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IBAF World Rankings Notes:

- Rankings are for promotional purposes only and are not necessarily used by the IBAF or any other governing baseball body to organize events, nor are those groups required by the IBAF to do as such
- Rankings cover a four year, every-other IBAF Baseball World Cup period – the current rankings period includes events after January 2005
- Points are awarded based on the following scale (please note, after points are awarded to finishers 1st – 4th, the points are evenly distributed among the remaining finishers)
 - 1st place – 50
 - 2nd place – 40
 - 3rd place – 30
 - 4th place – 15
 - 5th place – 32nd place (points are divided evenly among the teams to ensure balance between tournaments with different-sized fields – the incremental point steps from 15 to 1 are based on the formula below:
 - $[15 (\text{\# of points for 4th place}) - 1 (\text{\# of points for last place})] / [(\text{\# of teams in a tournament}) - 4 (\text{\# of places with a fixed point total \{i.e. 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place\}})]$
 - So in an 18-team tournament example:
 - $[15 - 1 = 14] / [18 - 4 = 14] = 1$
 - This results in a 1 point between each of the finishers 5th place through 18th place (5th - 14 pts, 6th - 13 pts., 7th - 12 pts, and so on)
- Point values for tournaments are weighed as such (including, but not limited to, the tournaments below):
 - Major World Championships with teams from five continents eligible (4x points)
 - IBAF Baseball World Cup
 - World Baseball Classic
 - Olympic Games (to be removed from ranking system in 2012)
 - Minor World Championships with teams from three or more continents (1x points)
 - Intercontinental Cup (to be removed from ranking system in 2010)
 - IBAF "AAA" (18U) World Junior Championships
 - IBAF "AA" (16U) World Youth Championships (note: the 2007 16U Worlds were not held/sanctioned by the IBAF)
 - FISU World University Championships
 - Honkbal Tournament (Haarlem Baseball Week)
 - World Qualifying Tournaments with three or more continents (1x points)
 - Final Olympic Qualifying Tournament
 - Continental Qualifying Tournaments/Championships
 - Scoring is as follows:
 - A continental event with three or more teams in the previous year-end rankings' top 10 – 1X points
 - A continental event with two teams in the previous year-end rankings' top 10 - .75X points
 - A continental event with one team in the previous year-end rankings' top 10 - .50X points

- A continental event with no teams in the previous year-end rankings' top 10 - .25X points
 - Note: if a member federation "wins" a tournament due to forfeit or byes, then it is automatically awarded points based on a .25X multiplier
- The multipliers used for the IBAF World Rankings are based on current standings; theoretical rankings at the time of events prior to 2009 were not considered
- The World Rankings will be updated following every event that qualifies for rankings points