

Irish Junior Ranking System

Principles

1. To populate the Irish Junior Ranking lists.
2. To allocate points to all players commensurate with their finishing position in tournaments.
3. To integrate the Challenger & Performance tournaments.
4. To provide accurate ranking lists of junior players at Challenger & Performance level.

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.
- 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.
- This system caters for up to 143 players.
- When allocating points and where 2 or more players tie for points at any stage of a tournament, ie 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
 - 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 $(790+720)/2 = 755$.

Thus, 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.

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

Allocating points in this way provides for a reasonably accurate ranking, while also allowing for the anomalies that are created from tournament to tournament when different numbers come out of groups.

This system is also flexible enough to allow 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 ($(780+760)/2=770$).

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.

- For the purposes of tournament seeding, where players are tied at any time on an equal number of ranking points, the player(s) with the higher discard(s) should be awarded the higher seeding position(s). Where a tie still exists, seeding will be determined by random selection.
- To preserve the integrity of the system, in the case of a tie the drawing of seeding positions should be carried out by an independent person from, or nominated by, the ITTA.
- All Irish Junior Ranking tournaments must be run groups (minimum group of 3) into groups (minimum group of 3) into knockout. 2 players must progress from the 1st round groups into the 2nd round groups. Players from the same groups in the 1st round must be separated into opposite halves of the draw. Either 1 or 2 players may proceed from 2nd round groups into knockout; however, where 2 players progress, the draw must place winners and runners up from 1st round groups in opposite quarters of the draw. Players who have already met in an earlier round should not meet again before the semi finals.
- At the conclusion of each event, the Winner, Runner Up and 3rd Place player, along with the Plate Winner and Runner up in each category will be awarded a commemorative trophy.
- 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 the players name, 1 column for each event, and 1 column totalling the points for the Challenger series.
- At the conclusion of the season, the Number 1 ranked player in each age category (Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Cadet Boys, Cadet Girls, U12 Boys, U12 Girls) shall be the Season Champion, and will be awarded a commemorative trophy by the Association. The Season Champion shall be the player with the highest total points in each age group; no discards shall be allowed for the purposes of determining the Season Champion.
- In the event of a clash between an Irish Junior ranking event and an Irish selection event, any player who is unable as a result of this clash to attend the domestic ranking event will receive an exemption for that event. The exemption points will be the average of their points from all other Irish Junior ranking tournaments over the course of the season. As such, where a player wins one tournament and receives an exemption for another event, subject to other parameters regarding the discard of the lowest scores, for the purposes of

ranking he or she will be considered to have played two events and will be on a total of 2000 points, and so on.

- 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 of the 2.
 - Where 3 or more events have been played, players will drop their lowest 2 scores.
 - There will be 1 main Irish Junior Ranking List, 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.

Process – Junior Ranking Challenger Circuit

- Players start the season with zero ranking points.
- Points allocation for the various divisions is as outlined below.
- 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 the players name, 1 column for each event.
- Points allocated in the Challenger series will be totalled; there will be no discards.
- At the conclusion of each event, the winner and runner up in each divisional category (Division 1, 2 and 3) will be awarded a commemorative trophy by the Association.
- Eligibility for Challenger Circuit is restricted as follows;
 - Players ranked outside the Top 15 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 5 Cadet Girls (or equivalent)

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

Irish Junior Ranking Challenger Circuit

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

Irish Junior Ranking Performance Circuit

1	1000	48	480
2	960	49	475
3	920	50	470
4	880	51	465
5	860	52	460
6	840	53	455
7	820	54	450
8	800	55	445
		56	440
9	790	57	435
10	780	58	430
11	770	59	425
12	760	60	420
13	750	61	415
14	740	62	410
15	730	63	405
16	720	64	400
17	710	65	395
18	700	66	390
19	690	67	385
20	680	68	380
21	670	69	375
22	660	70	370
23	650	71	365
24	640	72	360
25	630	73	355
26	620	74	350
27	610	75	345
28	600	76	340
29	590	77	335
30	580	78	330
31	570	79	325
32	560	80	320
		81	315
33	555	82	310
34	550	83	305
35	545	84	300
36	540	85	295
37	535	86	290
38	530	87	285
39	525	88	280
40	520	89	275
41	515	90	270
42	510	91	265
43	505	92	260
44	500	93	255
45	495	94	250
46	490	95	245
47	485	96	240

