



**2021**  
**ITTF**  
**TABLE TENNIS WORLD RANKING**  
**REGULATION**

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## Updates

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*(pages 8, 13)* 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.



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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 1 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.
- 1.9. The ranking of a player or pair is composed of the sum of the points of the 8 non-expired results with the greatest number of points, with the following restriction:
  - 1.9.1. Maximum one result counts for the ranking from events which have any entries restriction by nationality.
- 1.10. Initial ranking points and transition formula from the 2020 December ITTF World Ranking are described in point [6.1.1](#).

## 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
  - WTT Cup 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
  - Multi-Sport Games (African Games, Asian Games, European Games, Pan American Games, Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games)
  - WTT Feeder
  - ITTF World Youth Championships (U19)
  - WTT Future Stars Cup
  - WTT Youth Star Contender (U19)
  - WTT Youth Contender (U19)
- 2.2. International events not included in point [2.1](#) can request to be sanctioned under the following conditions:
- 2.2.1. The procedure is initiated by submitting the official form at <https://ittf.com/rankings> before the 1<sup>st</sup> of December of the year before the event takes place. The procedure must be completed before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year when the event takes place.
- 2.2.2. The event is organized according to the table tennis rules in the ITTF Handbook.
- 2.2.3. The event has both men's and women's competitions.
- 2.2.4. At least 5 nations are represented in each of the competitions and genders.
- 2.2.5. Entries are not restricted to any category of players, except nationalities for regional events.
- 2.2.6. Entries are made through National Associations.
- 2.2.7. The event is not similar in nature to any ITTF or WTT event.
- 2.2.8. The playing system is knock-out, at least, from the Round of 16.



- 2.2.9. Entries and results are managed using the ITTF's software.
- 2.2.10. A fee of \$US 5000 is paid by direct bank transfer, following the instructions given after initiating the procedure. This covers the license to use ITTF's software for entries and results and the assistance of an ITTF Competition Manager or WTT Event Supervisor if required.
- 2.2.11. Applications can be declined by the ITTF Executive Committee or the ITTF World Ranking Group regardless of the previous conditions.
- 2.3. Any event not included in point [2.1](#) and not applying under the conditions in point [2.2](#), can apply to be included in the ITTF Calendar under the following conditions:
  - 2.3.1. The application is submitted through the official form at <https://ittf.com/rankings> at least 3 months before the start date of the event.
  - 2.3.2. Entries are made through National Associations.

### 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. The number of awarded points for each event kind and competition is:

SINGLES	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QUAL	QR4	QR3	QR2	QR1
Olympic Games	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	45	20					5
WTT Grand Smash	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	10		30		20	10	5
ITTF World Championships	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	45	10					
WTT Cup 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	10	7	4	2
WTT Contender (Q64/48)	400	280	140	70	35	4			15		10	6	2
Multi-Sport Games	100	70	35	20	10								
WTT Feeder	100	70	35	20	10	5	2						
International Events	75	55	25	15	2								
ITTF World Youth Champs. (U19)	75	55	25	15	5	2							
WTT Future Stars Cup	75	55	25	15	5								
WTT Youth Star Contenders (U19)	60	40	20	10	5	1 Point Per Group Stage Win							
WTT Youth Contenders (U19)	20	15	8	4	2								

DOUBLES	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 Cup Finals	1500	1050	525	100							
WTT Star Contender	600	420	210	105	5						
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
Multi-Sport Games	100	70	35	20	10						
ITTF World Youth Champs. (U19)	75	55	25	15	2						
WTT Youth Star Contenders (U19)	60	40	20	10							
WTT Youth Contenders (U19)	20	15	8	4							

MIXED DOUBLES	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	QUAL	QR2	QR1
Olympic Games	2000	1400	700	350	10					
WTT Grand Smash	2000	1400	700	350	10					
ITTF World Championships	2000	1400	700	350	175	90	10			
WTT Star Contender (MD16, Q32)	600	420	210	105	5			20	12	3
WTT Star Contender	600	420	210	5						
Continental Champs. / Games	500	350	175	90	4					
WTT Contender (MD16, Q32)	400	280	140	70	4			15	5	2
WTT Contender	400	280	140	4						
Multi-Sport Games	100	70	35	20	2					
ITTF World Youth Champs. (U19)	75	55	25	15	2					
WTT Youth Star Contenders (U19)	60	40	20	10						
WTT Youth Contenders (U19)	20	15	8	4						





## 4. ENTRIES, INCIDENTS AND PENALTIES

- 4.1. Entries for eligible players and pairs are mandatory and automatic at the following events:
  - WTT Grand Smash
  - WTT Champions
- 4.2. 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](#), unless revoked according to the conditions enumerated in point [4.7](#).
- 4.3. 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 National Associations. The decision shall be made interpreting the regulation if needed, applying fairness and equality principles.
- 4.4. Penalties are applied on the following lists depending on the competition:
  - 4.4.1. Singles: Singles ranking list
  - 4.4.2. Doubles / Mixed Doubles: corresponding Pairs list and Individual list for each of the players deemed responsible for the penalty reason.
- 4.5. Entry cancellations after the cancellation deadline at sanctioned events, including automatic entries as of point [4.1](#), shall imply:
  - 4.5.1. No ranking points awarded.
  - 4.5.2. No prize money awarded.
  - 4.5.3. Penalty as of point [4.2](#) for:
    - 4.5.3.1. WTT Grand Smash and WTT Champions events.
    - 4.5.3.2. For all other events, the first 2 cancellations in any one-year period will not incur a penalty, but third and subsequent cancellations will incur a penalty.
- 4.6. Walking-over or retiring from a match at sanctioned events shall imply:
  - 4.6.1. Points awarded for losing in the previous round in which the incident occurred.
  - 4.6.2. Prize money awarded for losing in the previous round in which the incident occurred.
- 4.7. Consequences of the incidents of points [4.5](#) and [4.6](#) shall be waived for the following reasons:
  - 4.7.1. In case of a cancellation after the deadline:
    - 4.7.1.1. The player or pair provides an official medical report that justifies the cancellation at the moment it is done.
    - 4.7.1.2. The player or pair compete in 8 or more ITTF or WTT events after the incident. This only revokes penalty consequences, not prize money or ranking points.



- 4.7.2. In case of a walk-over or retirement from a match: the player or pair provides an official medical report that justifies the walk-over or retirement. Report shall be provided:
  - 4.7.2.1. If an Event Doctor is in place: on the same day, signed by the Event Doctor.
  - 4.7.2.2. If an Event Doctor is not in place: in the next 48 hours after the incident, signed by a qualified doctor.



## 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 National 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](mailto: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. TRANSITION PLAN: ITTF WORLD RANKING TO ITTF TABLE TENNIS WORLD RANKING AND OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION RANKING

6.1. Starting on the 6th of January 2021, the ITTF World Ranking splits in two different ranking lists:

6.1.1. **ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking:** used for entries selection (except 2020 Olympic Games) and seeding at all sanctioned events. An extract of it will be created in July 2021 with eligible Olympic Games players and will be used for seeding purposes at the 2020 Olympic Games. Ranking points calculated based on the progressively reduced 2020 December ITTF World Ranking points and the Table Tennis World Ranking as:

Weeks	2021 ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking	
	2020 December ITTF WR Points	ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking
1-6	80%	+  Best 8 results
7-12	70%	
13-18	60%	
19-24	50%	
25-30	40%	
31-36	30%	
37-42	20%	
43-48	10%	
49 - ...	0%	

6.1.2. **Olympic Qualification Ranking:** used for qualification of players into the 2020 Olympic Games only. Published monthly. Computed using the latest (15<sup>th</sup> September 2020) 2020 ITTF World Ranking Regulation at <https://ittf.com/rankings>. Only for Senior Singles, Mixed Doubles and Teams. The points allocation for the new WTT events to be:

SINGLES	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	QR4	QR3	QR2	QR1
WTT Grand Smash	3375	2700	2200	1690	1350	1015	675		510	340	255
WTT Champions	2250	1800	1465	1125	900	675					
WTT Star Contender (Q64/48)	1800	1440	1170	900	720	540	360		270	180	135
WTT Star Contender (Q32)	1800	1440	1170	900	720	540	360			270	180
WTT Contender (Q96)	1100	880	715	550	440	330		220	165	110	85
WTT Contender (Q64/48)	1100	880	715	550	440	330			220	165	110

MIXED DOUBLES (pairs)	W	F	SF	QF	R16	QR2	QR1
WTT Grand Smash	660	480	330	210	120		
WTT Star Contender	330	240	165	105	60	30	
WTT Contender	220	160	110	70	40	20	

MIXED DOUBLES (individuals)	W	F	SF	QF	R16	QR2	QR1
WTT Grand Smash	249	180	126	81	45		
WTT Star Contender	125	90	63	41	23	12	
WTT Contender	83	60	42	27	15	8	

## **7. CONTACT AND REGULATION**

- 7.1. The ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking and all its applications are regulated by the most updated version of the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulation.
- 7.2. The main contact medium for any ranking matters shall be the e-mail address: [rankings@ittf.com](mailto:rankings@ittf.com).
- 7.3. In case of disputes, cases that fall out of the regulation or any needed interpretation, the following parts oversee:
- **ITTF World Ranking Manager:** Javier Angulo Luceron
  - **ITTF World Ranking Group:**
    - ITTF President: Thomas Weikert
    - Competition Director (Interim): Gabor Felegyi
    - Technical Commissioner: Graeme Ireland
    - CEO's Office - Projects Director: Iulia Necula
    - World Ranking Manager: Javier Angulo Luceron
    - Athletes Commission Representative: Jean-Michel Saive
    - Athletes Commission Representative: El-Sayed Lashin