



IBSA BLIND FOOTBALL WORLD RANKING

The aim of this document is to explain the procedure used to determine positions in the IBSA Blind Football World Ranking for the B1 category.

The purpose of the IBSA Blind Football World Ranking is to show the relative strength of national blind football teams in comparison with other teams. The procedure involves awarding points to national teams on the basis of their performance at international blind football tournament.

The IBSA Blind Football World Ranking may be used, among other purposes, to determine seeded teams at tournaments and to decide which teams are eligible to take part in certain tournaments.

Competitions held over the previous four years are used to calculate ranking points.

Competitions are ranked and a co-efficient is applied according to importance. The competitions included for the purposes of the ranking are as follows (in order of importance):

- 1 Paralympic Games
- 2 IBSA World Championships
- 3 IBSA World Games
- 4 IBSA World Grand Prix
- 5 IBSA regional championships
- 6 IBSA regional championships division 2, sub-regional championships and other championships (e.g. development tournaments, friendly tournaments)

Points are awarded to each participating team on the basis of their final position in the aforementioned championships.

The ranking points for each team in each competition are calculated by multiplying the points awarded as a result of the final position by the co-efficient for that competition.



Criteria for 'other championships' to be eligible for ranking points

Other championships must meet the following requirement in order to be considered as ranking events:

- 1 At least three national teams must take part in the competition.
- 2 The competition must be published on the IBSA sports calendar (<http://www.ibsasport.org/calendar/>) prior to the event. Entry must be open to all countries, although the maximum number of countries may be limited by local organisers.
- 3 The competition must be played according to the IBSA Blind Football rulebook.
- 4 Officials must be approved prior to the event by the Refereeing Co-ordinator.
- 5 Full results and final standings must be sent for publication on the IBSA web site.

The final decision as to whether a competition meets the criteria to be included as a ranking event lies with the IBSA Football Committee.

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