



International Wheelchair Rugby Federation

World Ranking Regulations

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The IWRF World Ranking List ranks all IWRF member countries which are active in international competitions governed by IWRF. The list details the relative standings of national teams based on the results of IWRF sanctioned events.

The World Ranking List does not include countries which have not yet participated in IWRF sanctioned events or where the sport of wheelchair rugby is still in development.

Entry to the List

To be entered on the World Ranking List, a country must send a national team to an IWRF competition which is sanctioned for world ranking.

As long as an appropriate competition has been attended, there is no minimum standard of performance to be placed on the World Ranking List.

In special circumstances, the IWRF Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Competitions Committee, may approve the placement on the World Ranking List of a country that has not participated in a sanctioned event. Such a placement would take place where a country has made a good faith effort to comply but has been unable to do so because of a lack of competitive opportunities. A country seeking such placement would be required to demonstrate a sufficient level of development and proficiency in the sport.

Removal from the List

A country that attends no IWRF sanctioned competitions of any type during a period of forty-eight calendar months shall be removed from the World Ranking List. The period of forty-eight months will begin the day after the closing of the last sanctioned event attended by a country.

Twenty-four months after a country's last attendance at an IWRF sanctioned event, they shall be notified in writing of this fact and shall be warned that there is a risk of removal from the World Ranking List. A second notification shall be sent after thirty-six months.

After forty-eight months have passed, they shall be notified in writing that they have been removed from the World Ranking List.

Failure to provide written notice under this article, or the failure to receive this notice, shall not be sufficient grounds to appeal a country's removal from the World Ranking List.

Ranking

Following each IWRF sanctioned competition, countries shall be positioned on the World Ranking List in the order that they finished at the competition. Rankings shall be updated as follows:

- (a) Countries that finish above higher-ranked teams on the previous World Ranking List will be placed in the position occupied by the highest-ranked country which they have finished above. If another country has already been placed in this position, the country will be placed in the next lowest position on the list.
- (b) Countries that finish below lower-ranked teams on the previous World Ranking List will be dropped one or more places to make room for those countries that finished above them.
- (c) Countries that were not on the previous World Ranking List will be placed in the position occupied by the highest-ranked country from the previous List which they have finished above. If the country finishes last, it shall be placed in the lowest position on the List.

Protection of Rankings

A country which is not eligible to attend a particular IWRF sanctioned event will not have its ranking affected by the results of that event. This does not apply to a country which did not qualify for or which declined an invitation to a competition which it was eligible to attend.

Failure to Attend

Any country that qualifies for an IWRF Championship Event but does not attend shall be placed on the World Ranking List in the position immediately below the lowest-ranked country that does attend. If the country's original ranking is lower than this new position, the original ranking shall be maintained.

If two or more countries are affected, they shall be placed in the same relative positions that they occupied prior to the competition.

Teams that do not attend an IWRF Zone Championship for which they are qualified shall be placed below the lowest-ranked country from all Zones that attended any Zone Championship in that year.

Exceptional Circumstances

IWRF may adjust the results of a ranking update if it is judged that the results as they stand would harm the international competitions of the IWRF or would be manifestly unfair to a country. Such an adjustment may only take place during the ranking update immediately following the competition that gives rise to the exceptional circumstances.

World Ranking List updates

A new IWRF World Ranking List will be published within fourteen days of each updated to the List.

Appeals

Any appeal of a ranking on the World Ranking List must be made in accordance with the IWRF Appeals Policy.

Appendix A - Ranking Examples

Example 1 - Single-Zone Competition

In this example, Countries C, G, J, and L, all from Zone 2, attend a competition. Countries from other Zones are not invited to or eligible for this competition. The final standings are:

1. G
2. C
3. L
4. J

Following the event, countries from Zones 1 and 3 are protected. Countries from Zone 2 are not protected.

	Before	After
1.	A (Zone 1)	A (Zone 1)
2.	B (Zone 3)	B (Zone 3)
3.	C (Zone 2)	G (Zone 2)
4.	D (Zone 1)	D (Zone 1)
5.	E (Zone 2)	C (Zone 2)
6.	F (Zone 3)	F (Zone 3)
7.	G (Zone 2)	E (Zone 2)
8.	H (Zone 3)	H (Zone 3)
9.	I (Zone 1)	I (Zone 1)
10.	J (Zone 2)	L (Zone 2)
11.	K (Zone 2)	J (Zone 2)
12.	L (Zone 2)	K (Zone 2)

Country G is moved to Position 3, previously held by Country C, which it has defeated. Country C drops down the list to the next lowest position occupied by a country from Zone 2 - in this case, Position 5, formerly held by Country E, which did not attend. Country E drops down the list to Position 7, formerly held by Country G.

Country L is moved to Position 10, previously held by Country J. Country J drops down the list to the next lowest position occupied by a country from Zone 2 - in this case, Position 11, formerly held by Country K, which did not attend. Country K drops down the list to Position 12, formerly held by Country L.

Example 2 - Multi-Zone Competition

In this example, Countries D and I, from Zone 1, Countries C, G, J, and L, from Zone 2, and Countries B and H, from Zone 3, attend a competition. The competition is open to all countries. The final standings are:

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| 1. B | 5. C |
| 2. G | 6. L |
| 3. D | 7. I |
| 4. H | 8. J |

Following the event, no countries are protected.

Country B retains its previous position.

Country G is moved to Position 3, previously held by Country C. Country D finished above C, but below G, and so is moved into the position on the list immediately below G, Position 4. Country H finished above C but below G and D, and so is moved into the position on the list immediately below D, Position 5.

Country C drops down the list to the next lowest position formerly occupied by a country which did not attend the event, in this case, Position 6.

	Before	After
1.	A (Zone 1)	A (Zone 1)
2.	B (Zone 3)	B (Zone 3)
3.	C (Zone 2)	G (Zone 2)
4.	D (Zone 1)	D (Zone 1)
5.	E (Zone 2)	H (Zone 3)
6.	F (Zone 3)	C (Zone 2)
7.	G (Zone 2)	E (Zone 2)
8.	H (Zone 3)	F (Zone 3)
9.	I (Zone 1)	L (Zone 2)
10.	J (Zone 2)	I (Zone 1)
11.	K (Zone 2)	J (Zone 2)
12.	L (Zone 2)	K (Zone 2)

Countries E and F, which did not attend, drop down the list to Positions 7 and 8.

Country L is moved to Position 10, previously held by Country I, which it has defeated. Countries I and J drop down the list to the next lowest positions - Positions 10 and 11. Country K drops down the list to Position 12.