



**International Table Tennis Federation**

# **World Ranking Regulations**

In effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018

## 1. Definitions

- 1.1. The ITTF World Rankings and ITTF World Doubles Rankings are the objective merit-based method used for determining seeding in all tournaments for both singles and doubles and for selecting players at certain competitions.
- 1.2. The ITTF World Rankings are run approximately 12 times per year.
- 1.3. Every player who has earned ITTF Ranking points or ITTF Doubles Ranking points in an eligible tournament during the ranking period is included in the ITTF World Rankings or ITTF World Doubles Rankings.
- 1.4. The ITTF World Rankings period is the immediate past 12 months, except for:
  - Olympic Games, which stays in the ITTF World Rankings for 48 months.
  - World Table Tennis Championships, which stays in the ITTF World Rankings for 24 months.

## 2. Eligibility

Unless otherwise approved by ITTF, ITTF World Rankings are awarded to all ITTF events listed below in 2.1. ITTF World Doubles Rankings points are awarded to all ITTF World title tournaments, ITTF World Tours and continental tournaments.

- 2.1. The following events are automatically included in the ITTF Calendar and ITTF World Rankings:
  - 2.1.1. ITTF events and Olympic Games
    - 2.1.1.1. Olympic and World Title Events
      - Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games
      - World Championships (Teams & Individuals including Junior)
      - World Cups (Teams & Individuals)
    - 2.1.1.2. ITTF Sanctioned Events
      - ITTF World Tour (including Grand Finals)
      - ITTF Challenge
      - ITTF World Junior Circuit (Junior & Cadet events including WJC Final)
      - ITTF World Cadet Challenge
      - ITTF-Continental Championships and Cups
      - ITTF-Continental Junior Championships – (sanctioned in the ITTF-Continental Agreement)
  - 2.1.2. ITTF Recognized Events
    - 2.1.2.1. Multi-sport events in which Table Tennis is included as a core sport and recognized by the ITTF (e.g. Commonwealth Games, Pan-Am Games, Francophone Games, Continental and Regional Games, Universiade, etc.)
  - 2.1.3. Application required
    - 2.1.3.1. ITTF Approved events
      - Continental Championships (maximum of 1 per year per category; not sanctioned by the ITTF)

- Regional Events (sanctioned by a Regional Association)

#### 2.1.3.2. International Open Tournaments

### 2.2. Procedures and Conditions

2.2.1. ITTF Events + Olympic Games as well as ITTF Recognized Events are automatically registered for the ITTF Calendar and for the ITTF World Ranking.

2.2.2. ITTF Approved Events can be registered by the ITTF with the following conditions:

- 2.2.2.1. The tournament is organized according to the ITTF rules; both for men and women; and with the participation of a minimum of 5 national associations per gender per event except tournaments organized in North America and Oceania (a minimum of 3 national associations per gender per event is required).
- 2.2.2.2. Events which are similar in nature or a duplication of ITTF events or clashes in dates with ITTF events on the same continent will not be approved unless the consequence of the conflict is negligible.
- 2.2.2.3. The organizing association (or the Continental/Regional Federation) has to apply to the ITTF Competition Programme staff to be included in the ITTF Calendar and approved for the World Ranking **at least 4 months before the tournament** with an official letter and by submitting the Prospectus of the tournament.
- 2.2.2.4. The application fee to be approved for the World Ranking is US\$ 500 US\$ to be paid by direct bank transfer to the ITTF Lausanne office after receiving the invoice from the ITTF Lausanne office. No event will be approved without being registered for the ITTF Calendar and without application fee being paid (Continental Championships are waived from application fee).
- 2.2.2.5. Entries for these competitions can be made **only** through the ITTF member Associations.
- 2.2.2.6. Tournaments restricted to specified group of players other than age groups cannot be considered as International Open Tournaments and being so cannot be included in the World Ranking.
- 2.2.2.7. Tournaments organized to qualify to a Continental event cannot be included in the World Ranking.
- 2.2.2.8. Not later than 2 (two) weeks after the end of the tournament, complete results and players' list must be sent by e-mail to the ITTF Results & Ranking Manager in a format requested by the ITTF. Players' list has to include family name, given name, association, gender and date of birth. Organizers must collect all the passport copies from the participating players and send them in a scanned format together with the results and players' list.
- 2.2.2.9. In case of late or incomplete result delivery, inclusion of the event on the World Ranking may be delayed by maximum one month (next WR release).

**ITTF Bank account:**

Payment of 500 US\$ by bank transfer to

The International Table Tennis Federation

Bank: UBS

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**2.2.3. ITTF REGISTERED EVENTS**

- 2.2.3.1. ITTF Registered Events are registered for the ITTF Calendar but not for the World Ranking.
- 2.2.3.2. ITTF Registered Events can be registered by the ITTF with the following conditions:
- 2.2.3.3. To be included in the ITTF Calendar, the ITTF Competition Department must receive from the organizing association an official request in writing at least 2 months before the start date of the tournament.
- 2.2.3.4. No application fee is required.

**3. ITTF World Singles Rankings**

- 3.1. ITTF World Ranking points (ranking points) are generally awarded on the basis of the final positions in knockout singles events. Additional ranking points are awarded for wins in round-robin qualifications at certain events, and for individual wins at team matches of the ITTF Sanctioned and Olympic events.
- 3.2. The weight of the awarded ranking points is related to the category of the event (see below the point tables).
- 3.3. Ranking points are awarded separately for each age category and separated ranking lists are published for senior, under 21, junior and cadet age categories.
- 3.4. The awarded ranking points are valid for 12 months with the following exceptions:
  - 3.4.1. Ranking points of the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games are valid for 48 months. Every year the points are reduced by 25%. (1<sup>st</sup> year 100%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 75%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50%, 4<sup>th</sup> 25%).
  - 3.4.2. Ranking points of the ITTF World Table Tennis Championships and ITTF World Team Table Tennis Championships are valid for 24 months. After the first year the points are reduced by 50%.
- 3.5. The ITTF World Rankings take the best 8 results of the player, but only one continental event.
- 3.6. The ITTF publishes the ITTF World Ranking List at the beginning of every month latest until the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

### 3.7. Points

- 3.7.1. Points shall be allocated based on tournament category.
- 3.7.2. Points are assigned to the losers of the round indicated. Any seeded player processing in the draw to the second round without winning a match then loses shall receive the loser's points of the first round.
- 3.7.3. Points are assigned also for certain round-robin match wins and to individual wins at certain team events.
- 3.7.4. Players qualifying for the main draw through the qualifying stage shall receive qualifying points in addition to any points earned, as per the following table.
- 3.7.5. **Point tables**  
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- 3.7.6. **Ties.** When two or more players have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows for seeding purposes:
  - 3.7.6.1. the previous ranking positions of the players, and if it's still then;
  - 3.7.6.2. the previous months until the tie is broken.

### 3.8. Late cancellation

- 3.8.1. A player's withdrawal from an ITTF ranking event after the cancellation deadline, shall result in being registered as one of the 8 results counting for ranking with zero (0) ranking point. Further non-consecutive withdrawals shall be considered the same way for each additional case (non-consecutive is defined when there is more than seven (7) days between two late cancellations).
- 3.8.2. Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals who are out of competition for 30 days or longer due to injury will not be subject to consequences as listed in 3.8.1, as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided.
- 3.8.3. A player who has a registered result with zero (0) ranking point for late withdrawal from an ITTF Sanctioned event may replace the zero (0) point result with another registered result in case of playing at least five (5) ITTF Platinum World Tour or three (3) ITTF Golden Series World Junior Circuit events in the same calendar year.
- 3.8.4. Results with zero (0) ranking point are valid for 12 months and must be counted as one of the best 8 results, except for cases as described in 3.8.3.

## 4. ITTF World Doubles Rankings

- 4.1. ITTF World Doubles Ranking is published every month latest until the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the month.
- 4.2. The ranking takes into account the best 8 results of the pairs and individuals at ITTF World Tours, ITTF Challenge Series and ITTF-Continental events and at World Table Tennis Championships.

- 4.3. Points are allocated both for the pairs and for the players individually according to the below point table.
- 4.3.1. For seeding purpose, the two calculations are compared (points of the pair; total individual points of player A and B) and the higher point will be considered.
- 4.3.2. In case none of the two players have registered points in doubles event, the singles World Ranking points are considered, but such pairs will never be seeded higher than those with doubles ranking points.
- 4.3.3. In case of equal points in the seeding positions, the previous month doubles WR points are considered as tie-breaker. If none of them has double points, then the singles World Ranking points are considered as tie-breaker.
- 4.4. In mixed doubles, the men's and women's double individual points are also taken into account with a 0.7 ratio beside the mixed double events of the last WTTC and ITTF-Continental events.

4.5. **Doubles point table:**

Double points:	WTTC	WT Platinum / WTGF	World Tour / Continental events	ITTF Challenge
W	660	440	330	220
F	480	320	240	160
SF	330	220	165	110
QF	210	140	105	70
R16	120	80	60	40
R32	60	40	30	20
R64	30	---	---	---

Individual points:	WTTC	WT Platinum / WTGF	World Tour / Continental events	ITTF Challenge
W	249	166	125	83
F	180	120	90	60
SF	126	84	63	42
QF	81	54	41	27
R16	45	30	23	15
R32	24	16	12	8
R64	12	---	---	---

## 5. Injuries, Special Seeding

- 5.1. The national association of a player may petition the ITTF Results & Ranking Manager, or his designee, for a Special Seeding when the player is physically injured, sick or pregnant and does not compete in any table tennis event, including exhibition and league matches, for a minimum of six (6) months. The written petition must be received within six (6) months after his/her last tournament.
- 5.2. The Special Seeding shall be a seeding position at an ITTF ranking competition, as determined by the player's average ITTF World Rankings position during the first three (3) months of his/her injury. The Special Seeding shall be for entry into the main draw or qualifying stage.
- 5.3. If a player is physically injured, sick or pregnant and does not compete in any table tennis event for a period of at least six (6) months but less than twelve (12) months, the Special Seeding shall be in effect for the first three (3) singles and doubles tournaments that the player competes in using the Special Seeding or for the period up to six (6) months beginning with the first table tennis event that the player competes, whichever occurs first.
- 5.4. If a player is physically injured, sick or pregnant and does not compete in any table tennis event for a period of twelve (12) months or longer, the Special Seeding shall be in effect for the first five (5) singles and doubles tournaments that the player competes in using the Special Seeding or for the period up to nine (9) months beginning with the first table tennis event that the player competes, whichever occurs first.
- 5.5. **Expiration date.** A player has eighteen (18) months from the time that the injury occurred to activate his/her protected Special Ranking. A player who does not compete in any table tennis event, excluding non ITTF events, for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of his/her injury will have his/her Special Ranking protection revoked.
- 5.6. **Re-injury Protection.** The national association of a player who has returned to competition and re-injures himself/herself may petition for a freeze of the six (6) or nine (9) month limit for competing using his/her protected ranking. To be eligible for the "freeze" the player must be out of competition for a minimum of three (3) months. Upon the player's return to competition he/she shall have the same number of events and weeks remaining as were available when the freeze went into effect. A maximum of two (2) "freezes" are allowed during the six (6) or nine (9) month period.
- 5.7. **Special Seeding for different age group players.** Under 21, junior and cadet age group players might get special seeding positions for certain ITTF Sanctioned or World title events in case the player does not compete at a minimum of five (5) competitions within the appropriate age group he/she wants to get the special seeding. The National Association of the player must send the written request to the ITTF Competition Manager of the competition and to the ITTF Results & Ranking Manager until the entry deadline.

## 6. Deleted Players

Players who do not have any recorded international results (ITTF Events, ITTF Recognized Events or ITTF Approved Events) for more than twelve (12) months are excluded from the published ranking lists.

## 7. Retiring from the international Table Tennis competitions

The national association of any player wishing to officially retire from the international table tennis competitions must submit a signed Player Retirement Form to the ITTF Results & Ranking Manager. Once the signed form is received, the player shall be removed from the ITTF World Rankings (singles and doubles).

### Contact person:

*Please submit your request to obtain the APPROVAL or REGISTRATION for your competition to:*

**Zoltan BENCSIK, Results & Ranking Manager**

E-mail: [zbencsik@ittfmail.com](mailto:zbencsik@ittfmail.com)

*Please submit your results, players' list and passports to:*

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*Please submit your medical statement form, petition and player retirement form to:*

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## World Ranking Point tables for senior competitions

Olympic Games	
Winner	3000
Runner-Up	2700
3 <sup>rd</sup> position	2400
4 <sup>th</sup> position	2250
Quarter-finalist	2100
Loser in Rnd of 16	1500
Loser in Rnd of 32	1200
Loser in 2 <sup>nd</sup> round	900
Loser in 1 <sup>st</sup> round	600
Loser in Pre. round	450
Matches won at team event	180

World Cup	
Winner	2550
Runner-Up	2295
3 <sup>rd</sup> position	2040
4 <sup>th</sup> position	1913
Quarter-finalist	1785
Loser in Rnd of 16	1275
Position 17-20	1020
Matches won at World Team Cup	153

World Tour Grand Finals	
Winner	2550
Runner-Up	2295
Semi-finalist	2040
Quarter-finalist	1785
Loser in Rnd of 16	1275

World Tour Platinum	
Winner	2100
Runner-Up	1890
Semi-finalist	1680
Quarter-finalist	1470
Loser in Rnd of 16	1050
Loser in Rnd of 32	840
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 32	315
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 64	210
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 128	147
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 256	84
Matches won in qual. groups	63

World Table Tennis Championships	
Winner	3000
Runner-Up	2700
Semi-finalist	2400
Quarter-finalist	2100
Loser in rnd of 16	1500
Loser in rnd of 32	1200
Loser in rnd of 64	900
Loser in rnd of 128	600
Loser in Pre. Round	450
Matches won in qualification groups	45
<b>For team matches</b>	
Championships division main draw and qualification	180
Championships division position matches	150
2 <sup>nd</sup> division main draw and qualification	96
2 <sup>nd</sup> division position matches	84
3 <sup>rd</sup> division main draw and qualification	75
3 <sup>rd</sup> division position matches	60
4 <sup>th</sup> division main draw and qualification	45
4 <sup>th</sup> division position matches	30

World Tour	
Winner	1350
Runner-Up	1215
Semi-finalist	1080
Quarter-finalist	945
Loser in Rnd of 16	675
Loser in Rnd of 32	540
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 32	203
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 64	135
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 128	95
Loser in Qual. Rnd of 256	54
Matches won in qual. groups	41

## World Ranking Point tables for senior competitions

ITTF Challenge Series	
Winner	750
Runner-Up	675
Semi-finalist	600
Quarter-finalist	525
Loser in Rnd of 16	375
Loser in Rnd of 32	300
Loser in Rnd of 64	225
Loser in qual. rnd of 32	113
Loser in qual. rnd of 64	75
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	53
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	30
Matches won in qual. groups	23

Multi-Sport Games	
Winner	300
Runner-Up	270
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	240
4 <sup>th</sup> position	225
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	210
6 <sup>th</sup> position	201
7 <sup>th</sup> position	189
8 <sup>th</sup> position	180
Loser in rnd of 16	150
Loser in rnd of 32	120
Loser in rnd of 64	90
Loser in rnd of 128	60
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	45
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	30
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	21
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	12

Regional Games	
Winner	225
Runner-Up	203
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	180
4 <sup>th</sup> position	169
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	158
6 <sup>th</sup> position	151
7 <sup>th</sup> position	142
8 <sup>th</sup> position	135
Loser in rnd of 16	113
Loser in rnd of 32	90
Loser in rnd of 64	68
Loser in rnd of 128	45
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	34
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	23
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	16
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	9

Continental Championships / Cup	
Winner	1200
Runner-Up	1080
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	960
4 <sup>th</sup> position	900
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	840
6 <sup>th</sup> position	804
7 <sup>th</sup> position	756
8 <sup>th</sup> position	720
Loser in rnd of 16	600
Loser in rnd of 32	480
Loser in rnd of 64	360
Loser in rnd of 128	240
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	180
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	120
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	84
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	48

Other event	
Winner	150
Runner-Up	135
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	120
4 <sup>th</sup> position	113
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	105
6 <sup>th</sup> position	101
7 <sup>th</sup> position	95
8 <sup>th</sup> position	90
Loser in rnd of 16	75
Loser in rnd of 32	60
Loser in rnd of 64	45
Loser in rnd of 128	30
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	23
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	15
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	11
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	6

### World Ranking Point tables for under 21 competitions

World Tour Grand Finals	
Winner	3000
Runner-Up	2700
Semi-finalist	2400
Quarter-finalist	2100

ITTF Challenge Series	
Winner	900
Runner-Up	810
Semi-finalist	720
Quarter-finalist	630
Loser in Rnd of 16	450
Loser in Rnd of 32	360
Loser in Rnd of 64	270
Loser in qual. rnd of 32	135
Loser in qual. rnd of 64	117
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	99
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	81
Matches won in qual. groups	32

World Tour Platinum	
Winner	2550
Runner-Up	2295
Semi-finalist	2040
Quarter-finalist	1785
Loser in Rnd of 16	1275
Loser in Rnd of 32	1020

World Tour	
Winner	1650
Runner-Up	1485
Semi-finalist	1320
Quarter-finalist	1155
Loser in Rnd of 16	825
Loser in Rnd of 32	660

	Continental Championships	Multi-Sport Games	Regional Games	Other Event
Winner	1500	450	300	225
Runner-Up	1350	405	270	203
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	1200	360	240	180
4 <sup>th</sup> position	1125	338	225	169
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	1050	315	210	158
6 <sup>th</sup> position	1005	302	201	151
7 <sup>th</sup> position	945	284	189	142
8 <sup>th</sup> position	900	270	180	135
Loser in rnd of 16	750	225	150	113
Loser in rnd of 32	600	180	120	90
Loser in rnd of 64	450	135	90	68
Loser in rnd of 128	300	90	60	45
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	225	68	45	34
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	195	59	39	30
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	165	50	33	25
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	135	41	27	21

## World Ranking Point tables for junior competitions

Youth Olympic Games	
Winner	3000
Runner-Up	2700
3 <sup>rd</sup> position	2400
4 <sup>th</sup> position	2250
Quarter-finalist	2100
Loser in Rnd of 16	1500
Loser in Rnd of 32	1200
Matches won in qual. groups	39
Matches won at team event	120

World Junior Table Tennis Championships	
Winner	3000
Runner-Up	2700
Semi-finalist	2400
Quarter-finalist	2100
Loser in rnd of 16	1500
Loser in rnd of 32	1200
Loser in rnd of 64	900
Matches won in qual. groups	39
Matches won at team event	120

	World Junior Circuit Final	WJC Golden Series	WJC Premium	WJC Regular
Winner	2700	2400	1950	1500
Runner-Up	2430	2160	1755	1350
Semi-finalist	2160	1920	1560	1200
Quarter-finalist	1890	1680	1365	1050
Loser in Rnd of 16	1350	1200	975	750
Loser in Rnd of 32	-	960	780	600
Loser in Rnd of 64	-	720	585	450
Loser in Rnd of 128	-	480	390	300
Matches won in qual. groups	36	32	26	20
Matches won at team event	-	96	78	60

	Continental Championships	Multi-Sport Games	Other event
Winner	1200	225	150
Runner-Up	1080	203	135
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	960	180	120
4 <sup>th</sup> position	900	169	113
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	840	158	105
6 <sup>th</sup> position	804	151	101
7 <sup>th</sup> position	756	142	95
8 <sup>th</sup> position	720	135	90
Loser in rnd of 16	600	113	75
Loser in rnd of 32	480	90	60
Loser in rnd of 64	360	68	45
Loser in rnd of 128	240	45	30
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	180	34	23
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	156	30	20
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	132	25	17
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	108	21	14

## World Ranking Point tables for cadet competitions

World Cadet Challenge	
Winner	3000
Runner-Up	2700
3 <sup>rd</sup> position	2400
4 <sup>th</sup> position	2250
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	2100
6 <sup>th</sup> position	2010
7 <sup>th</sup> position	1890
8 <sup>th</sup> position	1800
Loser in Rnd of 16	1500
Loser in Rnd of 32	1200
Matches won in qual. groups	39
Matches won at team event	120

	WJC Golden Series	WJC Premium	WJC Regular
Winner	2400	1950	1500
Runner-Up	2160	1755	1350
Semi-finalist	1920	1560	1200
Quarter-finalist	1680	1365	1050
Loser in Rnd of 16	1200	975	750
Loser in Rnd of 32	960	780	600
Loser in Rnd of 64	720	585	450
Loser in Rnd of 128	480	390	300
Matches won in qual. groups	32	26	20
Matches won at team event	96	78	60

	Continental Championships	Multi-Sport Games	Other event
Winner	1200	225	150
Runner-Up	1080	203	135
Semi-finalist (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	960	180	120
4 <sup>th</sup> position	900	169	113
Quarter-finalist (5 <sup>th</sup> )	840	158	105
6 <sup>th</sup> position	804	151	101
7 <sup>th</sup> position	756	142	95
8 <sup>th</sup> position	720	135	90
Loser in rnd of 16	600	113	75
Loser in rnd of 32	480	90	60
Loser in rnd of 64	360	68	45
Loser in rnd of 128	240	45	30
Loser in qual. Rnd of 32	180	34	23
Loser in qual. Rnd of 64	156	30	20
Loser in qual. Rnd of 128	-	25	17
Loser in qual. Rnd of 256	-	21	14