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WFDF updates World Rankings following World Under-24 Ultimate Championships

The World Flying Disc Federation today released the updated World Ultimate Rankings. These world country rankings are based on the finishing positions of teams at the most recent major World Ultimate Events:

- World Ultimate Club Championships (2014)
- World Junior Ultimate Championships (2016)
- World Ultimate and Guts Championships (2016)
- World Championship of Beach Ultimate/World Great Grandmasters Beach Ultimate Championships (2017)
- World Under 24 Championships (2018)

The USA continues to hold the top spot after winning gold in all three divisions, while Canada maintained its second place position after taking Silver in Women's play and Bronze in Mixed. Great Britain remained third, while Germany and Australia held onto fourth and fifth places respectively. Italy took a second place finish in the Men's division to move up two places from 13th to 11th position in the rankings. Singapore also had a good event, coming in fifth in Mixed. They have now moved into 22nd place in the rankings and are knocking on the door of the top 20. Malaysia followed their first ever WFDF event appearance last summer at the World Championships of Beach Ultimate with another fine showing at WU24, coming in 11th in the Mixed division to improve their world rankings from 49th to 46th.

"This ranking has been updated with the recent finishing positions of teams from the WFDF 2018 World Under-24 Championships which ended on January 13 in Perth, Australia," explained WFDF Ultimate Committee chair Brian Gisel. "All playing divisions at each event are used to calculate these standings. Points are accumulated based on finishing position of the highest ranked team for each country in each playing division, with a maximum number of points awarded to the first place team, equal to the number of countries participating in that division. "The number of points awarded is reduced by 1 for each lower finishing position. For example, in a division with 10 unique countries, the highest ranked country receives 10 points, the second ranked country receives 9 points, the third 8 points and so on."

WFDF underlined that the rankings are prepared to generally illustrate the relative strength and breadth of each nation's programs and that it is not used for event bid allocation or World Games or major event qualification purposes. The next World Rankings update will be released in July 2018, following the 2018 World Ultimate Club Championships to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA.

About WFDF:

The World Flying Disc Federation is the international sports federation responsible for world governance of flying disc (frisbee) sports, including Ultimate, Beach Ultimate, Disc Golf, Freestyle, Guts and Overall Events. WFDF is a federation of 79 member associations that represent flying disc sports and their athletes in over 77 countries. WFDF is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and it is a member of the Association of Recognised International Federations (ARISF). WFDF is a member of GAISF and the International World Games Association (IWGA) and IMGA. It is also a signatory to the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. WFDF is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Colorado, USA.

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WFDF World Ultimate Rankings - January 13, 2018

Rank	Country	Points	Change	Rank	Country	Points	Change
1	United States of America	425		39	Hungary	16	
2	Canada	387		40	Chinese Taipei	14	-2
3	Great Britain	315		41	Slovenia	14	
4	Germany	292		42	Venezuela	12	
5	Australia	276		43	Norway	10	
6	Japan	267		43	Turkey	10	
7	France	239		45	Lithuania	6	
8	Colombia	197		46	Malaysia	5	3
9	Switzerland	182		47	Guam	3	-1
10	New Zealand	173		47	Brazil	3	-1
11	Italy	160	2	47	Egypt	3	-1
12	Spain	154	-1	NR	Afghanistan	0	NR
13	Austria	149	-1	NR	Argentina	0	NR
14	Russia	142		NR	Armenia	0	NR
15	Ireland	128		NR	Belarus	0	NR
16	Finland	126	1	NR	Bolivia	0	NR
17	Czech Republic	121	-1	NR	Cambodia	0	NR
18	Sweden	118	-2	NR	Chile	0	NR
19	Denmark	115		NR	Congo	0	NR
20	Netherlands	105	1	NR	Costa Rica	0	NR
21	Belgium	104	-1	NR	Croatia	0	NR
22	Singapore	100	1	NR	Georgia	0	NR
23	Philippines	97	-1	NR	Iceland	0	NR
24	Poland	78	-1	NR	Indonesia	0	NR
25	India	62		NR	Kenya	0	NR
26	Slovakia	46	1	NR	Lebanon	0	NR
27	Mexico	43	-1	NR	Luxemburg	0	NR
28	Portugal	42		NR	Moldova	0	NR
29	Latvia	41		NR	Morocco	0	NR
30	Israel	33		NR	Panama	0	NR
31	United Arab Emirates	30	1	NR	Palestine	0	NR
32	Ukraine	29	1	NR	Qatar	0	NR
33	Estonia	26	1	NR	Romania	0	NR
34	Republic of South Africa	25	-3	NR	Rwanda	0	NR
35	Hong Kong	23	1	NR	Tanzania	0	NR
35	Republic of Korea	23		NR	Thailand	0	NR
37	Dominican Republic	21	-1	NR	Uganda	0	NR
38	People's Republic of China	17	2	NR	Uruguay	0	NR