



UNITED STATES WHEELCHAIR RUGBY ASSOCIATION

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USWRA Membership:

Last year, the USWRA Membership approved measures that put the USWRA in compliance with World Wheelchair Rugby (WWR) governance. These changes to ensure compliance with the international governing body for wheelchair rugby were necessary to ensure that USAWR was able to continue to participate in international play (i.e. Tokyo Paralympics). To further align with WWR, and to limit potential future compliance issues, we will now abide by WWR regulations concerning uniform standards. The USWRA already follows the regulations that limits the number choices on uniforms, however, the WWR has stated that front numbers must now be on the RIGHT side and be of the measurements no more than 6cm x 10cm. From the WWR rulebook:

All uniform tops shall bear a number between 1-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45 and 50-55 inclusive, on the front and back. Each player on a team must have a different number. The number on the front must be on the players right side and the height must be no less than six (6) centimeters and no more than ten (10) centimeters. The number on the back must be in the centre and must be no less than fifteen (15) centimeters and no more than twenty (20) centimeters high. Both numbers must be visible at all times. Numbers may also be marked on the backrest of the wheelchair. No other numbers may appear on the uniform.

As with previous changes to uniform rules, there will be a period of transition prior to the rules being enforced. Teams will have until the first day of postseason game play in 2024 to change their uniforms. We added this buffer period to allow all teams a reasonable amount of time to make the changes and to limit undue financial hardships to the teams.

If you have any questions or concerns about this topic, please email USWRA Commissioner, Bob Lopez at Commissioner@USWRA.org. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all at summer events and the beginning of the 2022-23 Season.

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