

## ITTF WORLD RANKING BASIC DESCRIPTION

### 1. BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1.1. For each match, the winner gains a certain number of points whilst, at the same time, points are deducted from the rating of the loser. The number of points won or lost depends on the relative strength of the two players involved.
- 1.2. Points are added or deducted in accordance with the Rating points table. "Expected results" are those of matches where the winner had a higher rating than the loser. "Unexpected results" are those of matches where the winner had a lower rating than the loser.
- 1.3. Wins and losses against unrated players give no points to the winner and loser.
- 1.4. It has to be noted that these calculations are carried out only on the basis of the rating points, without taking into account the Bonus Points.
- 1.5. The rating points are calculated in bulk and not after each match.

### 2. WEIGHTINGS

- 2.1. Depending on the event, the basic points gained for each win are increased by multiplying them by a weighting factor.
- 2.2. The ITTF's Competition Department has classified all the events considered for Ratings into tiers. There are three (3) tiers of events, each with a specific weight ranging from the normal rate of 1, or 1.5 (points are multiplied by a factor of 1.5) or 2 (points are multiplied by a factor of 2).
- 2.3. Weightings for losses are all calculated at half of the winners' points.
- 2.4. Values in the Rating points table are rounded so as to avoid fractions.

### 3. BONUS POINTS

- 3.1. Bonus Points are generally awarded on the basis of the final positions in knockout singles events. However, in competitions where alternative formats (to knockout) are used, up to 20 players may be given bonus points. Additionally, in the same way as for 3<sup>rd</sup> place (see table), Bonus Points are awarded whenever possible when other matches for intermediate positions are played.
- 3.2. The number of Bonus Points awarded is related to the event. These Bonus Points remain valid for a period of 12 months only from the date of each Bonus point earned.
- 3.3. Bonus Points are **not** awarded for Team events, U21 events, Qualifying events or Ranking (Consolation) events except as listed in 3.4.
- 3.4. Last two (2) qualification rounds of the Men's and Women's Singles at the ITTF World Tour Platinum events and at the ITTF World Tour events with K.O. playing system (see table).

#### 4. FIRST RANKING

- 4.1 A player enters the ranking list with a “1<sup>st</sup> Rating” only when he/she has at least 4 significant wins against already ranked players.
- 4.2 The 1<sup>st</sup> Rating is calculated as follows
- 4.2.1 As soon as a player has 4 significant wins, he/she will get a Rating equal to the Rating of his/her best win less 10 points.
  - 4.2.2 The 4 significant wins are valid from the entire database of matches over the past 4 years.
  - 4.2.3 All losses within the previous 12 rating periods (from the date of the 4<sup>th</sup> win) would then be taken into consideration and points deducted based on the normal exchange points table for each event played.
  - 4.2.4 The 1<sup>st</sup> Rating is then equal to the rating of the highest win, less 10 points, less points deducted for losses over the previous 12 periods.
  - 4.2.5 If a player has 4 wins and no losses, then the 1<sup>st</sup> Rating is equal to his/her best win less 10 points.
  - 4.2.6 The 1<sup>st</sup> Rating can never exceed the best win less 10 points.
  - 4.2.7 The lowest 1<sup>st</sup> Rating can never be less than 200 points, regardless of the number of points lost in the calculation.
  - 4.2.8 Bonus points are added as usual.

#### **Markers for ratings**

yellow shade Yellow background means that this is the ranking list on which the player appears for the first time with the first rating.

#### 5. DELETED PLAYERS

- 5.1 Players who have no recorded international results for more than four (4) months are marked with grey shades and they appear on a separate list but their ranking points are used for seeding purposes, but not for selections, qualifications and invitations for specific tournaments.
- 5.2 Players who do not have any recorded international results (ITTF Events, ITTF Recognized Events or ITTF Approved Events) for more than eight (8) months are excluded from the published ranking lists. However such players will retain their rating points until they become active again, meaning that in the interim, they still have rating points, and these points could still be used for seeding purposes at non ITTF events.
- 5.3 4 years after the last appearance on the ITTF ranking list, the player’s ranking points will be completely deleted, and if the player becomes active again, this player will be treated as a new player and subject to first rating procedures.