

Wheelchair Fencing

Wheelchair fencing are men and women with amputations, spinal-cord injuries and cerebral palsy are eligible to compete in foil epee (men and women) and saber (men) events. Their wheelchairs are fastened to the floor during competition.

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The Sport is governed by International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS).

Eligibility:

Impaired muscle power	Limb deficiency	Athetosis	Ataxia
Impaired passive range of movement		Leg length difference	Hypertonia

Classification:

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Category A	Fencers in category A have good trunk control, allowing them to bend forward and sideways explosively when attacking their opponent or dodging an attack. Also, their fencing arm is fully functional. Fencers in this sport class have lower limb deficiency or paraplegia, for example. Not all of fencers in this category use a wheelchair in their daily life.
Category B	Category B fencers have an impairment that impacts their legs as well as their trunk or their fencing arm. Some of the fencers, for example, have incomplete tetraplegia. You will see them support their trunk movements with their non-fencing arm to effectively attack the opponent.

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