

APPENDIX BRULES OF WHEELCHAIR TENNIS1.RULES OF PLAY The game of wheelchair tennis follows the ITF Rules of Tennis with the following exceptions.a.The Two Bounce RuleThe wheelchair tennis player is allowed two bounces of the ball. The player must return the ball before it bounces a third time. The second bounce can be either in or out of the court boundaries.b.The WheelchairThe wheelchair is considered part of the body and all applicable rules, which apply to a player's body, shall apply to the wheelchair.c.The ServiceThe service shall be delivered in the following manner:i.Immediately before commencing the service, the server shall be in a stationary position. The server shall then be allowed one push before striking the ball.ii.The server shall throughout the delivery of the service not touch with any wheel, any area other than that behind the baseline within the imaginary extension of the centre mark and sideline.iii.If conventional methods for the service are physically impossible for a quad player, then the player or another individual may drop the ball for such a player and allow it to bounce before it is struck. If this is the case, the same method of serving must be used for the entire match.d.Player Loses PointA player loses a point if:i.The player fails to return the ball before it has bounced three times; orii.Subject to rule e) below the player uses any part of his/her feet or lower extremities against the ground or against any wheel while delivering service, striking a ball, turning or stopping while the ball is in play; or iii.The player fails to keep one buttock in contact with his/her wheelchair seat when contacting the ball.

117e.Wheelchairs used in all competitions played under the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis must comply with the following specifications:i.The wheelchair may be constructed of any material provided that such material is non-reflective and does not constitute a hindrance to the opponent. ii.Wheels may have a single pushrim only. No changes to the wheelchair that afford the player a mechanical advantage are permitted, such as levers or gears. During normal play, wheels shall not leave permanent marks on, or otherwise damage, the court surface.iii.Subject to Rule e(v), players shall use only the wheels (including pushrims) to propel the wheelchair. No steering, braking or gearing or other device that may assist operation of the wheelchair, including energy storage systems, is permitted.iv.The height of the seat (including cushion) shall be fixed and players' buttocks shall remain in contact with the seat during the playing of a point. Strapping may be used to secure the player to the wheelchair. v.Players who meet the requirements of Rule 4.5 in the ITF Classification Manual may use a wheelchair powered by electric motor(s) (a "powered wheelchair"). Powered wheelchairs must not be able to exceed 15 km/h in any direction and shall be controlled by the player only. vi.Applications may be made for modifications to the wheelchair for legitimate medical reasons. All such applications shall be submitted to the ITF Sport Science & Medicine Commission for approval a minimum of 60 days prior to intended use in an ITF-sanctioned event. A decision to reject a proposed modification may be appealed under Appendix A of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Regulations.f.Propelling the Chair with the Footi.If due to lack of capacity a player is unable to propel the wheelchair via the wheel then he may propel the wheelchair using one foot.ii.Even if in accordance with rule e) i. above a player is permitted to propel the chair using one foot, no part of the player's foot may be in contact with the ground:a)during the forward motion of the swing, including when the racket strikes the ball;b)from the initiation of the service motion until the racket strikes the ball.iii.A player in breach of this rule shall lose the point.g.Wheelchair/Able-bodied TennisWhere a wheelchair tennis player is playing with or against an able-bodied person in singles or doubles, the Rules of Wheelchair Tennis shall apply for the

wheelchairplayer while the Rules of Tennis for able-bodied tennis shall apply for the able-bodied

118player. In this instance, the wheelchair player is allowed two bounces while the able-bodied player is allowed only one bounce. Note: The definition of lower extremities is: the lower limbs, including the buttocks, hips, thighs, legs, ankles and feet. For the Rules of Play please refer to the ITF Rules of Tennis. Please go to:

www.itftennis.com/officiating/rulebooks/rules-of-tennis.