

# 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 for Men's and 8 for Women's division
- 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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 50
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 25
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 15
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place - 10
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - 5

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- c. Weighting will be proportioned based on the following formula:
- $(\text{Number of teams} \div 16) \times (\text{Base Points})$ . For doubles, each player receives  $1/2$  of the points awarded.
    1. Example-1 – First place for 16 teams:  $(16 \div 16) \times (50) = 50$ .  
 $50 \div 2 = 25$  points per player for first place
    2. Example-2 - For 24 teams:  $(24 \div 16) \times (50) = 75$ .  $75 \div 2 = 37.5$  points per player for first place
    3. Example-3 - For 32 teams:  $(32 \div 16) \times (50) = 100$ ,  $100 \div 2 = 50$  points per player for first place

### 3. Tournament Seeding:

- a. Doubles seeding is based on Team points accumulated for “intact teams”.
- b. Intact Team is defined by any team that makes it to the quarter through the finals
- c. 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.
- d. Intact teams are all seeded ahead of the non-intact teams using combined points method.
- e. All other teams with no points will be selected out-of-hat and placed on the chart from top-to-bottom.
- f. Seeding will be based on the number of points accumulated from the calendar year sanction tournaments participation for the respective division.
- g. 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.)
- h. After the first tournament of the year, seeding will be based on the standings of that particular division of the current year.
  - **EXCEPTION** – A “team” that cannot play in the first or second tournament of the year because of some reason, such as one of the player is injured or personal reasons, their previous year’s final standing points will be used for their first tournament of the year.