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World Wheelchair Rugby

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The WWR World Ranking List ranks all WWR member countries which are active in international competitions Licensed by WWR. The list details the relative standings of national teams based on their performance at WWR Licensed events.

The World Ranking List does not include countries which have not yet participated in WWR Licensed events.

The purpose of the WWR World Ranking List is to provide a relative ranking of the performance of active nations in the sport of Wheelchair Rugby. The List is used to create seed lists for event draws and may be used as a part of the qualification or selection process for WWR Championship events.

Principals of World Ranking

The WWR World Ranking System uses points which are assigned to countries based on their results at WWR Licensed events. Countries accumulate points over a four-year cycle and are ranked by their total number of points.

Points are assigned based on the final ranking of national teams in all WWR licensed events. Results of individual matches at Licensed events do not directly contribute to a country's points. Results of non-Licensed events do not earn points.

When a Licensed event is part of a championship series (i.e. qualification and championship events, or divisional events within a championship), countries will only receive points based on their final placing within the full series. This means that a country which attends two events within a series will not be assigned points from both events.

Point allocation

The point totals for each country are based on their results over the previous four-year period and will include the following events:

- WWR World Championship, including the Qualification Tournament
- Paralympic Games, including the Qualification Tournament
- The most recent Zone Championship, including all divisional or regional qualification tournaments
- Other WWR Licensed events during the four-year period.

The points awarded to a country are calculated by assigning a base point value for the final placing at the event followed by a multiplier for the specific event. Points will also be subject to an annual adjustment so that more recent results have greater impact on overall world rankings. Details on the base points, annual adjustment and multipliers for specific events are provided in Annex A to this regulation. An example calculation is provided in Annex B.

The WR list will include point's earned from the most recent Zone Championships, World Championships and Paralympics, even if in unforeseen circumstances these now fall outside of the 4 year period.

However, if a World Championship event or Paralympic Games is formally cancelled, points obtained from performances at that previous respective event will expire on the date of cancellation.

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Points from Zone Championships, will include the placing's at any divisional or regional qualification events. Points will be assigned based on the final rankings of all countries that participate in any of the associated events, across all events. Points will be determined and assigned on the completion of each event in each Championship.

If a Zone Championship event is cancelled, placing's used to determine associated rankings within that zone, will be based on the most recent WR list immediately prior to the events cancellation.

Countries that do not attend an event in their Zone Championship for which they have qualified will receive no ranking points for any event in that championship.

Points from the World Championship and Paralympic Games will include the placing's at the associated final qualification event. Points will be assigned based on the final rankings of all countries that participated across both events. Points will be determined and assigned only on the completion of the final event.

If a World Championship or Paralympic qualification event is cancelled, the associated qualifiers and other placing's will be based on the WR list immediately prior to the events cancellation.

Evaluation and review schedule

The World Ranking system will be evaluated, reviewed, and updated by the WWR Competitions Working Group as required, and at least every two years. Any proposed change to the system will be communicated to all WWR member countries prior to implementation.

The weightings for events will be reviewed and adjusted by the WWR Competitions Working Group, if required, following each World Championship and Paralympic Games

Publishing schedule

The WWR World Ranking List will be published on the following schedule:

1. Immediately following a WWR Licensed event where points are earned
2. Quarterly on the following dates:
 - January 7
 - April 7
 - July 7
 - October 7

Each update will include points earned in the previous four years. Points earned earlier than four years prior to the update will be removed from each country's total.

Appeals

Any appeal of the assignment of ranking points or positions must be made in accordance with the WWR Appeals Policy.

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Annex A – Points, Annual Adjustment, and Multipliers

Base Points

The following base points will be allocated for placings within each eligible WWR Licensed event, and each Zone Championship, World Championship, and Paralympic Games.

Placing	Points
1	50
2	45
3	40
4	35
5	25
6	23
7	21
8	19
9	16
10	15
11	14
12	13
13	12
14	11
15	10
16	9
17	8
18	7
19	6
20	5
21	4
22	3
23	2
24	1

Annual adjustment

Events completed within the last 12 month	100%
Events completed between 12 and 24 months ago	75%
Events completed between 24 and 36 months ago	50%
Events completed between 36 and 48 months ago	25%
Events completed more than 48 months ago	0%

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Event Multipliers

The results of each event will be weighted by applying the following multiplier to the base points earned:

Event type	Multiplier
World Championship	5.0
Paralympic Games	5.0
Zone Championship	
with more than one division	3.2
with more than nine participating countries	3.2
with regional qualification event	3.0
with more than five participating countries	3.0
All other Zone Championships	2.8

*Note Zone Championship points are not subject to annual reduction as these events can span over two years.

All other WWR Licensed events the sum of (maximum 1.8)

Number of Teams	
2-3 Teams	0.1
4-5 Teams	0.2
6-7 Teams	0.3
8+ Teams	0.4
Number of Zones	
1 Zone	0.0
2 Zones	0.1
3 Zones	0.2
Classification	
Type B Panel	0.4
Type A Panel	0.6
Other Technical Officials	
WWR selected referees	0.4
Full contingent of all other WWR selected ITO's	0.6

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Annex B – Example calculations

National Team Points Calculation

The following is an example calculation for National Team Brazil following the 2024 Paris Paralympics

In this calculation the events that Brazil attracted ranking points are

1. September 2024 Paris Paralympics (including qualification event)
2. 2023 Americas Championship
3. September 2022 World Championship (including qualification event)

Points earned for each event and overall total can be seen below

Event	PG24	AZ23	WC22
Place	9 th	3 rd	11 th
Placing points	16	40	14
Weighting	5.0	3.0	5.0
Ranking points	80	120	70
Annual adjustment	100%	100%	50%
Total	80	120	35
Overall total	235		

Event Weighting Calculation

The following is an example of the event weighting for Canada Cup 2024 and is based on a total of 6 teams from 3 zones with a type A panel and WWR selected referees.

Number of teams = 0.3

Number of Zones = 0.2

Type A panel = 0.6

WWR selected referees = 0.4

Total Weighting for event = $0.3 + 0.2 + 0.6 + 0.4 = 1.5$