

IRISH JUNIOR/CADET/UNDER 12 RANKING SYSTEM 2010/11

1. Principles:

- A. To allocate points to all players commensurate with their finishing position in Irish Junior Ranking tournaments.
- B. To integrate the Challenger & Performance tournaments.
- C. To provide ranking lists recording performances of junior players at Challenger & Performance levels.

2. Process: Junior Ranking Performance Circuit

- Players start the season with zero ranking points.
- Points allocation begins at 1000 points for the winner, and so on. See **Appendix B**
- Points allocated descend in increments of 40 points for places 1-4, thereafter 20 points for places 5-8, thereafter 10 points for places 9-32 and thereafter 5 points for all other places.
- When allocating points and where 2 or more players tie for points at any stage of a tournament, i.e. where there are no playoff matches, such as in the rounds before the quarter finals, or at any other stage, the means of allocating points is as follows;
 - The number of players tying is first determined
 - Where a number of players are tied, the points awarded shall be determined by adding the highest and lowest points that could be awarded to that group of players and dividing by 2.
 - As an example, if there are 6 players tying in the round before the quarter finals, this means that 6 players tie for joint 9th position, and jointly take up the ranking positions from 9-14, howsoever allocated.
 - The points for 9th position (790) are added to the points for 14th position (740), giving 1530.
 - This figure is divided by 2, to give the mean point, which in this case is 765; these 6 players are allocated 765 points.
 - This gives a distinction between these players, who reached the last 14 of the tournament (which is theoretically more difficult than reaching a last 16), and the players in a last 16 where the points would be $(790+720)/2 = 755$.

All points' allocations will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

This system also allows for a situation where there are less than 8 in the quarter finals – for example 3 groups of 4 players each, with 2 coming out will give us places 1-6. If playoff matches below this take place, then points are easily allocated. If they do not take place, under this system the next 3 players (3rd in their groups) would be allocated places 7-9,

therefore points for 7th (820) plus points for 9th (790) added together, divided by 2 = 805. Thus the final 3 players would be allocated places 10-12 $(780+760=1440/2)=770$.

This also takes into account where uneven numbers coming from groups result in some players receiving a bye while others play an extra round in the knockout stages.

- The events to count for ranking points in a season will be stated at the commencement of the season, along with the dates and venues for the events. The points gained by each player will be listed in columns against the player's name, 1 column for each event, and 1 column totalling the points for the Challenger series.
- Ultimately, ranking positions will be calculated following the discard of the lowest 2 tournament points. This will be implemented as follows;
 - All players will be allocated a nominal figure of '0' (zero) points at the start of the season in the Challenger tournament column, and as such this column, for the purposes of ranking, will be immediately included as a counting event or a discard.
 - For performance ranking purposes, points gleaned from participation in the Junior Challenger series will be totalled and counted as 1 event.
 - Where only 1 tournament has been played, players will keep the ranking allocation from that event.
 - Where 2 events have been played, players will drop the lower tournament score.
 - Where 3 or more events have been played, players will drop their lowest 2 scores
 - There will be one main Irish Junior Ranking List for each age category, and a sub list for the Irish Junior Challenger series, which will be extracted from the main list from points allocated for the Challenger series.

3. Process: Junior Ranking Challenger Circuit

- Players start the season with zero ranking points.
- Points allocations for the various divisions are as outlined below - see **Appendix A**.
- This system caters for an infinite number of players.
- The counting events for a season will be stated at the commencement of the season, along with the dates and venues for the events. The points gained by each player will be listed in columns against each player's name, 1 column for each event.
- Points allocated in the Challenger series will be totalled; there will be no discards.
- Eligibility for Challenger Circuit is restricted as follows;

Players ranked outside the Top 16 Junior Boys (or equivalent)

Players ranked outside the Top 8 Junior Girls (or equivalent)

Players ranked outside the Top 8 Cadet Boys (or equivalent)

Players ranked outside the Top 8 Cadet Girls (or equivalent)

Points for the junior ranking series' will be allocated as follows:

Appendix A

Irish Junior Ranking Challenger Circuit

Division 1	1	60
	2	55
	3	50
	4	45
	5-8	40
	Bar	35
Division 2	1	30
	2	20
	Bar	10
Division 3 and 4	1	25
	2	15
	Bar	10

Appendix B

Irish Junior Ranking Performance Circuit

1	1000	23	650
2	960	24	640
3	920	25	630
4	880	26	620
5	860	27	610
6	840	28	600
7	820	29	590
8	800	30	580
9	790	31	570
10	780	32	560
11	770	33	555
12	760	34	550
13	750	35	545
14	740	36	540
15	730	37	535
16	720	38	530
17	710	39	525
18	700	40	520
19	690	41	515
20	680	42	510
21	670	43	505
22	660	44	500

45	495	72	360
46	490	73	355
47	485	74	350
48	480	75	345
49	475	76	340
50	470	77	335
51	465	78	330
52	460	79	325
53	455	80	320
54	450	81	315
55	445	82	310
56	440	83	305
57	435	84	300
58	430	85	295
59	425	86	290
60	420	87	285
61	415	88	280
62	410	89	275
63	405	90	270
64	400	91	265
65	395	92	260
66	390	93	255
67	385	94	250
68	380	95	245
69	375	96	240
70	370		
71	365		