

Seedings and Draws - Ranking Events

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Table Tennis Wales follow ITTF rulings on competitions.

The process for seedings and draws are outlined in the below points.

1 Seedings by Ranking

- 1.1 Seedings by ranking for Welsh ranking events shall follow the order of the latest Welsh Ranking list published by Table Tennis Wales.
- 1.1.2 If a player outside Wales enters a competition and holds a World Ranking, the seeding will apply in accordance with TTW Ranking Points Explained.
- 1.1.3 A player can be awarded a dummy ranking depending on a ranking within another country. This must be approved by TTW Competitions Committee.
- 1.1.4 For an event which is mixed, seedings will be allocated based on the highest number of rankings points a player holds.
- 1.2 The highest ranked entries in an event shall be seeded so that they cannot meet before the closing rounds.
- 1.2.2 The number of entries to be seeded shall not exceed the number of entries in the 1st round proper of the event.
- 1.2.2.1 Seedings for group stages will be awarded in accordance to rule 1.2.2.
- 1.3 The entry ranked 1 shall be placed at the top of the first half of the draw and the entry ranked 2 at the bottom of the second half, but all other seeded entries shall be drawn among specified places in the draw, as follows:
 - 1.3.1.1 the entries ranked 3 and 4 shall be drawn between the bottom of the first half of the draw and the top of the second half:
 - 1.3.1.2 the entries ranked 5-8 shall be drawn among the bottom places of the odd-numbered quarters of the draw and the top places of the even-numbered quarters:
 - 1.3.1.3 the entries ranked 9-16 shall be drawn among the bottom places of the odd-numbered eighths of the draw and the top places of the even-numbered eighths:
 - 1.3.1.4 the entries ranked 17-32 shall be drawn among the bottom places of the odd-numbered sixteenths of the draw and the top places of the even numbered sixteenths.
- 1.4 Seeding for pairs / doubles will be allocated based on taking the highest ranked players ranking.
- 1.4.1 For a mixed pairing seedings will be allocated based on the player with the highest among of points.

2 Seedings for Team Events

- 2.1 Seedings by ranking for Welsh ranking events shall follow the order of the latest Welsh Ranking list published by Table Tennis Wales.
- 2.2 Seedings for a team event will be awarded on the basis as follows:
 - 2.2.1 teams shall nominate players in descending order of playing strength, starting with any players included in the latest ranking list used for seedings, in order of that list.
 - 2.2.2 rankings shall be taken from the highest ranked players and in accordance with the number of players able to compete in a single team event match.
Example – Team event of 2 players, you will take the points from only the two highest ranked players. Additional player rankings will not apply.
 - 2.2.3 The points of the highest ranked players will then be divided in accordance with the number of players able to compete in a single team event match.
Example – A two player team event
Player A = 1000 points, Player B = 750 points
Total points = 1750 divided by the power of 2 (2 player team event) = 875 points.
 - 2.2.4 Teams will then be allocated a seeding based on the total amount of points outlined in rule 2.2.3.

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- 2.2.5 Seedings can also be awarded at the discretion of the TTW Competitions Committee which will apply to the Team Championships of Wales.

3 Groups, Byes and Qualifiers

- 3.1 In a group or round robin competition, all members of the group shall compete against each other and shall score 2 match points for a win, 1 for a loss in a match played and 0 for a loss in an un-played or unfinished match: a player who is disqualified after the competition of a match for any reason shall be deemed to have lost the match and shall score no match points.
 - 3.1.1 The ranking order in the group shall be determined primarily by the number of match points scored: if two or more members of the group have scored the same number of match points their relative positions shall be determined only by the results of the matches between them, by considering successively the numbers of match points, the ratios of wins to losses first in individual matches (for a team event) then in games and in points as far as necessary to resolve the order.
 - 3.1.2 If at any step in the calculations the positions of one or more members of the group have been determined while the others are still equal, the results of matches in which those members took part shall be excluded from any further calculations needed to resolve the equalities.
- 3.2 The number of places in the first-round proper of a knockout event shall be to the power of 2.
 - 3.2.1 If there are fewer entries than places, the first round shall include enough byes to make up the required number.
 - 3.2.2 Byes shall be distributed as evenly as possible throughout the first round, being placed first against seeded places, in seeding order.
 - 3.2.3 Qualifiers shall be drawn as evenly as possible among the halves, quarters, eighths, or sixteenths of the draw, as appropriate.

4 Alterations

- 4.1 A completed draw may be altered only with permission of the TTW Competitions Committee and where appropriate.
- 4.2 The draw may be altered only to correct errors and genuine misunderstandings in the notification and acceptance of entry, to correct serious imbalance, as provided in 5.1 and 5.1.1 or to include additional players or pairs, as provided in 6. Additions
- 4.3 No alterations other than necessary deletions shall be made to the draw of an event after it has started.
- 4.4 A player shall not be deleted from the draw without his or her permission, unless he or she is disqualified: such permission must be given either by the player if he or she is present or, if he or she is absent, by his or her authorised representative.
 - 4.4.1 A player can be withdrawn by the competitions committee if he or she doesn't hold a valid competition membership that is appropriate to compete in a ranking event and refuse to obtain a valid membership.

5 Re-Draw

- 5.1 Except as provided in 4.2 and 5.1.1, a player shall not be moved from one place in the draw to another and if for any reason the draw becomes seriously unbalanced the event shall, wherever possible be completely redrawn.
 - 5.1.1 Exceptionally, where the imbalance is due to the absence of several seeded players or pairs from the same section of the draw, the remaining seeded players or pairs only may be re-numbered in ranking order and re-drawn to the extent possible among the seeded places, taking account as far as is practicable of the requirements for seedings by ranking.

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6 Additions

- 6.1 Players not included in the original draw may be added later, at the discretion of the responsible competition's organiser and with the agreement of the referee.
- 6.2 Any vacancies in seeded places shall first be filled, in ranking order, by drawing into them the strongest new players or pairs: any further players or pairs shall be drawn into vacancies due to absence or disqualification.
- 6.3 Any players or pairs who would have been seeded by ranking if they had been included in the original draw may be drawn only into vacancies in seeded places.