



ITTF TABLE TENNIS WORLD RANKING REGULATIONS

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Added R32 points to WTT Grand Smash Mixed Doubles.

Added Qualifying Elimination Round (QER) and Groups 4th Last points for the Qualifying Stage played in groups at WTT Feeder events.

Removed Doubles and Mixed Doubles unused formats at WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender.

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1. BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1.1. The ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for entries and seeding at ITTF and WTT events.
- 1.2. The ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking is composed of the following lists:
 - Men's Singles
 - Women's Singles
 - Men's Doubles Pairs
 - Women's Doubles Pairs
 - Men's Doubles Individuals
 - Women's Doubles Individuals
 - Mixed Doubles Pairs
 - Mixed Doubles Individuals
- 1.3. Ranking lists are published on a weekly basis on Tuesdays.
- 1.4. Ranking lists are published for the Senior age category.
- 1.5. Players and pairs are ranked when having non-expired points awarded at sanctioned events.
- 1.6. Each ranking list consists of a list of players or pairs sorted by descending number of points. In case of ties, for presentation, entries selection and seeding, players and pairs are sorted by:
 - The player or pair with fewest results.
 - If still tied, the player or pair with the result with the greatest number of points.
 - If still tied, the player or pair with the best result in WTT Grand Smash events.
 - If still tied, the player or pair with the best ranking in the previous week.
 - If still tied, the youngest player or pair.
 - If still tied, randomly sorted by the ranking calculation software.
- 1.7. Ranking points are awarded at any sanctioned events.
- 1.8. Awarded points have a validity of one year, expiring next year on the same week on which they were included in the ranking. After expiring, they are no longer eligible to be included in the ranking record of a player or pair.
 - 1.8.1. Exceptionally, points awarded at 2021 and 2022 Senior events shall expire based on their inclusion week:
 - 2021 Week #1 to 2021 Week #26: 2023 Week #1 (3rd of January 2023)
 - 2021 Week #27 to 2021 Week #47: 2023 Week #14 (4th of April 2023)
 - 2021 Week #48 to 2021 Week #52: 2023 Week #21 (23rd of May 2023)
 - 2022 Week #1 to 2022 Week #27: 2023 Week #27 (4th of July 2023)



- 1.9. The ranking of a player or pair is composed of the sum of the points of the eight (8) non-expired results with the greatest number of points, with the following restrictions:
- 1.9.1. A maximum of the best result counting for the ranking from events which exclude or forbid any player(s) from a member association from being permitted to enter due to their nationality (i.e., Continental, Regional or similar events).
- 1.9.2. Results from a maximum of four (4) non-Senior events shall count towards the Senior ranking of a player.
- 1.10. Players have the right to request being removed from the rankings by submitting the retirement letter at <https://ittf.com/rankings>, signed by themselves and their Member Association, to rankings@ittf.com. Coming back to competition after that implies starting ranked with no ranking points.

2. EVENTS

- 2.1. The following event(s) are automatically sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking:
- WTT Grand Smash
 - Olympic Games
 - ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Finals
 - ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Continental Stage
 - ITTF World Table Tennis Championships Regional Stage
 - WTT Finals
 - ITTF World Cup
 - WTT Champions
 - WTT Star Contender
 - Continental Championships (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Pan America)
 - Continental Cups (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Pan America)
 - WTT Contender
 - Continental Games (African Games, Asian Games, European Games, Pan American Games)
 - Multi-Sport Games (Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games)
 - WTT Feeder
 - U21 Continental Championships / Games (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Pan America)
 - U19 ITTF World Youth Championships
 - WTT Future Stars Cup
 - U19 WTT Youth Star Contender
 - U19 WTT Youth Contender



- 2.2. The sanctioning of events from point 2.1 not organized by ITTF/WTT to be subject to abiding to the rules established by the “ITTF manual for inclusion of third-party events”.

3. POINTS

- 3.1. The awarded points at each event for a given player or pair consist of:
- 3.1.1. Points for the round reached at either the Main Draw or the Qualifying Draw.
 - 3.1.2. Additional Qualifying points (*QUAL*) if the player reaches the Main Draw starting in the Qualifying Draw.
- 3.2. Players or pairs having one or more consecutive byes in the Main Draw, and then losing in the next round, shall be awarded points for losing in the round where they had the first bye.
- 3.3. Players or pairs losing in the Qualifying Draw and progressing to the Main Draw as “lucky-losers” shall be awarded points for the round reached either in the Main Draw or in the Qualifying Draw, whichever of the two is the highest, and without any additional Qualifying points (*QUAL*).
- 3.4. The number of awarded points for each event kind and competition is:



SINGLES	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QUAL / QER	QR4 / Gr. 4 th Last	QR3 / Gr. 3 rd Last	QR2 / Gr. 2 nd Last	QR1 / Gr. Last
Olympic Games	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	45	20					5
WTT Grand Smash	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	20		50		45	20	10
ITTF World Championships	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	45	10					
WTT Finals	1500	1050	525	265	100								
ITTF World Cup	1500	1050	525	265	130	50							
WTT Champions	1000	700	350	175	90	15							
WTT Star Contender (Q64/48)	600	420	210	105	55	25	5		20		15	6	3
WTT Star Contender (Q32)	600	420	210	105	55	25	5		20			12	3
Continental Cup	500	350	175	90	10								
Continental Champs. / Games	500	350	175	90	45								
WTT Contender (Q96)	400	280	140	70	35	4			15	12	7	4	2
WTT Contender (Q64/48)	400	280	140	70	35	4			15		10	6	2
WTT Feeder (MD 64/48)	125	90	45	25	15	8	2		8	6	3	2	1
WTT Feeder (MD 32)	125	90	45	25	15	2			8	6	3	2	1
Multi-Sport Games	100	70	35	20	10								
ITTF WTTTC Continental Stage	100	70	35	20	10								
ITTF WTTTC Regional Stage	75	55	25	15	5								
ITTF World Youth Champs. (U19)	75	55	30	15	8	2							
WTT Future Stars Cup	75	55	25	15	5								
WTT Youth Star Contender (U19)	60	40	20	10	5							2	1
Continental Champs. / Games (U21)	35	20	10	5	2								
WTT Youth Contender (U19)	20	15	8	4	2								

QUAL: Qualifying Additional Points, see point 3.1.2.
QER: Qualifying Elimination Round



DOUBLES (pairs and individuals)	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	QUAL	QR3	QR2	QR1
WTT Grand Smash	2000	1400	700	350	175	10					
ITTF World Championships	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	10				
WTT Finals	1500	1050	525	100							
WTT Star Contender	600	420	210	105	5			20		12	3
Continental Champs. / Games	500	350	175	90	45						
WTT Contender (Q32)	400	280	140	70	4			15	10	6	2
WTT Contender (Q16)	400	280	140	70	4			15		5	2
WTT Feeder	125	90	45	25	2			8		4	1
Multi-Sport Games	100	70	35	20	10						
ITTF WTTC Continental Stage	100	70	35	25	15						
ITTF WTTC Regional Stage	75	55	25	15	5						
ITTF World Youth Champs. (U19)	75	55	30	15	2						
WTT Youth Star Contender (U19)	60	40	20	10							
Continental Champs. / Games (U21)	35	20	10	5							
WTT Youth Contender (U19)	20	15	8	4							



MIXED DOUBLES (pairs and individuals)	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	QUAL	QR2	QR1
Olympic Games	2000	1400	700	350	10					
WTT Grand Smash	2000	1400	700	350	175	10				
ITTF World Championships	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	10			
WTT Star Contender	600	420	210	105	5			20	12	3
Continental Champs. / Games	500	350	175	90	45					
WTT Contender	400	280	140	70	4			15	5	2
WTT Feeder	125	90	45	25	2			8	4	1
Multi-Sport Games	100	70	35	20	10					
ITTF WTTC Continental Stage	100	70	35	25	15					
ITTF WTTC Regional Stage	75	55	25	15	5					
ITTF World Youth Champs. (U19)	75	55	30	15	8	2				
WTT Youth Star Contender (U19)	60	40	20	10						
Continental Champs. / Games (U21)	35	20	10	5						
WTT Youth Contender (U19)	20	15	8	4						



4. INCIDENTS AND PENALTIES

- 4.1. A penalty is a player or pair result at a sanctioned event, with a validity of one year, awarding 0 points and always included in the best player or pair results specified in point 1.9. Penalties shall only replace other non-zero results when the player or pair has reached the maximum number of results counting for the ranking.
- 4.2. Penalties are proposed by the World Ranking Manager and approved by the World Ranking Group based on the report filed by the ITTF Competition Manager or the WTT Event Supervisor on site, evaluating any additional medical reports or proof provided by the involved players and/or their respective Member Associations. The decision shall be made interpreting the regulation if needed, applying fairness and equality principles.
- 4.3. Penalties are applied on the following lists depending on the competition:
 - 4.3.1. Singles: Singles ranking list
 - 4.3.2. Doubles / Mixed Doubles: corresponding Pairs list and Individual list for each of the players deemed responsible for the penalty reason.
- 4.4. A penalty shall be waived for every eight (8) ITTF/WTT events the player or pair participates in after the incident that caused the penalty.
- 4.5. Incidents at events to have consequences as per the following table:

Incident	Reason example(s)	Event(s)	Ranking points	Penalty?
Entry cancellation after entries deadline	Injury, illness, accepted in another ITTF/WTT higher tier event, etc. In any case, with provided proof at the cancellation time	All	No points	No
	Other reasons: personal decision, missed flight, budget problems, etc.	Automatic Entry by WR events (WTT Grand Smash, WTT Finals, WTT Champions)	No points	Yes
		Direct entry events (Rest of ITTF/WTT events)	No points	Yes, on the third (3 rd) or subsequent incidents in a 12-month period
Walk-over or retirement in the first match of a subevent	Injury, illness, etc. In any case, with provided proof no later than the end of the event	All	No points	No
	Other reasons: personal decision, missed flight, budget problems, etc.	All	No points	Yes
Walk-over or retirement in the second or a later match of a subevent	Injury, illness, etc. In any case, with provided proof no later than the end of the event	All	Points for the round	No
	Other reasons: personal decision, early departure, etc.	All	Points for the previous round	Yes
Disqualification	Disqualification for unsporting conduct, quitting the match because of disagreeing with umpire's decision, etc.	All	No points	Yes



5. RANKING PROTECTION

- 5.1. Ranking protection is the right of players to keep, for a limited period, the ranking points that they had at the moment they requested it, which shall be used for entry and seeding at sanctioned events.
- 5.2. Ranking protection shall be applied to the Singles, Doubles Individuals and Mixed Doubles Individuals competitions based on the corresponding ranking lists.
- 5.3. Ranking protection may be requested by the Member Association of a player if the player is injured, sick, pregnant or under any other circumstances that prevent him/her from competing in table tennis events, including sanctioned and non-sanctioned events, leagues or exhibitions, for a time between 6 and 18 months.
- 5.4. The ranking protection must be requested within 6 months after the last sanctioned event where the player competed, by filling out and sending the form at <https://ittf.com/rankings> to rankings@ittf.com.
- 5.5. The ranking protection duration, that is, the number of events or period when the entry and seeding using the protected ranking is applied, is determined by the duration of the player's absence as:
 - 5.5.1. Between 6 and 12 months: 3 events or up to 6 months after the start date of the first sanctioned event where the player competes after the absence, whichever occurs first.
 - 5.5.2. Between 12 and 18 months: 5 events or up to 9 months after the start date of the first sanctioned event where the player competes after the absence, whichever occurs first.
- 5.6. In the case of a player who returns to competition after an absence and gets injured again having a protected ranking status, a freeze of the status at that moment may be requested up to two times during the protection. The player's absence must be of at least 3 months, after which the player would continue with the original protection and remaining months and events.

6. CONTACT AND REGULATION

- 6.1. The ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking and all its applications are regulated by the most updated version of the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulations.
- 6.2. The main contact medium for any ranking matters shall be the e-mail address: rankings@ittf.com.
- 6.3. In case of any issues or disputes related to these regulations, they shall be reviewed by the ITTF World Ranking Manager, who may refer them to the ITTF World Ranking Working Group.

Previous updates

13th February 2023

WTT Feeder points updated, with a reduction of the tier points from 150 to 125.

WTT Grand Smash R64, additional Qualifying points and Qualifying Draw points increased.

Replaced points per win in the U19 WTT Youth Star Contender Singles Qualifying Groups stage with points for the final position in the group.

Increased WTT Contender QR4 points.

Added R32 points for Mixed Doubles in the U19 ITTF World Youth Championships.

Updated ITTF World Youth Championships Singles points.

Added point 3.3 about points policy for “lucky-losers”.

Added WTT Continental Stage points and as automatically included event in the rankings.

Added WTT Regional Stage Doubles and Mixed Doubles points.

12th December 2022

2021 and 2022 Senior events to expire from the rankings in a progressive way, until the 4th of July 2023, when events will start to expire one year after included as normally.

Restriction on the number of non-Senior results counting for the ranking to become a non-exceptional rule.

Added procedure and rules for players retirement.

Added WTT Continental and Regional Qualifier events as automatically sanctioned.

Removed procedure for the inclusion of third-party events.

Rewritten chapter 4 about incidents and penalties to align it with the WTT Handbook.

29th April 2022

End of the transition phase from 2020 December ITTF World Ranking and removal of the “initial points from the rankings.

Validity of 2021 Senior events exceptionally extended so that no event expires before the 31st of December 2022. Final duration of the points to be determined before 1st of January 2023.

Exceptionally restricted the number of non-Senior events that can count for the Senior ranking of a player to the best four (4). To be reviewed before 1st of January 2023.

Added Qualifying points to WTT Star Contender Doubles competitions.

Updated World Ranking Working Group composition.

30th January 2022

Validity of 2021 events exceptionally extended from 12 to 16 months, to be revised before 1st May 2022.

WTT Feeder points updated, including modified rounding of points at several rounds and points awarded for the ending position in groups stage if any.

Updated transition phase to reduce initial points from 2020 December ITTF World Ranking from 50% to 20% of their value, to be revised before 1st May 2022.

18th January 2022

Updated document title to remove “2021” prefix.

WTT Feeder points updated.

Updated transition phase to remove Olympic Qualification Ranking and already applied reductions on the initial points from 2020 December ITTF World Ranking.

Updated World Ranking Working Group composition.

21st September 2021

2021 ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking *initial points* freezing, at 60% of the 2020 December points, extended until week 47. *Initial points* to be reduced on week 48 to 50%, and to stay at 50% until the end of 2021.

3rd August 2021

2021 ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking *initial points* freezing, at 60% of the 2020 December points, extended until week 37.

17th June 2021

Rewording of the point 1.9.1.

Added U21 Continental Championships / Games as automatically sanctioned event.

Increased first-round loser points for International Events (singles), Continental Champs. / Games (mixed doubles) and Multi-Sport Games (mixed doubles).

Awarded points at Doubles and Mixed Doubles competitions for WTT Feeder events.

Added mandatory entry and penalty for WTT Cup Finals.

10th May 2021

2021 ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking *initial points* frozen at 60% of the 2020 December points. Calendar of reductions to be decided based on the calendar of events in the second half of 2021.

14th April 2021

Seeding at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be conducted in accordance with the Olympic Qualification Ranking not the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking.

20th January 2021

Following the change in the number of pairs accepted at the 2021 Middle East Hub events for Mixed Doubles, points to be awarded at QR1 and QR2 for WTT Star Contender and WTT Contender Mixed Doubles competitions with 32-pairs in the Qualifying Draw. Points awarded both at the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking and the Olympic Qualification Ranking.