

## *Summary of Rules Changes for 2017-2020*

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Here is the summary of Rule changes for 2017.

- Some of the updates were simply matters of housekeeping in chronology and clarifying the terms we use. Having consistent names for the areas around the court is very important.
- We allowed the BC3's some freedom (no pointer length, or seat height restrictions, more freedom of movement on the court, for both wheelchairs and ramps.)
- More freedom given for everyone by allowing smart phones in the call room.
- Rules 5.2; 11.5; 11.14 were clarified just before Rio, and there were very few complaints registered during the collection of your feedback. Most of the feedback agreed that the choices made are logical.
- Requiring teamwork for Pairs and Team - 11.9.2; 11.15; 15.1; 15.3
- Penalty balls have been changed from two (2) to one (1) and will be thrown at a 25cm target box around the cross after clearing the playing area.
- There will be a maximum of one minute between ends. This also replaces the timeouts. Coaches can meet with their Team and Pair athletes between every end.

The entire list is below:

- Written in chronological order
- Photography – in the preamble
- Added and clarified some definitions
- 3.1.1 Grouped Sport Assistant rules together
- 4. Gloves, splints, etc must be approved by Classifiers and brought to equipment check
- 4.1 Court tape size
- 5.2 No levels permitted
- 5.3 No pointer length restrictions
- 5.4 Ramp must be moved after Jack is presented
  - Not required to swing ramp between other throws
- 6.1 No restriction on wheelchair seat height
- 7.2 / 7.3 Pairs and Team Play
  - Time outs for Medical and Technical only.
  - Maximum of one minute between ends.
  - Coaches may return balls to athletes in Team and Pairs
- 11.5 Penalty on Jack violation
- 11.9.2 No penalty for cheering at end of match
- 11.11 Athletes who can only lie on their abdomen may participate with approval from classification

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- 11.14 Equidistant balls. You make it – you get first chance to break it.
- 11.15 Balls thrown at the same time are retracted
- 15.1 Athletes may NOT go into opponents' boxes to prepare their shot
  - May NOT go behind the throwing boxes. BC3 may use this corridor to enter the playing area only (other divisions enter the court via the front)
  - Athletes MUST reorient the ramp when they or teammate returns from the playing area
- 15.3 Teammate(s) must be in his own box when athlete releases the ball
- 16.2 One penalty ball for certain violations are thrown at target box at the cross
- 17.6 Red Card = Disqualification
- 18.11 Communication devices are allowed in Call room. Must be approved for FOP
- Appendix
  - Signal for equidistant balls - in Referee gestures
  - Court Layout updated