

WDA World Rankings

World Ranking points are awarded to member nations based purely on their final position at recognised international tournaments. These events include, World Cup qualifiers, the World Cup and World Invitational.

Each category (men's, women's and mixed) will have their own rankings system.

The WDA World Rankings system is similar in vein to the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), whereby points are based on tournament rankings, as opposed to other international sports ranking systems such as the ICC Test Championship for cricket, that is based on both individual matches and the results of series, or the FIFA World Rankings for football, that is based solely on individual matches.

National team rankings are built on a eight-year performance. Following the eight-year cycle, the new year of results will override the first year of the cycle, to be included in the rankings system. Meaning, only results within the four-year bracket will be included in the points system.

WDA World Ranking Points Formula

World Cup (Men, Women, Mixed):

1st – 240 points

2nd – 220 points

Last Place – 120 points

World Cup Qualifiers (Men, Women, Mixed):

1st – 120 points

2nd – 110 points

Last Place – 20 points

World Invitational (Men, Women, Mixed):

1st – 110 points

2nd – 100 points

Last Place – 10 points

The points awarded after 2rd place are spread evenly, in an attempt to ensure balance between international tournaments with different-sized fields.

For instance, finishing 3rd out of 10 teams is considered to be a higher accomplishment than finishing 3rd out of 6 teams. Given that points are not fixed beyond 2nd place, a calculation is used to determine how many points are awarded for each position. The calculation gives the difference between any two consecutive positions from 2nd through to last.

FORMULA | Number of Points for 2nd – $\frac{(\text{Point Difference from 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ to last}}{\text{Places from 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ to last at event}} \times \text{Places the team finished after 2}^{\text{nd}}$)

EXAMPLE 1 | Hong Kong (Men's) placed 3 out of 4 teams in the 2015 Asian Championships.

Formula | $110 - \frac{(90 \times 1)}{(2)}$

$110 - (45 \times 1)$

Hong Kong receives 65 points.

EXAMPLE 2 | Northern Ireland (Men's) placed 3 out of 12 teams in the 2015 European Championships.

Formula | $110 - \frac{(90 \times 1)}{(10)}$

$110 - (9 \times 1)$

Northern Ireland receives 101 points.

As illustrated in the two examples, Northern Ireland earned a higher point rating of 92, in contrast to Hong Kong's 60, due to a larger number of teams competing at the Euro's (12 teams at the Euro's, compared to 4 teams in the Asian Championships).