

1 IBSA Goalball World Rankings

The IBSA Goalball Sub-committee will maintain a world ranking order for international teams. The basic logic will be that any team that does well in international goalball wins points which enable it to climb the world ranking.

- 1.1 A team's total number of points over a four-year period is determined by adding the average number of points gained from matches during the previous 4 calendar years with points gained depreciating yearly in the following manner.
- 1) 100% for any match held in the last twelve months
 - 2) 75% for any match held in the previous thirteen to twenty four months
 - 3) 50% for any match held in the previous twenty five to thirty six months
 - 4) 25% for any match held in the previous thirty seven to forty eight months
 - 5) 0% in any match held more than forty eight months ago

This will be known as the **Weighting of a match**.

2 Calculation of points for a single match

- 2.1 The number of **points** that can be accumulated in a single match depends on the following factors:
- 1) Was the **match** won or drawn? (**Match Result**)
 - 2) How important was the match (International tournament to Paralympic Games)? (**Importance**)
 - 3) How strong was the opposing team in terms of ranking position (**Opposing Team**)
 - 4) The Global Strength of the team. (**Strength**)

These factors are brought together in the following formula to ascertain the total number of points per match (**Points**).

Points = Match Result x Importance x Opposing Team x Strength x Weighting

- 2.2 Match result

The Match Result will be scored in the following manner.

- 1) 3 points for a victory in regulation time
- 2) 2 points for a victory in extra time or penalties
- 3) 1 point for a loss in extra time or penalties
- 4) 1 point for a draw in regulation time (where a winner is not required)
- 5) 0 points for a loss in regulation time

2.3 Importance

The Importance of a Match will be scored in the following manner.

- a) 1 point for an International match, including matches played in Paralympic Qualification Tournaments or Regional Qualification Tournaments (that lead directly to PGs or WGCs)
- b) 1.5 points for an International match, including matches played in Paralympic Qualification Tournaments or Regional Qualification Tournaments (competiton finals)
- c) 2 points for any regulation match played in IBSA Goalball World Championships or Paralympic Games
- d) 2.5 points for any finals match played in IBSA World Championships or Paralympic Games (finals)

2.4 Opposing Team

2.4.1 The strength of the opponents is based on their world ranking where the team at the top of the ranking is always assigned 100 points. The second ranked team is assigned 99 points and so on. The teams ranked 61st and below are assigned a minimum value of 40 points.

2.4.2 The ranking position is taken from the opponents' ranking in the most recently published IBSA Goalball World Rankings. These rankings will be published monthly. The updated World Rankings will be posted on the IBSA website.

2.5 Strength

2.5.1 A team's Global Strength will be calculated by their performance over the previous two Paralympic Games and IBSA Goalball World Championships. After each tournament, all the competing teams will be placed in rank order for each division based on tournament finish.

2.5.2 The ranking of teams finishing outside the knock out games (9th to 16th) will be determined by their total points and goal difference (as per Rule 50 of the IBSA Goalball Rules and Regulations) from the round robin. The ranking of teams finishing before the semi-finals (5th to 8th) will also be determined by their total points and goal difference from their round robin matches.

2.5.3 Each team will be allocated a score depending on their order of finish and how many teams are competing in the competition. The winner will be given a score of 1.0000 and score will decrease equally as we go down the ranking order.

Eg. In a sixteen team competition, for first team will be given a score of 1.0000, the second team will receive 0.9375, third will receive 0.8750, fourth will receive 0.8125 and so on until the last place team receives 0.0625.

- 2.5.4 Any country that is not competing in either the Paralympic Games or the IBSA Goalball World Championships for that year will be given a score of 0.0500.
- 2.5.5 The average of these four scores for each team will then be calculated to give the team its Global Strength.
- 2.5.6 This score will be used as a multiplier for that team in all its matches until the next Paralympic Games or IBSA Goalball World Championships. At this time a new score will be calculated depending on the ranking of that new tournament.

3 Requirements to be considered as a Ranking Tournament

- 3.1 Tournaments will require at least three international teams in each category played (men's and / or women's).
- 3.2 Tournaments with club teams or more than one team from the same country in them will no longer be included.
- 3.3 Tournaments will be played under full IBSA rules. Any minor modifications must be approved in writing by the IBSA Goalball Sub Committee prior to the tournament commencing.
- 3.4 All referees officiating in the tournament must be either IBSA Level I accredited or must be participating at an IBSA Level Accreditation Clinic at that tournament.
- 3.5 Tournaments must first be advertised on the IBSA website and be open to all countries. This does not mean that a tournament cannot be limited at a certain number of teams.
- 3.6 Results from the tournament must be sent to the Regulations Co-ordinator and also be published on the IBSA website following the conclusion of the tournament.