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INTRODUCTION AND PRINCIPLES OF THE RANKING SYSTEM

Table Tennis Wales commission the Welsh Ranking System for approved events and members.

The Rankings System enables the sport to have an accurate system that can support players earning ranking points in accordance with the competitive events everyone competes in.

The Ranking System issues a list that is operated for each full season, with 12 monthly issues being published for a fixed membership season commencing from 1st September and ending on 31st August.

The ranking points for each player will be updated by the last Friday of each month, from the results received from approved events within the months period. A new issue of the rankings list will be released on the first Friday of the next month.

The ranking system supports all approved Welsh Ranking events with points being allocated to each event in accordance with the weighting outlined in Ranking Points Allocated.

The Table Tennis Wales Ranking System was born to enable the need to determine the relative standard of players. Providing a fair and objective criteria to support a ranking for each player based on the results earned through competition.

The Rankings list comprises of players who hold a valid competitive membership and compete in Ranking events approved by Table Tennis Wales or those that are found in the Rankings Points Allocated. Only players with current memberships will appear on the published ranking lists. Any lapsed member will not appear on the rankings list, until membership is renewed and the player becomes active at any approved ranking event, to which they will appear on the next published issue following the received competition results. Lapsed members points will remain and will follow any deductions following the end of the season but will not show on the rankings list.

The system works on a basis, the more wins you earn, the more points you will gain, the higher the weighting of event, the more points you obtain

Should you have any questions unanswered by this guide, please contact us on competitions@tabletennis.wales and we will endeavour to answer them for you.

DUMMY RANKINGS ALLOCATED BY TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS / REFEREES

Tournament Organisers / Referees may need to allocate dummy rankings to a player in order to band or seed players (e.g. for new, unrated, foreign or inactive players) This ranking or seeding is based on an informed decision and is relevant for the competition in question ONLY.

Should dummy rankings be allocated, the dummy rankings are required to be approved by Table Tennis Wales per each event.

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EVENT CATEGORIES

There are separate ranking lists for each gender, with the categories shown below.

Senior - no age restriction.

Under 21 - for those under the age of 21 as of 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Junior - for those under the age of 19 as of 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Cadet - for those under the age of 15 as of 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Under 13's - for those under the age of 13 as of 31st December during the fixed membership season.

Under 11's - for those under the age of 11 as of 31st December during the fixed membership season.

Veteran - for those 40 years of age or over on 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Over 50's - for those 50 years of age or over on 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Over 60's - for those 60 years of age or over on 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Over 70's - for those 70 years of age or over on 31st December during the current fixed membership season.

Points are earned and awarded depending on the category of event entered. Points will not be carried across multiple categories.

Mixed events can also be awarded points in according to the ranking points allocated.

RANKINGS POINTS EXPLAINED

Rankings points are awarded in accordance with the events a player competes in. Points are allocated based on a points per win ratio and can be found in the explained tables below.

Team Event Ranking Events

Team Championships of Wales (All)

Divisions	Points Per Win
Premier Division	20 points
Division 1	16 points
Division 2	14 points
Division 3	12 points
Division 4	10 points
Division 5	8 points
Division 6	6 points
Division 7	4 points
Division 8	2 points

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Welsh Regional Leagues (All)

Divisions	Points Per Win
Premier	4 points
Division 1	2 points
Division 2 and below	1 point

Team Event Opens (Including Team Challenges)

Match Type	Points Per Win
Individual win	6 points
Doubles win	2 points

Individual Open Rankings Event

Open Ranking Events (Including banded events with knockout)

Competition Stage	Open Events	Band 1	Other Bands
Group win	4 points	3 points	2 points
Round of 32 or before	8 points	6 points	4 points
Round of 16 win	16 points	12 points	8 points
Quarter Final win	24 points	18 points	12 points
Semi Final win	32 points	24 points	16 points
Final win	40 points	30 points	20 points

Plate / Consolation stages = 1 point per win (should event apply)

Elite Open Events (Including Grand Prix / 4* Open events)

Competition Stage	Main Opens	Band 1	All Other Bands
Group win	8 points	6 points	4 points
Rounds of 32 or before	16 points	12 points	8 points
Round of 16 win	32 points	24 points	16 points
Quarter Final win	48 points	36 points	24 points
Semi Final win	64 points	48 points	32 points
Final win	80 points	60 points	40 points

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Welsh National Championships (CLOSED)

Competition Stage	Individual points per win
Group win	16 points
Rounds of 32 or before	32 points
Round of 16 win	64 points
Quarter Final win	96 points
Semi Final win	128 points
Final win	160 points

Group Events (Including Progressive and Single Banded events)

Single Banded Groups	Points per win	Progressive Groups	Points per win
Band 1	16 points	Stage 1	4 points
Band 2	12 points	Second Stage Group 1	12 points
Band 3 and 4	8 points	Second Stage Group 2	8 points
Band 5 and 6	6 points	Second Stage Group 3	6 points
Band 7 and beyond	4 points	Second Stage Group 4	4 points
Band 6 and beyond	2 points	Second Stage Group 5 and beyond	2 Points

REPRESENTING WALES BONUS RANKINGS POINTS

When selected to represent Wales, players will be awarded bonus points as per follows.

Category of Competition	Bonus Points Allocated	Additional points per win
Olympic Games World Championships	260 points	26 points per win
European Championships	200 points	20 points per win
Commonwealth Games European Top 16 European Top 10 (juniors) WTT Senior Events	180 points	18 Points
Commonwealth Championships European Qualification Matches	140 points	14 points
WTT Feeder Series WTT Youth Series Home Nations	100 points	10 points
Other Welsh Selected Events	60	6 points

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Additional bonus points are allocated to a player for each win, based on the bonus points for the selected event divided by 10. Example: World Championships = 260 points plus 2 victories for player Y at the event
260 divided by 10 = 26 points per win x 2 wins = 52 points, Total points allocated = 312 points

WORLD AND EUROPEAN RANKINGS PROTECTION

Players holding a World Ranking in accordance with the measures put in place, shown below, will have a protected ranking

Category	Ranking in order of weighting
Senior Rankings	Top 500 - WTT Rankings
Junior Rankings (Under 19)	Top 100 - ETTU Rankings
Cadet Rankings (Under 15)	
Under 21 Rankings	Top 100 – ETTU Rankings

END OF SEASON POINTS REDUCTION

To aid competitiveness, at the end of the season all ranking points will be reduced by 20%. The 20% reductions will be published in issue 1 of the new season rankings list (September Issue)

Where players move up from Cadet to Junior or Junior to Senior, or when a player becomes a Veteran, their points in the new section will transfer from the previous level if the points at the level you are transitioning from are larger than the points at the new age category. For example, a Cadet who has 1600 Cadet points and 1500 Junior points will be listed at 1600 when they move up to the higher age group.

Age groups take effect as of January 1st of each year where changes to relative age categories will be produced.

The new Issue of the season will exclude those players that have reached a 12-month period of inactivity and lapsed membership.

ADMINISTRATION

The collection of results and completion of rankings data is in the control of the Competition Manager. All questions, queries and issues should be directed to competitions@tabletennis.wales

Whilst every care is taken to ensure results are stored and rankings are published accurately; the occasional error is inevitable.

Table Tennis Wales will take appropriate action, if such actions are required, to any proven errors in order to be rectified in a subsequent list.