



Senior Ranking Scheme 2011/2012 Version 1.2



ITTA SENIOR RANKING SCHEME FOR THE 2011 TO 2012 SEASON



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Introduction

The objectives of the Senior Ranking Scheme are

- 1) Tournament Seeding
- 2) Guidance for representative team selection
- 3) Encouraging players to participate in more tournaments
- 4) Encouraging and tracking progress as players develop

The Senior Ranking Scheme is a “results based” system with points awarded for matches won and deductions made for matches lost in Irish Senior Ranking Tournaments. Bonus points are awarded for participation and for position achieved in tournaments. The Scheme outlined below has been adopted by the ITTA, following recommendation by its ranking committee and in consultation with the Provincial Branches for the 2011/12 Season.

Role of the Ranking Master

The ITTA Board has appointed Mr. Ken Strong, as the Ranking Master for the Season. His duties and powers are

- To supervise and manage the preparation, checking and issue of all rankings
- To deal with any queries and appeals about the award of ranking points and
- To manage all instances not covered by this Scheme
- To allocate points and rankings as noted below

His decisions may be appealed to the ITTA Board on the basis of unfairness or inequity.

Starting Position

Each player who earned ranking points in the 2010/11 Season will commence the 2011/2012 Season on half his or her final points at the end of last season. All others will commence on zero points subject to the rules for allocated points noted below.



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Award/Deduction of Points

Players will be awarded or deducted points for every match played in ranking tournaments in accordance with the following:

Points Difference	Expected Win	Unexpected Win	Expected Loss	Unexpected Loss
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 events in a tournament, he/she will be awarded the points for all matches played but Bonus points for only one event (the highest bonus points won).

Players who have not competed in any ITTA Senior Ranking events during the previous season will be removed from the ranking list.

Classes of Tournaments and Factors Applied

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, Connaught Open)
- 0.75 for Class 4 Events (Fermanagh Open, National Team Tournament Premier Division, Qualification Event*)
- 0.50 for Class 5 Events (National Team Tournament Division 1 or below)

Bands will use the same factor as the tournament in which they are played.

*Players qualifying for the Senior Classification from the Qualification Event will receive points for all matches played in both events and bonus points from the



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Classification event only. Players not qualifying from the Classification will be awarded points as listed above.

Minimum Entry Levels

The following minimum entry levels apply for tournaments to qualify for the award of Bonus points for position achieved:

Class	Men	Women
1	45	20
2+	45	15
3	40	12
4*	35	10
5	10	8
Band 1*	8	5
Band 2	6	4

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

Tournaments which do not achieve the minimum entry levels specified above will not be eligible for the full allocation of Bonus points for position although points for matches won and lost and Participation points will be awarded. Bonus Points for position will be reduced by 50% where the tournament does not reach the minimum level.

Allocated Rankings

Allocation of ranking points or ranking position will be decided by the Ranking Master as follows:

1. 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.
2. When a player from another country enters an Irish tournament he/she will be given an allocated ranking position and points based on the judgment 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,



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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 tournaments as follows:

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

Bonus points will not be awarded for the National Team Tournament and will be reduced by 50% where the entry level falls below the minimum entry threshold noted above.

Participation Points

Players will be awarded 20 points for each tournament in which he/she participates.

Procedural Matters

All tournaments will be treated as one event and no interim rankings will be generated.

Issue of Ranking Lists

- 1) A target of one week in which results are provided by tournament organisers to the person compiling the ranking list and a target of two weeks for the ranking list to be compiled and returned to the Ranking Master for final checking is expected.
- 2) To improve speed of compilation it is recommended that all tournament results be provided in electronic form, a template for which will be provided

All appeals will be dealt with by the Ranking Master or other appropriate person.



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Document Control

Version	Date	Season	Change	Author	Status
N/A	20 July 2011	2010/2011	Previous Scheme 2010/11 adopted into new format	Rob Cowan	Interim
N/A	21 July 2011	2011/2012	Changes introduced as recommended by Ranking Committee in July 2011	Rob Cowan	For review by Ranking Committee
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1.1	18 August 2011	2011/2012	Following consultation and approval by the Board of the ITTA. No changes introduced from V1.0	Rob Cowan	Approved by the Board
1.2	27 September 2011	2011/2012	Clarifying points for players qualifying for Classification event	Rob Cowan	Approved by the Board