



Code of Conduct

All those who participate in the sport of wheelchair rugby in New Zealand have responsibility to the sport, to themselves and to those who participate in the sport.

All players, coaches and team staff have a responsibility, to their team, to officials and to the country they represent and to remain professional and respect the spirit of fair play at all times.

Officials have a responsibility to their fellow officials and to players and coaches and to remain professional and respect the spirit of fair play at all times.

Purpose:

To define appropriate conduct guidelines for players, coaches, staff and officials involved in the sport of wheelchair rugby, or representing New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby .

Definitions:

Coach The person who signs their name in the Coaches section on the scoresheet and includes the Assistant Coach.

Official Referees, Classifiers and Bench Officials, including penalty box keeper, timekeeper and score keeper.

Player Any athlete that is registered to compete at the event.

Staff Those persons who are selected by NZWR or regions whose official duties include, but are not limited to, helping players on court/courtside, with cares and lifting and shifting.

Consequences:

Failure to abide by these conduct guidelines will result in consequences as deemed appropriate by the NZWR Committee. All decisions will be at the discretion of the NZWR Committee.



Conduct Guidelines

All involved in the sport of wheelchair rugby must abide by the following conduct guidelines:

1. All individuals must respect all fellow players, coaches, officials and staff
2. All individuals must refrain from using profanity, obscene language or make critical remarks to or about fellow players, coaches, officials or staff.

In addition, the following applies to each group involved in the sport of wheelchair rugby:

Coaches

1. Coaches must respect the officials' calls.
2. Coaches must refrain from baiting (in a manner which would cause offence or insult) or intimidating other players or officials.
3. Coaches must refrain from deliberately distracting officials by way of; continually talking to referees/bench officials whilst officiating the game.

Officials

1. Referees and Bench Officials must remain fair and impartial at all times and not engage in abusive or derogatory discussion regarding players, officials or staff.
2. Referees and Bench Officials must not show personal bias of any kind.
3. Referees and Bench Officials must officiate in accordance with IWRP sanctioned rules and guidelines

Players

1. Players must respect the officials' calls and any queries must be directed through the Captain only.
2. Players must refrain from baiting (in a manner which would cause offence or insult) or intimidating other players or officials.
3. Captains must demonstrate respect to all officials and opposing captain by acknowledging them at the Captains talk.
4. Captains can question the referee about a call but must do so in a respectful manner

Staff

1. Staff must respect all officials and adhere to directions given in accordance with the duties of an official in the IWRP rules and regulation.