

Tournament Ranking Criteria and Players Seeding

Sanctioned Tournaments - Tournaments will be sanctioned by the Tournament Directors Committee based on the criteria **Sanctioned Tournament Requirements** (1. below). For new scenarios that may come up that are not addressed, the Committee will vote to determine if they should be incorporated as a requirement.

Tournament Point Ratings - Point ratings will be tabulated for players and teams who participate in sanctioned tournaments based on **Tournament Points Ratings** below (2. below).

Tournament point ratings accumulation will be used for establishing seeding for teams (or singles players) 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. Registration closed out prior to day of tournament
- e. Refereed
- f. No suspended player allowed to participate
- g. Minimum number of teams (or singles players) is 16 for Men's and Women's division
- h. Out-of-hat, A/B, RESTRICTED and invitational tournaments are excluded from sanctioning.

2. Tournament 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:
 - 1st place - 50
 - 2nd place - 25
 - 3rd place - 15

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- 4th place - 10
- 5th-8th - 5

- c. Weighting will be proportioned based on the following formula:
- (Number of teams ÷ 16) x (Base Points). For doubles, each player receives 1/2 of the points awarded. For singles, each player receives all 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:

Seeding points for each particular division (Men's doubles, Women's doubles, Mixed Doubles, Singles) is determined independently.

a-d below apply to doubles

- a. Doubles seeding is based first on Team points accumulated for “intact teams.”
- b. Intact Team is defined as a team of two players playing together who have accumulated points as a team.
- c. After all seeds are determined for intact teams, additional seeds are assigned to teams comprised of players who have changed partners. These additional seeds are based on combined points for the individuals for that particular doubles division of each team.
- d. Intact teams are all seeded ahead of the non-intact teams (which use the combined points method.)

(e-h below apply to all)

- e. All non-seeded teams 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 for participation in sanctioned tournaments in the respective division.

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- g. For the first tournament of the year, the ratings will be based on the last 3 sanctioned tournaments. As tournaments are held during the year, the oldest of the 3 tournaments from previous year(s) will be dropped. After 3 tournaments have been held for the current year, the ranking points will be tabulated using all sanctioned tournaments for the ongoing year.