

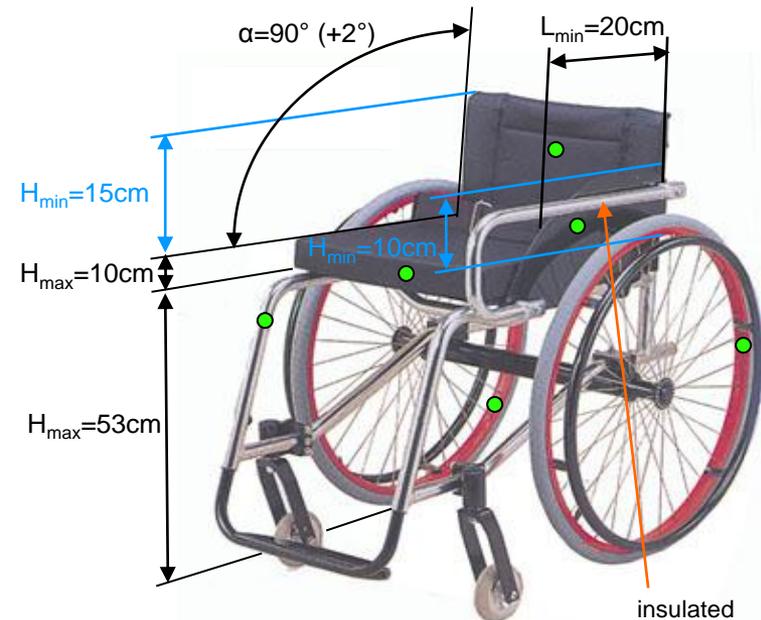
The Fencing Wheelchair

IWF Rules for Competition - Book 3 - Material Rules

m.25.9. The Fencing Wheelchair

1. The wheelchair is part of fencing equipment and must be 'weapon controlled'. The back of the wheelchair, the cushion, the frame, the armrest and the wheels will be tagged with a matching numbered marker by the controller. The material of the back of the wheelchair and that of the seating (but not that of the cushion) can be rigid or flexible.
2. All of the back of the wheelchair must have a minimum height of 15cm from the seat of the chair or the cushion when the fencer is seated upon it, and must be 90° to the horizontal. ($+2^\circ$). For wheelchair fencers who have a physical need for the back and the material be changed from 90° to the horizontal ($+2^\circ$), it is the decision of the wheelchair controller and a classifier.
3. No side guard to be used on the fencing arm side of the wheelchair at any time during competition.
4. The side guard on the non-fencing arm of the wheelchair must have a minimum height of 10 cm from the seat of the wheelchair or the cushion, when the fencer is seated upon it, and a minimum length of 20 cm beginning at the back of the chair. This side guard must be securely and correctly fixed and of rigid material (tapes to secure the side guard will not be accepted).
5. The wheelchair must be fully insulated by permanent durable insulation coating or by the use of a detachable covering. When a covering is used it must be of robust construction and securely fixed.
6. A cushion is not obligatory. When a cushion is used it must be of the same dimensions as the seat of the wheelchair. The maximum cushion thickness is 10cm and must have an even thickness and not wedge-shaped and must be able to bend corner to corner by the wheelchair controller. A medical cushion must be authorized by the classifier.
7. The maximum height of the wheelchair must be 53cm from the floor to the full area of the seat rail, the width of the seat must not exceed 3 cm from the fencers hips when the fencer is seated in the centre of the wheelchair.
8. The camber of the wheels must fit the official wheelchair-fencing frame (cf. m.61).
9. Strapping of the fencer to the wheelchair is permissible. The belt/strip must not cover the valid target.
10. The grab handle for the unarmed hand is optional.
11. If a belt/strip is used to fasten the unarmed hand, it must not be elastic and it must not cover the valid target.
12. If a belt/strip is used to fasten the legs steady to the wheelchair, it must not be elastic and it must not cover the valid target.

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Fencing wheelchair for right-handed fencers

In Blue: Measurements taken with fencer seated on cushion

Remarks:

- Measurement is taken with all tyres fully pumped up.
- Only for Cat. A fencers: the sitting platform on the frame has to be parallel to the floor. The height of the wheelchair is measured at all four corners, where a maximum difference of 10mm between the four measured values is allowed.