



WORLD RUGBY WOMEN'S RANKINGS PERMUTATIONS

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WORLD RUGBY RANKINGS EXPLAINER

The men's and women's World Rugby Rankings are calculated using a points exchange system, in which sides take points off each other based on the match result. Whatever one side gains, the other loses.

The exchanges are based on the match result, the relative strength of each team and the margin of victory (15 points or less / more than 15 points), and there is an allowance for home advantage.

Points exchanges are doubled during Men's and Women's Rugby World Cup tournaments to recognise the unique importance of the events.

Any match that is not a full international between two World Rugby full member unions does not count towards the rankings, e.g. the British and Irish Lions test against Japan.

For more on the World Rugby Rankings, visit <http://www.world.rugby/rankings>.

STATS ON WORLD RUGBY WOMEN'S RANKINGS

- England, Canada, France, Italy, USA and Wales are unable to improve their rating by beating lower-ranked teams in their final pool matches of England 2025.
- New Zealand, in third, can only gain a maximum of 0.02 points for beating Ireland.
- That leaves only Japan, who will climb above a victorious Wales into 11th if they beat Spain by more than 15 points in a match that sees Sara Cox become the first female to referee 50 tests.
- France will surrender fourth place to Ireland if they lose to South Africa and the Irish repeat their RWC 2014 victory over New Zealand in their Pool C decider.
- This would see France fall outside the top four of the rankings for the first time since they were introduced in February 2016.
- Canada's time at number two will come to an end if they fail to beat Scotland in the Pool B decider and New Zealand beat Ireland, a scenario which will see the two sides swap places.
- The Black Ferns themselves will slip to a new low of fourth if they are beaten by Ireland with a victorious France climbing above them into third.
- That low will become fifth if New Zealand lose the Pool C decider by more than 15 points, or sixth if Scotland also beat Canada by the same margin.
- It is possible for Ireland to jump three places to a new high of second but that would require both Canada and New Zealand to lose by more than 15 points and France to lose.
- Australia know that victory over England will secure them top spot in Pool A and could also lift the Wallaroos two places to equal their highest position of fifth, providing that Ireland and Scotland do not also cause upsets.

- Defeat would slash at least four points off England's rating, more than halving their advantage over Canada in second, but the Red Roses cannot lose top spot this weekend even with an emphatic defeat by Australia.
- Italy can only improve on ninth place with victory over Brazil if the USA above them fail to beat Samoa, a sequence of results that will drop the Women's Eagles at least two places.
- One of the beneficiaries of those results would be South Africa, who would climb above USA even if beaten to top spot in Pool D by France.
- A draw for South Africa in the final match of the pool stage would be enough to lift the Springbok Women to a new high of eighth, above a winning USA and Italy.
- South Africa could jump as high as seventh if they beat France and Australia lose to tournament hosts England.
- Another side hoping to reach a new high this weekend is Fiji, who will be the higher ranked of the two nations if they beat Wales by more than 15 points.
- A smaller margin would be enough to lift Fijiana above a beaten Spain to their highest-ever position of 13th, condemning Las Leonas to a new low of 14th.
- This scenario would also see Wales fall one place to a new low of 12th, swapping places with Japan.
- A Spanish victory means that Fiji must win by more than 15 points to reach new heights, a margin that would see them rise two to 12th at the expense of Japan and Wales.
- Samoa will climb above Fiji if they avoid defeat against USA and their Pacific rivals are beaten by Wales.
- If Brazil can sign off from Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 with a shock victory over Italy, As Yaras will jump at least four places.

WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP 2025

CANADA (2) 90.13 v SCOTLAND (6) 77.39

Canada win by 15 points or less – Canada 90.13, Scotland 77.39 (No change)

Canada win by more than 15 points – Canada 90.13, Scotland 77.39 (No change)

Draw – Canada 88.13, Scotland 79.39

Scotland win by 15 points or less – Canada 86.13, Scotland 81.39

Scotland win by more than 15 points – Canada 84.13, Scotland 83.39

USA (8) 72.90 v SAMOA (15) 59.72

USA win by 15 points or less – USA 72.90, Samoa 59.72 (No change)

USA win by more than 15 points – USA 72.90, Samoa 59.72 (No change)

Draw – USA 70.90, Samoa 61.72

Samoa win by 15 points or less – USA 68.90, Samoa 63.72

Samoa win by more than 15 points – USA 66.90, Samoa 65.72

WALES (11) 70.13 v FIJI (14) 59.98

Wales win by 15 points or less – Wales 70.13, Fiji 59.98 (No change)

Wales win by more than 15 points – Wales 70.13, Fiji 59.98 (No change)

Draw – Wales 68.13, Fiji 61.98

Fiji win by 15 points or less – Wales 66.13, Fiji 63.98

Fiji win by more than 15 points – Wales 64.13, Fiji 65.98

ENGLAND (1) 97.56 v AUSTRALIA (7) 75.46

England win by 15 points or less – England 97.76, Australia 75.46 (No change)

England win by more than 15 points – England 97.76, Australia 75.46 (No change)

Draw – England 95.76, Australia 77.46

Australia win by 15 points or less – England 93.76, Australia 79.46

Australia win by more than 15 points – England 91.76, Australia 81.46

JAPAN (12) 68.82 v SPAIN (13) 63.31

Japan win by 15 points or less – Japan 69.72, Spain 62.42

Japan win by more than 15 points – Japan 70.17, Spain 61.97

Draw – Japan 67.72, Spain 64.42

Spain win by 15 points or less – Japan 65.72, Spain 66.42

Spain win by more than 15 points – Japan 64.17, Spain 67.98

ITALY (9) 72.37 v BRAZIL (25) 45.96

Italy win by 15 points or less – Italy 72.37, Brazil 45.96 (No change)

Italy win by more than 15 points – Italy 72.37, Brazil 45.96 (No change)

Draw – Italy 70.37, Brazil 47.96

Brazil win by 15 points or less – Italy 68.37, Brazil 49.96

Brazil win by more than 15 points – Italy 66.37, Brazil 51.96

NEW ZEALAND (3) 88.74 v IRELAND (5) 78.82

New Zealand win by 15 points or less – New Zealand 88.75, Ireland 78.80

New Zealand win by more than 15 points – New Zealand 88.76, Ireland 78.79

Draw – New Zealand 86.75, Ireland 80.80

Ireland win by 15 points or less – New Zealand 84.75, Ireland 82.80

Ireland win by more than 15 points – New Zealand 82.76, Ireland 84.80

FRANCE (4) 85.82 v SOUTH AFRICA (10) 71.62

France win by 15 points or less – France 85.82, South Africa 71.62 (No change)

France win by more than 15 points – France 85.82, South Africa 71.62 (No change)

Draw – France 83.82, South Africa 73.62

South Africa win by 15 points or less – France 81.82, South Africa 75.62

South Africa win by more than 15 points – France 79.82, South Africa 77.62

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