



**TTI SENIOR RANKING SCHEME
FOR THE 2015 TO 2016 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. Points are awarded for individual match results (Match Points) and for tournament placing (Placing Points) in Irish Senior Ranking Tournaments. Match Points are also allocated for progress on the World Ranking List. The Scheme outlined below has been adopted by the TTI for the 2015/16 Season on the recommendations of the Ranking Committee.

Role of the Ranking Master

The TTI 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 TTI Board, on the basis of unfairness or inequity. In his absence, Mr. Rob Cowan acts as the Ranking Master.

Starting Position

Each player who earned ranking points in the 2014/15 Season will commence the 2015/2016 Season on 50% of 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.

Match Points

Irish Ranking Events

Players will be awarded or deducted points for every match played in Irish Senior Ranking tournaments as follows:

Points Difference	Expected Win	Unexpected Win	Expected Loss	Unexpected Loss
0-20	4	4	-2	-2
21-40	3	6	-1.5	-3
41-70	2	8	-1	-4
71+	1	10	-0.5	-5

A result is “expected” where the higher ranked player wins and “unexpected” where the lower ranked player wins.

Where a player has played in one or more singles events in a tournament, that player will be awarded the Match Points for all matches played but Placing Points for only one event (the highest Placing Points won).

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

Tournaments Grades and Factors Applied

To differentiate between the grades of tournaments, Match Points will be multiplied by the factors noted below depending on the grade of the tournament:

Tournament Grade	Factor	Tournaments
Grade 1	1.5	Senior Championships, Senior Classification Senior Top 10/12
Grade 2	1.25	Leinster Grand Prix, Ulster Open, Munster Open, Connaught Open
Grade 3	1	National Team Tournament (Divisions: Premier, 1 and 2), Fermanagh Open, Qualification Event*

Bands and Restricted¹ singles events 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 Match Points for all matches played in both events and Placing Points from the Classification event only. Players not qualifying from the Classification will be awarded Match Points and Placing Points for the Qualification event.

World Ranking Events

Players participating at World Ranking events will earn Irish ranking points (Match Points) based upon their World Ranking Points movement since the previous Irish event.

The Irish Senior Ranking List will be adjusted after each Irish event to take account of World Ranking point movements since the previous adjustment. A factor of 25% will be applied for gains and 15% for losses.

So, for instance, a player who has gained 160 World Ranking points will be awarded 40 Irish Ranking points while a player whose World Ranking points have reduced by 100 points will have 15 Irish Ranking points deducted. These points will be incorporated after each Irish Ranking event.

This category of points was introduced in 2013 in an attempt to address feedback received at the AGM that June . It also seeks to ensure that the administrative burden is not onerous. This category of points has been devised on the assumption that the World Ranking Points system remains relatively stable. Should there be significant changes in that system, it may be necessary to adjust how points from World Ranking events are incorporated into the Irish Senior Ranking List.

¹ Restricted Singles events are events where entry is restricted based on rank e.g. an event where the top 20 men and top 10 women are excluded

Placing Points

Points Table

Players will be awarded Placing Points for finishing places in main events only i.e. not for Banded or Restricted events or for the National Team Tournament, as follows:

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
All Others	10	6	5
Last 32 Losers	15	10	9
Last 16 Losers	20	14	12
Q/Final Losers	25	18	15
Semi-Final Losers	30	22	18
Runner-Up	35	26	21
Winner	40	30	24

Players selected by the TTI to participate in European or World Championships and who thereby miss ranking tournaments for which Placing Points are allocated, will be allocated Placing Points based upon the seeding they would have received for the missed tournament; for instance, a player who would have been seeded fourth, would receive Semi Final Loser Placing Points for that missed tournament.

Minimum Entry Levels for Full Placing Points

Placing Points will be halved where the tournament does not reach the minimum entry level below:

Tournament Grade	Men	Women
Grade 1+	45	20
Grade 2	40	12
Grade 3*	30	10

+ *Except Senior Top 10/12*

* *Except National Team Tournament*

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 that player's return to the Circuit.
2. When a player from another country enters an Irish tournament that player will be allocated a ranking position and points based on the Ranking Master's judgment.
3. For mixed gender competitions, the Ranking Master, after appropriate consultation, will allocate a temporary ranking on the men's list to each participating woman. Points, which are won or lost, will be added or deducted from the appropriate ranking list.
4. The Ranking Master may allocate points for situations not contemplated above.

New Unranked Players

A new player will be given a ranking based on his/her performance in his/her first competition.

New unranked players will initially start with zero points. They will be awarded Match Points based on their performance. These initial Match Points will then be taken as their new starting points and their match points will be recalculated accordingly. They will then be allocated Placing Points based upon their placing, like all other players.

So, for example, a new unranked player plays a tournament and, based on an initial starting points of zero, gains 50 Match Points. Their starting points are now changed from zero to 50 and their Match Points recalculated, let's assume, as 30. Therefore, they finish the tournament on 80 Match Points plus Placing Points based upon their final position.

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.

Appendix 1 - Results Form

The following format must be used by tournament organizers when submitting results for Ranking ideally in MS- Excel but certainly electronically and typed.

Event Name
Date of Event
Entry
Submitted by
Enquiries to (including email and phone contact details)

List of matches and results for all matches in the event

Player 1	Player 2	Winner
Alan Smith	Ben Jones	Alan Smith
Etc...		

Placings

Winner
Runner Up
Semi Final Loser1
Semi Final Loser 2
Quarter Final Loser 1
Quarter Final Loser 2
Quarter Final Loser 3
Quarter Final Loser 4
Last 16 Losers 1 to 8
Last 32 Losers 1 to 16
All Others

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
1.0	27 July 2011	2011/2012	Further changes to format and corrections noted by Ranking Committee	Rob Cowan	For consultation with Provinces
1.1	18 August 2011	2011/2012	Following consultation and approval by the Board of the TTI. 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
1.3	3 February 2012	2011/2012	Two new points (3 and 4) added to Allocated Points section, Clarification in new Unranked Players section and tidy up of language in Bonus Points section	Rob Cowan	Proposed to the Board
2.0	24 July 2012	2012/2013	Significant update following substantial feedback from players and coaches. See cover note that explained the rationale for these changes	Rob Cowan	Proposed to Board
2.1	9 Aug 2012	2012/2013	Further update following feedback on version 2.0. See updated cover note explaining the rationale for these changes.	Rob Cowan	Proposed to Board
2.2	22 Aug 2012	2012/2013	Updated following Board feedback	Rob Cowan	Rescinded - impractical
2.3	14 Sep 2012	2012/2013	Updated following review by Ranking Committee	Rob Cowan	Approved
3.0	8 July 2013	2013/2014	Updated following post-season comments from members through an on-line survey, feedback from the Board and further debate and feedback at the 2013 AGM.	Rob Cowan	DRAFT for consideration by the Board
3.1	22 July 2013	2013/2014	Updated following Ranking Committee review.	Rob Cowan	For Approval of the Board

3.2	30 Sep 2013	2013/2014	Updated following Ranking Committee review	Rob Cowan	Approved
3.3	2 May 2014	2014/2015	Updated following Ranking Committee review	Rob Cowan	Proposed
3.4	14 May 2014	2014/2015	Updated with comments from Ranking Committee	Rob Cowan	Proposed
3.5	12 Aug 2015	2015/2016	Minor edits and retention of 50% as starting points	Rob Cowan	Approved