

# SENIOR RANKING SCHEME 2010/11

## Introduction:

The Senior Ranking Scheme is a "results based" system with points awarded for matches won and deductions made for matches lost in ranking tournaments. Points will also be awarded for participation in each event. The Scheme outlined below is a pilot scheme for the 2010/11 season which will be adjusted, if considered necessary, due to unforeseen anomalies during the season.

Points for each player shown on the closing 2009/10 lists will be reduced to 50% to form the opening points for the 2010/11 season. For different Classes and Levels of events different amounts are awarded.

## Role of Ranking Master:

The ITTA Board will appoint an individual, known as the Ranking Master, who will supervise and manage the preparation, checking and issue of all new rankings. This person will not be someone who holds ranking points or a coach of a player holding ranking points. He/she will deal with any queries and appeals about the award of ranking points and all instances where the rules do not deal with any inconceivable issues. His/her judgement is subject to an appeal to the ITTA Board.

## Award/Deduction of Points:

Working from the opening points, players will be awarded or deducted points for every match played in ranking tournaments in accordance with the following:

Ranking Point Difference	Win		Loss	
	Expected	Unexpected	Expected	Unexpected
0-20	8	12	-4	-6
21-40	6	14	-3	-7
41-70	4	16	-2	-8
71+	3	20	-1.5	-10

A result is "expected" where the winner is the player with the higher ranking points and "unexpected" where the winner is the player with the lower ranking points.

Where a player has played in one or more Singles Event in a tournament, he/she will be allocated the total of the normal points for all events competed in BUT Bonus points for only one event, whichever the highest bonus points have been achieved in.

Players who have not competed in any ITTA events for a period of 3 seasons will be removed from the lists.

### **Classes of Tournaments:**

To differentiate between the different Classes of tournaments, the above win and loss points will be multiplied by a factor of:

- 1.50 for Class 1 Events ( National Championships, Senior Classification)
- 1.25 for Class 2 Events ( Leinster Grand Prix, Senior Top 10/12)
- 1.00 for Class 3 Events (Ulster Open, Munster Open)
- 0.75 for Class 4 Events (Connacht Open, Fermanagh Open, National Team Tournament Premier Division, Qualification Event\*)
- 0.50 for Band 1 Senior Events and National Team Tournament Division 1
- 0.50 for Band 2 Senior Events
- 0.40 for Band 3 Senior Events
- 0.40 for Band 4 Senior Events
- 0.25 for Band 5 Senior Events
- 0.25 for Band 6 Senior Events

\*Players qualifying for the Senior Classification from the Qualification Event to be awarded points only for their performances in the Senior Classification. Players not qualifying from the Classification to be awarded points as listed above.

**The classes allocated to tournaments will be reviewed before the beginning of each season.**

### **Minimum Entry Levels:**

The following minimum entry levels apply for tournaments to qualify for the award of ranking points:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Women's Singles</b>
1	45	20
2 +	45	15
3	40	12
4 *	35	10
Band 1*	10	8
Band 2	8	5
Other Bands	6	4

+ Except Senior Top 10/12      \* Except National Team Tournament

Tournament organizers will be advised that should events not achieve the minimum entry levels specified above, they will be advised that ranking points will not be awarded for the following year's tournament, unless the specified minimum entries have been achieved.

#### **Allocated Rankings:**

Where a player is absent from the tournament circuit for a season or more due to injury/studying abroad or other reason, the Ranking Master, after appropriate consultation, will allocate a ranking position on his/her return to the Circuit. Where a player misses an Irish ranking tournament due to being absent on international duty, he/she will be allocated a points score by the Ranking Master. Should a player from another country enter an Irish tournament he/she should be placed in the relevant tournament draw/s based on the judgement of the Ranking Master.

#### **New Unranked Players:**

A new player will be given a ranking based on his/her performance in his/her first competition. If a player wins sufficient points to enter the ranking list at, for example, position no. 50, then the additions or deductions of points for that player's matches will be recalculated based on the player having starting ranking points equivalent to a ranking of no. 50, rather than a ranking of zero. Additions/deductions of points will be made accordingly for those players winning or losing to this player.

#### **Bonus Points:**

Players to be awarded Bonus Points for finishing places in Classes 1,2,3 & 4 and other levels of tournaments on the following basis depending on the Class or Band of tournament:

	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Bands</u>
<b>Below 128 Losers</b>	12	10	7.5	5	3
<b>Last 128 Losers</b>	15	12.5	10	7.5	5
<b>Last 64 Losers</b>	30	25	20	15	10
<b>Last 32 Losers</b>	45	37.5	30	22.5	15
<b>Last 16 Losers</b>	60	50	40	30	20
<b>Q/Final Losers</b>	75	62.5	50	37.5	25
<b>Semi-Final Losers</b>	90	75	60	45	30
<b>Runner-Up</b>	105	87.5	70	52.5	35
<b>Winner</b>	120	100	80	60	45

**Bonus points will not be awarded for the National Team Tournament.**

**Participation Points:**

Each tournament entrant will be awarded 20 points for participation in each tournament he/she participates in.

**Issue of Ranking Lists:**

Lists will be compiled and issued after each event, if possible.

All appeals against the award or non-award of points will be dealt with by the Ranking Master or other appropriate person.

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