#### strictFirstAndLastChars (Use Strict Kinsoku Rules for Japanese Text)

This element specifies that the strict set of Kinsoku rules shall be applied to Japanese text in this document when the [kinsoku](kinsoku.docx) element (§) is applied to that text. The resulting line breaking rules are provided on the [kinsoku](kinsoku.docx) element.

If this element is omitted, then standard rules shall apply to Japanese text when the [kinsoku](kinsoku.docx) element is applied to that text.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document that specifies that strict Kinsoku rules shall be applied to Japanese text. This requirement would be specified using the following WordprocessingML in the document settings part:

<w:strictFirstAndLastChars w:val="true"/>

The strictFirstAndLastChars element's val attribute has a value of true specifying that a document shall apply the strict set of invalid characters for the [start](start.docx) and end of a line. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| settings (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (On/Off Value) | Specifies a binary value for the property defined by the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  A value of on, 1, or true specifies that the property shall be explicitly applied. This is the default value for this attribute, and is implied when the parent element is present, but this attribute is omitted.  A value of off, 0, or false specifies that the property shall be explicitly turned off.  [Example: For example, consider the following on/off property:  <w:… w:val="off"/>  The val attribute explicitly declares that the property is turned off. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

The following [XML](XML.docx) Schema fragment defines the contents of this element:

<complexType [name](name.docx)="CT\_OnOff">

<attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx)"/>

</complexType>