

SECTION 1 THE PARA TABLE TENNIS LAWS

Table Tennis shall be played according to the Laws and Regulations of the International

Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), as set out in their Handbook EXCEPT for the following

amendments, exceptions and alterations:

1.1 THE LAWS FOR WHEELCHAIR PLAY

1.1.1 SINGLES PLAY

1.1.1.1 The rally shall be a let

1.1.1.1.1 if in service the ball leaves the table by either of the receiver's sidelines (on

one or more bounces)

1.1.1.1.2 if in service the ball, after bouncing on the receiver's side returns in the direction of the net

1.1.1.1.3 if in service the ball comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface, or,

1.1.1.2 If the receiver strikes the ball before it crosses a sideline or takes a second

bounce on his or her side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called.

1.1.1.3 If the umpire believes that the server is deliberately serving fast let services

before serving correctly, this should be interpreted as gamesmanship and the ITTF's Penalty point system shall be used (ITTF regulation 3.5.2)

1.1.1.3 According to ITTF Law 2.6.6, the umpire may relax the requirements for a good service if he or she is satisfied that compliance is prevented by a physical disability. This will always be done for Class 1 and Class 2 players.

1.1.1.4 The player's classification card contains a section indicating any physical limitations that the player may have affecting compliance with the requirements of a legal service.

1.1.2 DOUBLES PLAY

1.1.2.1 The rally shall be a let:

1.1.2.1.1 if in service the ball after bouncing on the receiver's side returns in the direction of the net, or

1.1.2.1.2 if in service the ball comes to rest on the receiver's side of the playing surface.

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1.1.2.2 If the receiver strikes the ball before it takes a second bounce on his or her

side of the playing surface, the service shall be considered good and no let shall be called.

1.1.2.3 In doubles, the server shall first make a good service according to ITTF Law 2.6 with the above mentioned exceptions, and the receiver shall make a good return, and thereafter either player of a pair may make good returns.

1.1.2.4 During play, no part of a player's wheelchair shall protrude beyond an imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.

1.1.3 DEFINITIONS:

1.1.3.1 The racket hand is the hand in which the racket is held or strapped.

1.1.3.2 The free hand is the hand in which the racket is not held or strapped.

1.1.3.3 A player strikes the ball if he or she touches it in play with his or her racket, held in or strapped to the hand, or with his or her racket hand below the wrist.

1.1.3.4 Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point if:

1.1.3.4.1 his or her opponent touches the playing surface with his or her free hand,
or

1.1.3.4.2 his or her opponent does not maintain a minimum contact (with back of the thigh) with the cushion(s) when the ball is in play.

1.1.3.5 More specifically, a player may touch the table with the racket hand to restore his or her balance only after a shot has been played, and if the table does not move. The player is not allowed to use the table as an extra support before touching the ball.

1.1.4 WHEELCHAIRS

1.1.4.1 Wheelchairs must have at least two large wheels and one small wheel.

1.1.4.2 Footrests may be fitted if required, but if either the footrest or the foot shall

touch the floor during play the player's opponent shall score a point.

1.1.4.3 In team and class events, no part of the body above the knees may be attached to the chair as this could improve balance. However, should a player require some strapping or binding for medical reasons, this should be noted on his or her classification card and it will be taken into account
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when assessing the player's playing class. In open events, strapping and other aids will be allowed.

1.1.4.4 The height of one or maximum two cushions is limited to 15cm in playing conditions with no other addition to the wheelchair.

1.1.4.5 If a player must use a belt (around the waist) and/or a corset due to his or her disability, he or she must prove that it is required to the satisfaction of the classification panel. The onus is on the player to draw attention to the use of such equipment to the Official Classifier either for the initial or review of classification. Permission for use of a belt and/or a corset will be given under the following conditions:

1.1.4.5.1 permanent – this must be written on the player's international classification card (ICC) by the Official Classifier at the relevant tournament.

1.1.4.5.2 temporary – the player must provide a full explanation from his or her own

doctor who must certify the period which the belt and/or corset is/are required. This certificate must be signed and dated by the medical doctor and submitted to the Official Classifier at the relevant tournament. The player must report this to the Referee before the start of competition in which he or she participates.

1.1.4.6 Should additions of supporting structures be made to the wheelchair, whether attached to the wheelchair or not (except cushions), players must ask for a classification or a re-classification in this modified wheelchair. All additions to the wheelchair without re-classification and authorization written on the ICC, shall be considered as illegal and the player will be disqualified.

1.1.5 EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING CONDITIONS

1.1.5.1 Tables shall allow access to wheelchairs without obstructing the player's legs and shall allow access to two wheelchairs for doubles.

1.1.5.2 Table legs shall be at least 40 cm from the end line of the table for wheelchair players.

1.1.5.3 The bottom (trousers) portion of a tracksuit may be worn during play; however, jeans shall not be worn during play.

1.1.5.4 For wheelchair play, the playing space may be reduced, but shall not be less than 8m long and 6m wide.

1.1.5.5 A concrete floor is, in principle, acceptable for wheelchair events.

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1.1.6 MATCH CONDUCT

1.1.6.1 Unless otherwise authorized by the umpire, players shall leave their rackets

on the table during the intervals. In all cases when the racket is strapped to the hand, the umpire will allow the player to retain his or her racket strapped to the hand during intervals.

1.1.6.2 For a player, adequate medical recovery time may be allowed by the Referee after consulting the classifier or medical doctor at the tournament, if the player is unable to play temporarily due to the nature of his/her disability or condition.