Tournament Ranking Criteria and Players Seeding

Sanctioned Tournaments - Tournaments will be sanctioned by the Tournaments Directors Committee based on the criteria below (1).

Tournament Point Ratings - Point ratings will be tabulated for players who participate in sanctioned tournaments based on the system described below. (2).

> Tournament point ratings accumulation will be used for establishing seeding for teams (or singles) for tournaments.

> Tournament point ratings accumulation will also be used to determine end-of-year awards such as Best Doubles Team, Best Mixed-Doubles Team, Best Singles Player and Most Valuable Player.

1. **Sanctioned Tournament Requirements**
   All of the following must be met:
   a. Pick-your-own partner
   b. Tournament must be seeded
   c. Posted at least one month in advance
   d. Advanced registration
   e. Refereed
   f. No suspended player allowed
   g. Minimum number of teams is 16
   h. Out-of-hat, A/B and invitational tournaments are excluded from sanctioning.

2. **Tournaments Points Ratings:**
   a. A weighted system will be used to assign points, based on placement in prior tournaments for the current year and number of teams (or players for singles).
   b. Tournament Base points:
      i. 1st place - 50
      ii. 2nd place - 25
      iii. 3rd place - 15
      iv. 4th place - 10
      v. 5th-8th - 5
      vi. All remaining participants 2 points
   c. Weighting will be proportioned based on the following formula:

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    i. (Number of teams ÷ 16) x (Base Points). For doubles, each player receives 1/2 of the points awarded.

        1. Example-1 – First place for 16 teams: (16÷16)x(50) = 50. 50÷2 = 25 points per player for first place
        2. Example-2 - For 24 teams: (24÷16)x(50) = 75.   75 ÷2 = 37.5 points per player for first place
        3. Example-3 - For 32 teams: (32÷16)x(50) = 100, 100 ÷2 = 50 points per player for first place

3. Tournament Seeding:

   a. Doubles seeding is based on Team points accumulated for intact teams.

   b. After all seeds are determined for intact teams, additional seeds are assigned for teams comprised of players who have changed partners. These additional seeds are based on combined points for the individuals of each team.

   c. Intact teams are all seeded ahead of the non-intact teams using combined points method.

   d. All other teams with no points will be selected out-of-hat and placed on the chart from top-to-bottom.

   e. Seeding will based on the calendar year.

   f. For the first tournament of the year, the ratings will be based on the final standing from previous year for that particular division. (Men's doubles, Women's doubles, Mixed Doubles, Singles.)

   g. After the first tournament of the year, seeding will be based on the standings that particular division of the current year.

4. Real life tournament example seeding. If the AF doubles tournament was to take place today, this would be the seeding, assuming the these players play as a team:

   a. #1 Seed – Robert Sostre & Freddy Diaz

   b. #2 Seed – Dave Blatt & Mike Dembin

   c. #3 Seed – Carlito Spinal & Frank Savino

   d. #4th Seed – Timbo Gonzalez & Manny Olmo

   e. #5th through #8th there was no playoff or agreement prior to tournament that the final standing would have been based on points. So in this case the 4 teams will be selected out-of-hat and placed on the chart as they are picked.