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# **Wheelchair Rugby: A Global Family**

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Australia, Japan,  
Singapore, South Africa,  
Peru, Indonesia,  
Bangladesh, Canada, USA,  
GB, Greece, China,  
Germany, Denmark, Nepal



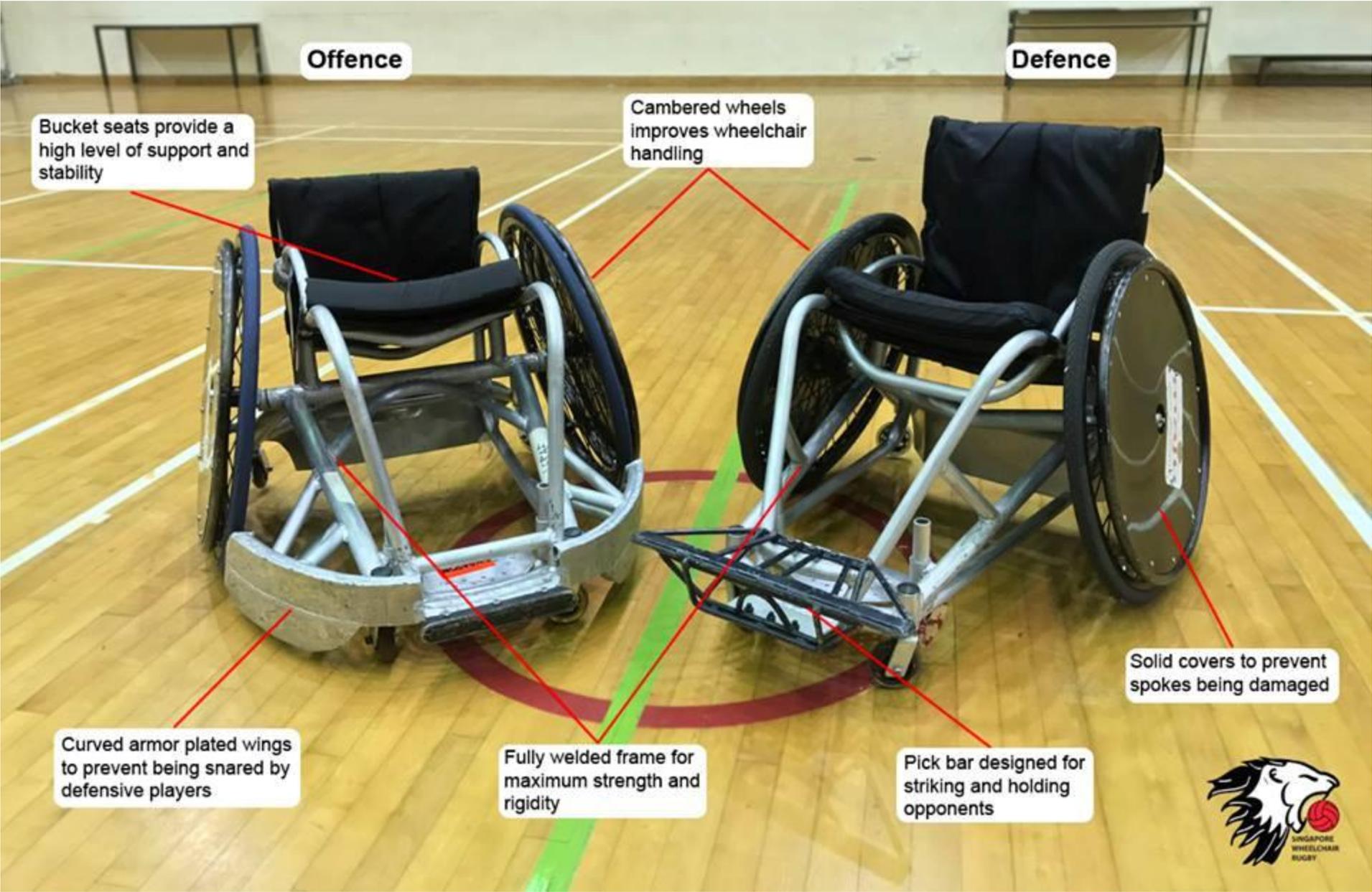
- Volunteer
- Coach
- Manager
- Classifier
- Sport Psyc
- Governance
- Photographer



# What do you need to play Wheelchair Rugby?

- Specialized chairs designed for wheelchair rugby are required.
- Gloves and strapping help players maintain grip and control.
- A light volleyball is essential for gameplay.
- A flat surface ensures safety and fair play.
- Players, coach, mechanic, referee, and volunteers.





**Offence**

**Defence**

Bucket seats provide a high level of support and stability

Cambered wheels improves wheelchair handling

Curved armor plated wings to prevent being snared by defensive players

Fully welded frame for maximum strength and rigidity

Pick bar designed for striking and holding opponents

Solid covers to prevent spokes being damaged



# **Wheelchair Rugby in Sixty Seconds**

# Inclusive Play: Wheelchair Rugby for Everyone

- Wheelchair rugby is accessible to players of all abilities.
- Fives is a new adapted version of wheelchair rugby.
- Fives caters to players ineligible for international competition.
- This version promotes wider participation and inclusivity.
- Fives helps grow the sport at grassroots levels.



# Benefits of Playing Wheelchair Rugby



- Builds lifelong friendships through team collaboration and support.
- Enhances life skills such as communication and resilience.
- Boosts motivation and fosters a strong work ethic.
- Promotes physical fitness and health through active gameplay.
- Develops strategic thinking and effective time management.
- Offers opportunities for travel and experiencing new cultures.



- 4.5 Tournament
- Palmerston North
- August 9, 2025





- NZWR Nationals
- Christchurch
- September 5 – 7, 2025



• Development Series  
• Christchurch  
• September 9, 2025



- Low Pointers
- Te Awamutu
- October 11-12, 2025



- Asia Oceania Zonals 2025
- Suphanburi, Thailand
- Nov 17 – 23, 2025

