

9. *The Fencing Wheelchair 20/66 Material rules*

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 wheelchair (on the seating and back) shall be non-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°). For wheelchair fencers who have a physical need for the back and the material be changed from 90° to the horizontal. (+2°), 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 authorised 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 strip must not cover the valid target.

39 cm = 15.4 inches (13" wide at hips plus 6 cm = 33 + 6 = 39)

53 cm = 20.9 inches

10 cm = 3.9 inches

15 cm = 5.9 inches