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## FIBA launches new nations ranking USA lead in all categories

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND (FIBA) – Following the 2010 FIBA World Championship for Men which concluded last Sunday in Istanbul, Turkey, FIBA have launched a completely new ranking system, the International Basketball Federation announced on Friday.

The United States of America (USA) currently rank supreme in all categories, including the new youth rankings for Boys and Girls which have been added in the new system.

In the Men's Ranking, Turkey made a huge leap from 18<sup>th</sup> to sixth after their runners-up finish at the 2010 FIBA World Championship.

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For the first time ever, the U19 and U17 FIBA World Championships for Boys and Girls as well as all U16 and U18 continental championships weigh in to determine the new FIBA categories for Boys and Girls.



Therefore the new FIBA Rankings now include five categories: Men, Women, Boys, Girls and a Combined Ranking that takes into account results from all genders and all age categories. The new system makes for a more accurate pecking order of the world's basketball nations.



"I am very happy to see these new and complete world rankings including the youth categories," said FIBA Secretary General and International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Patrick Baumann.



"This is a great initiative and one that has been a long time coming. We have to make sure we reward the countries that perform well in youth competitions because the young players coming through the junior ranks are the best investment in the future of basketball."



"With the new system in place, we can see that the USA have overtaken Argentina in the Men's Ranking and now top all categories. This is a reflection of the talent and commitment they have both in Men's and Women's teams at Junior and Senior level," Baumann added.



Here is a look at the top 10 in each category.



### Top 10 – Men's Ranking

1 United States of America	892.00
2 Spain	720.00
3 Argentina	665.00
4 Greece	489.00
5 Lithuania	462.00
6 Turkey	301.00
7 Italy	300.00
8 Serbia	234.00
9 Australia	224.00
10 China	219.70



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### Top 10 – Women's Ranking

1 United States of America	940.00
2 Russia	920.00
3 Australia	825.00
4 Brazil	426.00
5 Spain	420.00
6 Czech Republic	313.00
7 China	297.00
8 France	264.00
9 Korea	252.00
10 Cuba	238.00

The Women's Ranking will be updated after the 2010 FIBA World Championship for Women in the Czech Republic (23<sup>rd</sup> September-3<sup>rd</sup> October).

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### Top 10 – Boys Ranking

1 United States of America	306.00
2 Lithuania	204.80
3 Serbia	176.80
4 Argentina	162.00
5 Greece	150.60
6 Canada	135.00
7 France	132.40
8 Australia	117.00
9 Croatia	110.80
10 Spain	110.60



### Top 10 – Girls Ranking

1 United States of America	360.00
2 Spain	237.20
3 Canada	163.00
4 Serbia	156.00
5 France	148.80
6 China	133.00
7 Russia	121.80
8 Argentina	116.20
9 Sweden	100.80
10 Brazil	99.00



### Combined Ranking (Men, Women, Boys and Girls)

1 United States of America	2,498.00
2 Spain	1,487.80
3 Russia	1,302.00
4 Australia	1,233.00
5 Argentina	1,129.40
6 Lithuania	909.80
7 Brazil	768.80



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<b>8</b> Greece	755.40
<b>9</b> France	715.20
<b>10</b> China	707.90

## **About the FIBA Rankings**

The rankings are calculated within the scope of a two Olympic Games cycle (including qualifying competitions at FIBA Zone level) and take into consideration all World Championships, Olympic Games and Continental Championships events.

Whenever a new championship is played, the oldest championship of that category drops out. The FIBA Rankings are then recalculated.

For the complete FIBA Ranking in each category as well as the precise method on how it is calculated, visit [www.fiba.com/ranking](http://www.fiba.com/ranking).