



Ranking Points for GB at Paralympic Games

Background

In the Paralympic Games, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland compete as Great Britain. In IFCPF competitions these nations compete separately. In order to field a team as Great Britain, the three countries have to choose one country for the purposes of qualifying for the Paralympic Games.

For Rio 2016, England was chosen as the country for qualification purposes and they qualified at the World Championships in 2015.

England, with the support of the other two countries, asked to receive ranking points for their appearance in Rio 2016. They proposed that the ranking points would be divided between the three countries in proportion to the number of players from each country.

IFCPF Decision

England will receive ranking points in proportion to the number of players selected as part of the GB team (rounded to the nearest 0.5). Northern Ireland and Scotland will not receive ranking points.

Example: 10 English players results in England receiving 10/14 of the number of points received by the GB team as a result of their appearance in Rio2016.

Rationale:

It is reasonable to award ranking points for an appearance at the Paralympic Games. Since GB is not a "country" on the IFCPF ranking list, it cannot be awarded these points. Therefore the ranking points earned should be awarded in the most reasonable manner.

England will receive ranking points because they were in a qualifying position in the IFCPF World Championships, they earned the right to compete at the Paralympic Games and therefore should be entitled to receive ranking points for this achievement. If England did not receive any ranking points for their appearance in the Paralympic Games it would place them at a disadvantage compared to the other countries who receive ranking points for their appearance in the games.

If England is not awarded ranking points, their position on the World Ranking List would be affected negatively. For example, England's

place in draws for other competitions would not reflect their actual strength as a team. However, awarding England with 100% of the ranking points gives them more credit than is accurate if they achieved the results by choosing players from Northern Ireland or Scotland.

Northern Ireland and Scotland will have an opportunity to receive ranking points in the qualification tournament for the ICUP. Northern Ireland and Scotland were not in a qualifying position in the World Championships and therefore should not be entitled to receive ranking points from an appearance at the Paralympic Games. Receiving ranking points would provide these countries with an unfair advantage over other countries which failed to qualify for Rio2016.

Conclusion: England will receive ranking points in proportion to the number of English players on the Rio 2016 team.