



World Ranking System

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A General

- A.1.1. This section will detail the procedures governing the placement of nations on the PowerChair Hockey (PCH) World Ranking List. The World Ranking List shows all currently active nations, detailing the relative standings of their National Teams based on the results of competition at sanctioned events by the IWAS/IPCH .
- A.1.2. The World Ranking List does not include nations where the sport of PowerChair Hockey is still in development or is not active.
- A.1.3. Nations need to be member of the IWAS.

B Qualification

B.1. Qualification

- B.1.1. To be ranked on the World Ranking List, nations must achieve certain minimum qualifications for placement and for retaining their positions. These qualifications are based on competitive activity in the sport at the international level.

B.2. Placement

B.2.1. Automatic placement

To qualify for automatic placement on the World Ranking List, a nation must send a National Team to a fully sanctioned event.

The National Team must compete in the event and this competition must include games with the National Teams of one or more nations that already have a placing on the World Ranking List.

A nation that has complied with this provision shall not be denied placement on the World Ranking List. As long as an appropriate competition has been attended, there is no minimum standard of performance.

B.2.2. Exceptional placement

In certain special circumstances, the IPCH Executive Committee may approve the placement on the World Ranking List of a nation that has not sent a National Team to a sanctioned competition. Such a placement would take place where a nation has made a good faith effort to comply but has been unable to do so because of a lack of competitive opportunities. A nation seeking such placement would be required to demonstrate a sufficient level of development and proficiency in the sport.

In certain special circumstances, the IPCH Executive Committee may approve the placement on the World Ranking List of a nation that has sent a National Team to a sanctioned event, in which no allocated National Team of the World Ranking List is participating.

B.3. Removal

B.3.1. Automatic removal

A nation on the World Ranking List that attends no sanctioned events of any type during a period of forty-eight calendar months (4 years) shall be removed from the World Ranking List. This nation will be considered under development. To be returned to the list, the nation will have to comply with the placement regulations (Article B.2.).

The period of forty-eight months will begin the day after the closing of the last sanctioned event attended by a nation.

B.3.2. Notice of removal

If a period of twenty-four months (2 years) has passed since a nation's last attendance at a sanctioned event, the IPCH Executive Committee shall notify the nation, in writing, of this fact, and shall warn the nation that there is a risk of removal from the World Ranking List. A similar notification shall be sent after thirty-six months (3 years).

Once forty-eight months (4 years) have passed, the IPCH Executive Committee shall notify the nation, in writing, that they have been removed from the World Ranking List.

The aim of the written notice is to give nations an opportunity to seek a competitive opportunity and so retain their placement. However, ranked nations retain the main responsibility for maintaining an active program. Failure to provide written notice under this article, or the failure to receive this notice, shall not be sufficient grounds to appeal a nation's removal from the World Ranking List.

B.3.3. Competition waiver

At any time during the forty-eight month period, a National member organisation of the IWAS may make a written request to the IPCH Executive Committee for a competition waiver. This waiver will allow a nation to remain on the World Ranking List during a period of competitive inactivity at the international level. Requests for waivers will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis; any request should include, as a minimum:

- Reasons for inactivity at the international level
- Expected date of return to international competition
- Demonstration of activity in the sport within the nation

C. Ranking

C.1 Initial ranking

Initial ranking describes a nation's first placement on the World Ranking List. This applies to all nations not on the World Ranking List, including those that had been on in the past.

C.1.1. Automatic placement

A nation that qualifies for the World Ranking List by automatic placement (Article B.2.1.) shall be placed in accordance with the standard procedure for ranking updates (Article C.2.).

C.1.2. Exceptional placement

A nation that qualifies for the World Ranking List by exceptional placement (Article B.2.2.) shall be placed in the last position.

C.2. Ranking updates

C.2.1. Following a sanctioned event, nations shall be positioned on the World Ranking List in the order that they finished at the event. Depending on the results, nations which did not attend the event may lose their ranking over other nations from their Region which attended. The rankings shall be updated as follows:

- (a) Nations that have finished above teams which had been ranked above them on the previous World Ranking List, will be placed in the position occupied by the highest ranked nation, from the previous World Ranking List, which they have finished above. If another nation has already been placed in this position, the nation will be placed in the next lowest position on the list.

- (b) Nations that have finished below teams which had been ranked below them on the previous World Ranking List will be dropped one or more places to make room for those nations that finished above them.
- (c) Nations not in attendance will be dropped one or more places to make room for those moved down under C.2.(b) above. This will not apply to nations from Regions which sent no National Teams to the event; all nations from such Regions will have their positions on the list protected.
- (d) If a nation was not previously on the World Ranking List, it shall be placed in the position occupied by the highest ranked nation, from the previous World Ranking List, which they have finished above. If the nation finished below all others in attendance, it shall be placed in the last position.

C.3. Ranking examples

C.3.1. One Region Tournament

In this example, Nations C, G, J, and L, all from Region 2, attend a competition. Their final relative standings are:

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

Following the event, nations from Regions 1 and 3 are protected; they retain their previous ranking. Nations from Region 2 are not protected.

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

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

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

C.3.2. Two Region Tournament

In this example, Nations D and I, from Region 1, and Nations C, G, J, and L, from Region 2, attend a competition. Their final relative standings are:

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| 1. G | 4. L |
| 2. D | 5. I |
| 3. C | 6. J |

Following the event, nations from Region 3 are protected. They retain their previous ranking. Nations from Region 1 and 2 are not protected.

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

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

Nation C drops down the list to the next lowest position occupied by a nation from Region 1 or 2 – in this case, Position 5, formerly held by Nation E, which did not attend. Nation E drops down the list to Position 7, formerly held by Nation G.

Nation L is moved to Position 10, previously held by Nation I, which it has defeated. Nation I drops down the list to the next lowest position occupied by a nation from Region 1 or 2 – Position 10, formerly held by Nation J. Nation J drops down the list to the next lowest position occupied by a nation from Region 1 or 2 - Position 11, formerly held by Nation K. Nation K drops down the list to Position 12, formerly held by Nation L.

C.3.3. Three Region Tournament

In this example, Nations D and I, from Region 1, Nations C, G, J, and L, from Region 2, and Nations B and H, from Region 3, attend a competition. Their final relative 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 nations are protected.

Nation B retains its previous position.

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

Nation C drops down the list to the next lowest position formerly occupied by a nation which

did not attend the event – in this case, Position 6.

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

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

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

C.4. Failure to attend

- C.4.1. During the update to the World Ranking List after an IWAS-PCH official championship, any nation that qualified for the competition but did not attend shall be placed on the World Ranking List in the position immediately below the lowest-ranked nation that did attend. If the nation's original ranking is lower than this new position, then the original ranking shall be maintained. If two or more nations are affected, they shall be placed in the same relative positions that they occupied prior to the competition.
- C.4.2. In the case of Regional Championships, teams that fail to attend shall be placed below the lowest-ranked nation from any Region that attended a Regional Championship in that year.
- C.4.3. The provision regarding failure to attend Regional Championships does not apply to Regions that do not hold Championships.

C.5. Exceptional circumstances

- C.5.1. The IPCH Executive Committee may adjust the results of a ranking update if it is judged that the results as they stand would harm the IPCH international competitions or would be manifestly unfair to a nation. Such an adjustment may only take place during the ranking update immediately following the competition that gives rise to the exceptional circumstances.
- C.5.2. In the event of such an adjustment, the IPCH Executive Committee shall notify all nations on the World Ranking List, explaining the decision and the reasons for it.

C.6. Appeal

- C.6.1. Any nation wishing to appeal a ranking on the World Ranking List must notify the IPCH Executive Committee, in writing, no more than six weeks after the publication of the World Ranking List being appealed. This notice must identify the nation whose ranking is being appealed, and the reasons for the appeal.
- C.6.2. The IPCH Executive Committee shall review the appeal and collect any further information required. A final decision regarding the appeal shall be made and issued no more than six weeks following its receipt by the IPCH Executive Committee.

D. National Team status

- D.1.1. The World Ranking List is based on the results of National Teams in international competition. In order that the World Ranking List fairly reflects the performance of each nation at the international level, only the results of National Teams shall be taken into account.
- D.1.2. In order to preserve the integrity of the competitions system, the IPCH Executive Committee may designate a team that did not present a Mandate as a National Team.

E. World Ranking List updates

E.1. Post-event

- E.1.1. The World Ranking List shall be updated following each fully IWAS sanctioned (competition or championship) event at which more than one National Team was in attendance.
- E.1.2. Following a sanctioned event, the IPCH Technical Delegate shall forward a Competition Results Report to the IPCH Executive Committee. The IPCH Executive Committee shall then update the World Ranking List and distribute a new copy to all IWAS member nations.
- E.1.3. World Ranking List updates shall be completed no more than six weeks following the end of an event.

E.2. Other updates

- E.2.1. The IPCH Executive Committee shall issue updated a World Ranking List at other times as required to reflect the results of exceptional placements, removals, appeals, or other events affecting the World Ranking List.