

International Official
Via Email

Bonn, 19 June 2014

Rule 35 – Seated Throw

Dear International Official,

IPC Athletics have received a number of questions regarding Rule 35 (seated throw) notably these questions have been around guidance regarding the shape, dimensions, construction and other characteristics of competition equipment.

We would like to help in your interpretation and decision making. If the equipment is manufactured according to the fundamental principles of IPC Athletics regulation 3.3.1 and there is no advantage gained from it, then there is no infringement of Rule 35, especially if frame is designed in a way to fit the body of the athlete on it according to the best sitting position he/she can have depending on the nature of his/her impairment.

The frame may have side and back rests and/or a holding bar and these components need to be fixed to the main structure of the frame in different points which are mostly in the corners of the seat, and therefore the seat corners may need to be cut to accommodate the side/back rests or the holding bar in them. The size of these cuts must not be more than the space needed to insert the rests or the bar in them, and keeping the overall shape of the seat being square or rectangular.

Any official who has concerns against the design of a chair based on the information provided and information within Rule 35 should advise the NPC, coach or athlete to send details to IPC Athletics ipcathletics@paralympic.org for approval of the equipment in line with our rules and regulations, [Regulation 3.3 regarding "Technology and Equipment" and in particular the fundamental principles set out at regulation 3.3.1].

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Montgomery", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Montgomery
Head of IPC Athletics
International Paralympic Committee

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