

## **Wheelchair Racing**

## **Ready-to-Race Position**

- 1. Athletes must remain seated on the cushion or seat of the wheelchair.
- 2. Lean upper body forward so shoulders are ahead of hips.
- 3. Hold knees and feet together in the center of the chair.
- 4. Grasp wheels or handrails at 11 o'clock position; i.e., just behind highest point of wheel (12 o'clock position) with thumbs inside and fingers outside.
- 5. Keep head slightly forward and focus several meters ahead.

## **Forward Stroke and Recovery**

- 1. From ready-to-race position, push the wheels or handrails forward from 11 o'clock to the 4 o'clock position, and release hands from wheels.
- 2. Keep moving arms and hands in a circular motion, i.e., past 6 and 9 o'clock positions, and recover to the 11 o'clock position.
- 3. Keep body and head still during stroke and recovery.