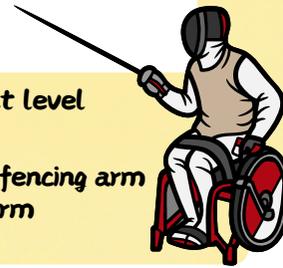




Wheelchair Fencing



Competition Formats

- Individual Event, Pool Stage: The first to reach 5 points within 3 minutes wins.
- Individual Event, Knockout Stage: The first to reach 15 points across three 3-minute rounds.
- Team Event: A team of three fencers competes in nine rounds. Each round is won by the first to reach 5 points within a 3-minute time limit.
- If the time limit is reached in any of the above events, the fencer with the highest points wins.

Classification: From Class A (lowest) to Class C (highest) according to fencers' impairment level

Men (M) & Women (W) Class A: Good sitting balance with a fully functioning fencing arm

M & W Class B: Significant functional impairment in the trunk in general with a functioning fencing arm

Class C: Poor sitting balance stability with severe functional impairment in the fencing arm

(excluded from Paralympic Games*)

Sabre

- Target Area: Above waist
- Both thrusts and cuts with any parts of the blade count

Heaviest Weapon Épée

- Target Area: Above waist**
- Thrusts count

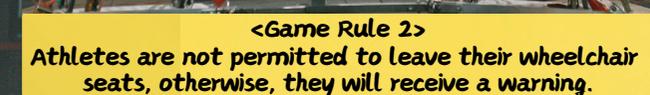
Lightest Weapon Foil

- Target Area: Torso only
- Thrusts count



<Game Rule 1>

The distance between the two fencers is determined by the athlete with a shorter arm span.



<Game Rule 2>

Athletes are not permitted to leave their wheelchair seats, otherwise, they will receive a warning.

Matches utilise the same electronic scoring system as the Olympic Games.

<Game Rule 5>
Successful hits are displayed on electronic score apparatus; the athlete will gain a point once judged by the Referee.

<Game Rule 4>
Athletes compete on wheelchairs fastened onto an adjustable metal frame on a piste. They are allowed to move freely their upper body only.



<Game Rule 3>
Wheelchair fencers wear protective gear, including a mask, a jacket and a glove – that is largely consistent with the equipment used in Olympic fencing.
** In épée, a metallic apron is added to cover the lower body and prevent registration of invalid hits.

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