding something.

How to Contact the IWRF:

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IWRF Referee Application Form

This is an exciting time to become involved with Wheelchair Rugby and we welcome your interest in becoming an IWRF Official. Fill out the form below and return it to us at your earliest opportunity. Please refer to www.iwrf.com for the email address of the Technical Commissioner in Your Zone, or mail/fax this to us at information found on the previous page.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Do you have previous experience working as a Referee? Yes No

If yes, what sport(s) were you involved with? _____

Number of years involved: _____

Do you have any previous experience refereeing wheelchair rugby or any other sport for persons with disabilities? Yes No

If yes, what sport(s) were you involved with? _____

Number of years involved: _____

Team Affiliations, if any: _____

Wheelchair Rugby is a fast paced exciting full-contact sport whose growth and popularity grows throughout the world each year. We hope you consider this a great opportunity and encourage you to get involved. We look forward to helping you get started and welcoming you into the global wheelchair rugby family.

Thank you,

Stan Battock
IWRF Technical Commissioner