



New Rankings and Ratings System for VEBT 1-5 Star Events 2017

We were asked to look at a ranking and rating system which would work for VEBT starred events system for 2017.

To do this we looked at the current system in operation (see below). We also looked at World Tour/ CEV/ NEVZA ranking system as well as other sports such as Tennis.

Our aim was to achieve a system which fitted the following criteria

1. The system would reflect the ability of players i.e. the best players do emerge at the top.
2. There were opportunities for teams to progress through the system over a period of time.
3. It would not be possible for teams who play large amounts of low starred events to progress up the system above the level of their actual ability.

To achieve these aims there had to be overlaps in the points scoring across the star events but we felt that some other systems (such as World Tour) had too much overlap for what we were looking to achieve and would give scope for teams to be ranked higher than their ability.

We set the overlap at 9th place i.e. a team coming 9th in a 5star scores the same points as a team winning a 4 star. This happens at the same point as you go down the starred events. We chose this point as we felt that a team reaching the quarter final of an event should have a higher score than the winner of the lower star.

We have used the percentage decrease used in 2016 across all starred events for consistency.

Using the ranking system ensures that the rankings should reflect ability as it will not be possible for a team playing a large number of events to progress above their ability level.

This does mean we have increased the number of letters needed to rank players to reflect the 5 different levels of events.

For the top of the system we continued to use what is currently used by VEBT i.e. a multiple of 6 to be given to players who score points on World Tour/ CEV/ NEVZA. This means that scoring 40 points on FIVB event equates to winning a 5 star event. For example, this would mean a player coming 9th on World Tour 2 star event will score 60 points which would give him/her 360 VEBT points and a AAAA rating.

As per previous years the rating would last for one year from the date it was achieved while the ranking would last for the calendar year.

We have worked on the assumption that there will be 16 teams competing in each event. The system could be extended to lower placing if it is felt necessary.

A key point to be addressed was that players at a lower level were keen to play more matches at events than the current Double elimination system allows. This system builds in that all teams will play off to two places guaranteeing teams play at least 4 matches over a weekend.

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