

FIBA World Ranking Men, presented by Nike - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why a new FIBA World Ranking Men, presented by Nike?

Replacing a competition-based system with a game-based one means the FIBA World Ranking Men, presented by Nike, can more accurately reflect the performances of more national teams than ever before - 149 compared to 91 under the previous system. It also makes it possible to update the ranking more regularly - after every window of Qualifiers and following the conclusion of top official FIBA competitions - and allows national teams to see their evolution.

The previous system did not include all national teams, was based on an outdated weighting system centered on the final standings of tournaments and with results during the 8-year period all carrying the same weight and receiving the exact same value. It also did not factor in Qualifiers for top official FIBA competitions.

Who benefits?

The new FIBA World Ranking Men, presented by Nike, applies to a much greater number of teams. This comes as a result of factoring in all official games, from regional pre-qualifiers all the way to the FIBA Basketball World Cup Final.

What games are not included in the new FIBA World Ranking Men, presented by Nike?

With the exception of the Olympic Basketball Tournament, all games played in basketball competitions as part of multi-sport events along with friendly games are NOT taken into consideration as they are NOT part of FIBA's official calendar.

What happens to teams that require more games to qualify for the Olympic Games through the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments?

Under the previous system, it was possible for teams that needed more games to qualify for the Olympic Games - via the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, instead of directly through the FIBA Basketball World Cup/Continental Cups - to rank higher than teams they should not have been above of. By implementing a weighted average, this will no longer be possible.

Why a new system to calculate the men's ranking but not the women's, boys' and girls' ones?

With [FIBA's new calendar](#) tipping off in November 2017 - and which sees 149 senior men's national teams play regular official games to qualify for the FIBA Basketball World Cup, the FIBA Continental Cups and the Olympic Games - there was a pressing need to implement a ranking enabling national teams and their fans to follow their progress on a regular basis. FIBA will work towards drawing up and implementing similar systems for the women's, boys' and girls' rankings.

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As part of the [11-year strategic partnership it signed with FIBA in February 2017](#), iconic basketball brand Nike became the title partner for FIBA's World Rankings - one of the most visited sections on [FIBA.basketball](#) - renaming it FIBA World Ranking Men, presented by Nike. Nike does not have any influence on the principles of the ranking.