



A Guide to The Ranking System Aug 2026 v3

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Introduction

Table Tennis England commissioned a new Ranking System for the 2014/15 season.

The rating system was developed by Table Tennis 365¹ and built on the principles of the previous system, whilst addressing known limitations. The system has a number of major improvements which have led to more accurate, faster and fairer ratings for all.

Major changes in the system include:

- We now operate on a single fixed season of 1st August to 31st July
- Ranking periods are calendar months
- Results will be input when they are received, which can be several weeks after a tournament, but the system will then apply the results to the date of the tournament and re-calculate results since then to provide more accurate ratings²
- Improvements have been made to decrease the amount of time it takes to achieve a new rating and appear on the lists
- Input errors, when corrected, are recalculated from the date of the tournament, leading to more accurate ratings for all

This guide aims to cover how the principles of the Ranking Scheme work in a manner suitable for the experienced and novice alike.

Should you have any questions unanswered by this guide, please contact us on help@tabletennisengland.co.uk and we will endeavour to answer them for you.

The Principles of the Ranking System

The Table Tennis England Ranking Scheme was born from the need for some system of determining the relative standards of our players.

Above all else, the system needed to be fair and based on objective criteria rather than on someone's subjective opinion.

Players have a rating which is a guide to how good a player he or she is. If players improve, their rating will go up; if they experience a drop in performance, their rating will fall. The number of points gained or lost depends on the difference in rating points between them and their opponent and the weighting of the tournament they are playing in.

¹ From August 2019 – July 2026, the rating system was delivered by Sport:80. After July 2026, the rating system is delivered by CloudAthlete

² Table Tennis England cannot guarantee that volunteer organisers of external events submit results by the relevant end-of-month period; in these rare instances, we will work with organisers to process results for the following period. Table Tennis England cannot accept any responsibility for unforeseen implications on invitations or selections due to circumstances outside our direct control

The Rankings list comprises only players who have England nationality in their Table Tennis England membership profile **and** a TTE Compete or Compete Plus membership. The Ratings list includes all players who compete in this country, regardless of their nationality.

The system works on the odds of whether a player should win or lose based on the difference between the players' rating points.

Players on equal rating points should have a 50-50 chance of winning or losing. The points to be won and lost are therefore low. Players with a separation of 100 rating points represents about a 1 in 4 (or 25%) chance of an upset, with the stronger player likely to win on three occasions out of four. The points won or lost in the event of the stronger player winning are less than those won or lost in the event of the weaker player winning.

Whenever a match takes place between two rated players who have a large difference in rating points the expectation is that the stronger player will win. When the stronger player beats the weaker player there are only a few points to be gained or lost; if the weaker player unexpectedly wins there is a far greater gain of points for them and loss of points for their opponent. In other words, an unexpected result will create a bigger points addition or deduction.

The more results entered for any player, the greater the accuracy of the rating value it produces. A player's rating should eventually reach a stable level that reflects the balance between points won and points lost. When achieved, only an improvement in performance should improve the ranking position.

Since men's open (or boy's open) players do not play women (or girls) at all levels, men's open (or boy's open) and women's (or girl's) ratings are not comparable in our system except at the very bottom.

Matches against unrated players are not eligible for ratings points.

Members & Lapsed Members

Only individuals with current TTE memberships or registrations will appear in the published lists and have access to their audit trail in their membership profile.

Any lapsed members/ registrations will appear as 'greyed out' in the published lists, and will not be sequentially numbered, until such time as they a) renew their membership/ registration, or b) become inactive. If a player renews their membership/ registration then they will appear in the published lists after the following ranking run.

Event Categories

There are four separate rating categories for each gender eligibility:

- Cadet – For those under the age of 15 as of 31st December during the current Administrative Year (01 August – 31 July)

- Junior – For those under the age of 19 as of 31st December during the current Administrative Year
- Senior – No age restriction (all ages)
- Veteran – For those 40 years of age and over on 31st December during the current Administrative Year

Points are earned depending on the category of event entered (Cadet/ U15, Junior/ U19, Senior/ All-Ages or Veteran/ Masters).

Age group lists for U10, U11, U12 and U13 boys and girls events are extrapolated from the Cadet/ U15 lists, U17 from the Junior/ U19 lists, and U21 from the Senior/ All-Ages lists. Other specific lists may be created for event formats as required on the same principles noted above.

Mixed events can be registered, however multi-gender eligibility encounters will only be used for calculating ratings if both participants have a rating less than 600 points.

Starter Ratings

There is a “Beginner” incentive in place for those who are new to ranking competitions. This will apply automatically to all events. If an initial rating is not achieved (see next section), all unrated players at regulated events will automatically be awarded 100pts as their starting point, and the system will recalculate every result again from the start of the ranking period in which it was gained, in order to produce an accurate rating for all players and all matches played.

Please note the ‘IMPORTANT’ section below.

Unrated Players/ Initial Ratings

Matches against unrated players are not eligible for ratings points.

Unrated players gain an initial rating by playing at least 4 matches within a single ranking period against players who already have a rating, and achieving at least one win³. The rating allocated depends on both how many wins and how high the rating of the opponents were.

- 1 Win – allocated same rating as that opponent less 100 points
- 2 Wins - the median of the rating points of the two opponents
- 3 Wins – the median of the ratings of the three opponents plus 100 points
- 4 Wins or more with some losses – allocated same rating as highest of the four opponents less 100 points

³ The minimum number of eligible matches will also include players that gain an initial rating in the period in question, but those players’ new rating will not be eligible as part of the new rating calculation

- 4 Wins or more with NO losses – allocated same rating as highest opponent plus 100 points

The minimum value of an initial rating, as from the 24/25 Season, is 100 points.

When an unrated player achieves a rating, the system will allocate this as their starting point and recalculate every result again from the start of the ranking period in which it was gained⁴, in order to produce an accurate rating for all players and all matches played.

If an error occurs, the system, when corrected, will recalculate all results **from the start of the administrative year**, including initial ratings, so no player is disadvantaged.

IMPORTANT: *the level of the event at which a player gains their rating may constrain the potential value of that rating. This may also be the case if the event is mixed gender eligibility, or an event aimed at those who are new to ranking competitions. If an unrated player is experienced and capable, as opposed to a beginner, it is important to a) ensure the event is the correct level in order that the initial rating is gained against opponents of an appropriate rating, and b) actively liaise with the Referee of the event to ensure that the unrated players' event seeding/ banding/ grouping is appropriate. If an event entry form does not include the ability to state this information, it is recommended that an unrated player contact the Referee directly prior to the event draw. Failure to do so may result in an undervalued initial rating, although this will normalise with further competition.*

Foreign Players, including Home Country Players, playing in TTE Competitions

Foreign players are likely to play less often and might never get a real rating on the Table Tennis England list, so if they are in the top 30% of the ITTF World Ranking List then they are given a “dummy rating” value before any results are entered. This constitutes a genuine initial rating value in the system, and is based on an ITTF-TTE points equivalency. Those not in the top 30% are given a zero points rating and will be required to earn their rating as any other unrated player, regardless of their previous ability in another country.

ITTF dummy ratings are applied from the most recently published ITTF list on the 15th of the month. The ITTF-TTE equivalency will be recalibrated annually before the first TTE list of each season⁵. The points equivalent of a particular ITTF Position in the list is always available on the TTE website.

⁴ For seasons 19/20 to 21/22, this was applied to the start of the ranking year, and has been rectified as of season 22/23

⁵ As the ITTF lists remain in a state of flux, the TTE equivalencies have been recalculated every quarter from season 21/22 onwards

Foreign players from the home countries that meet the criteria will receive the ITTF “dummy rating” value. The majority, who do not qualify, will continue to be allocated event-only dummies.

If a TTE player plays against an ‘unrated’ foreign player, they will win 1 point, as per an ‘expected win’. A loss will result in zero points loss.

Foreign players who are members of Table Tennis England are listed with the ratings but players with dummy values according to their ITTF Position are not listed in the main rating list.

Table Tennis England players playing in ITTF sanctioned events where ITTF points are awarded

In these events foreign players without an existing TTE rating are given a “dummy rating” value, in line with foreign players playing in Table Tennis England tournaments, if they are in the top 30% of the ITTF World Ranking List (as currently available and used per age group)⁶. They are given this “dummy rating” before any results are entered. Those not in the top 30% are given a zero points rating.

Table Tennis England players⁷ will score or lose points as in Table Tennis England events if they are playing in their eligible TTE age-group against players in the ITTF top 30% or who also have a TTE rating. However when playing against foreign players in ITTF sanctioned events outside the ITTF top 30% or who do not have a TTE rating, they will be awarded 1 point for a win or 0 points for a loss.

Please note that where different age eligibilities for ITTF-regulated events mean a TTE player has competed in an age-category that they are not eligible for at domestic level, these match results will be ineligible for TTE rankings.

International events that are not ITTF-sanctioned will not count for rankings. Please note that some ETTU events are ITTF-sanctioned, and some are not.

Non TTE or ITTF -regulated events

In most instances, these will not be eligible for domestic ranking points and will not count towards activity in the ranking lists. However, occasionally there will be a competition format

⁶ Please note that as from mid-way through the 20/21 season, ITTF lists have been published weekly rather than monthly. From Season ‘20/21 – ‘23/24, the equivalency has been based on the most recently published ITTF list in relation to the end of the ranking month, not the date of the result itself (eg the list in use on the last day of the month) As from Season ‘24/25, the equivalency will be based on the most recently published ITTF list on the 15th of the ranking month, not the date of the result itself (eg the list in use at the mid-point of the month) It is possible that an opponents’ position may have changed in the interim, giving a small risk of an adverse outcome

⁷ This includes all players on the TTE rankings list, and also any player in the TTE rating list (only) who plays a TTE ranking list player in an ITTF event. Pls note that players transitioning to English eligibility may appear only in the rating list until the transition is complete but still be counted as a TTE player for the purposes of processing ITTF results

that is included within the rankings framework – for instance, Home Countries International events.

These events are not regulated by TTE or ITTF, and participants are not required to be members of TTE/ ITTF or to have a TTE or ITTF ID#. Therefore, in these instances, we will use a dual approach to maximise our coverage - either TTID#s for both payers, or pre-existing ITTF ID#s for both players - as best determined for each valid match result. Either way, the overall parameters and practical outcomes remain consistent:

- We will process results for England-eligible players on the domestic TTE ranking list, if they have a current and valid membership and are not suspended
- *Opponents* of these players will be treated one of the following ways:
 - If they have current TTE Home Countries/ International membership and a current TTE rating, this will be used and the result will be processed for both players as a normal TTE domestic result
 - If they do not have a TTE rating, but they are in the top30% of the ITTF ratings, they will be given a TTE dummy, and the result will be processed for the England-eligible player as a normal TTE domestic result
 - If they do not have a current TTE membership and TTE rating, and are not in the top30% of the ITTF rating, the result is not eligible for TTE ratings, and the England-eligible player will be given a nominal +1 (for a win) or 0 for a loss

This approach will automatically apply for Home Countries Internationals at Cadet, Junior and Senior level.

Player's Changing Nationality or Transitioning Gender Eligibility⁸

In the event that a player's nationality legitimately changes, or they transition gender eligibility, this will affect the ranking/ rating lists in which their profile is shown. Please contact us in advance to discuss specific circumstances so this can be actively and appropriately managed.

Players transitioning gender eligibility with less than 600pts will carry their existing points total with them; players transitioning with 600pts or more will become unrated and need to gain a new initial rating in their new gender eligibility.

Changes will apply from the ranking period/ month in which they are processed.

⁸ A new TTE Gender Eligibility Policy comes into effect for the 2026/27 season

ITTF Override

In order to ensure clarity, where ITTF ranking order and TTE do not align, TTE will apply an override to mirror the ITTF ranking order in the most recently published ITTF list in relation to the end of the ranking month, for the Top 75 Senior ITTF positions. An override affects ordering only, and not points values. An override will not be applied to Cadet and Junior ITTF positions.

Result Calculations

The Ranking Season runs from the 1st August through to 31st July. The Ranking System is a one-year system, where all calculations are worked from the players' starting points as at 1st August (the beginning of the season).

Each ranking period is one calendar month, from the 1st day to the last day inclusive, and eligible event results are from events that take place within the ranking period.

If an event runs across dates in two ranking periods, then all results in all categories for that event will sit in the latter ranking period. The latter period will also be used for purposes of activity/ inactivity.

All results from Table Tennis England ranking events are entered into the system when they are received at Head Office (this can take several weeks, but remember, results are calculated based on the date of the tournament and the system re-calculates intervening results, including preceding ranking periods in the same competition year). For every match the computer compares the ratings of the players involved and calculates the appropriate points. These depend on the difference in the players' ratings and on the importance of event in which the matches were played. **See sections below on Weighting Table and Points Table.**

Bonus Points

The ranking system also rewards success in Tournaments by giving bonus points to winners and others who perform well at an event.

Bonus Points are given for those events with a weighting 1.5 or greater and with a minimum of 16 players, according to the table below, including international events.

Weighting	last 8	last 4	Runner-up	Winner
1.5+	+2	+5	+10	+20

2.0	+5	+10	+20	+30
2.5	+10	+15	+30	+50
3.0	+20	+50	+75	+100

Bonus Points apply for all mixed gender eligibility matches and for matches against unrated players.

A player withdrawing from a round in an event that is normally eligible for bonus points will not be awarded the bonus points for progressing to a match that was ultimately unfulfilled – in the same way that the head-to-head ranking loss from an unfulfilled match does not apply. In this scenario, both the bonus points and the head-to-head outcome are voided.

Up until and including Season 25/26, Bonus points were awarded to finishing position, not per match, and for knockout formats only. Manual adjustments were made as necessary to opponents of withdrawing players, so that the opponent was awarded bonus points as if the match had been played and won.

As from Season 26/27, Bonus points will be awarded, cumulatively, on a match-by-match basis, as follows:

Weighting	last 8	last 4	Runner-up	Winner
1.5+	+2	+3	+5	+15
2.0	+5	+5	+10	+20
2.5	+10	+5	+15	+35
3.0	+20	+30	+25	+50

Please note that the total value of the bonus points awarded for reaching a particular round does not change from the previous approach.

Manual adjustments will be made as necessary to opponents of withdrawing players, so that the opponent is awarded bonus points as if the match had been played and won.

When any results are entered into the system it calculates from the player's starting point in strict order of play.

Ratings Floor

Up to and including season 23/24, the minimum number of points a rated player could have was zero points – eg a result that would take them into negative points would bottom-out at zero. As from season 24/25, the floor in the system is set at 100 points, and this is the minimum value for a new players' initial rating. This includes i) the impact of a loss, ii) the

value used for the players' rating when calculating a win/ loss, and iii) any end of season reduction process.

Expunged & Ineligible Results

When match results are expunged from competitions, for instance in the event of suspended players, ineligible players (age, nationality), players playing-up or playing-down in contravention of regulations, players incorrectly having fulfilled a progressive fixture, or playing out of team order, then ranking results will be similarly expunged. However, expunged match results as a consequence of a club or team withdrawing from a league will not result in expunged ranking results for the players involved.

Such actions as necessary will be undertaken to correct and update the records of any player found to be ineligible for a particular ranking/ rating list, eg by warrant of age, gender eligibility or nationality. If an overage or otherwise ineligible player has incorrectly been permitted to compete in an event, then some or all of the affected results may be declassified (as non-ranking) or reclassified (to a different age-category)

If an event fails to achieve the stated requirements for a particular regulated competition, then the event may also be declassified (as non-ranking) or reclassified (to a different star rating, and hence different event weighting/ bonus point eligibility)

Player Withdrawal

Players withdrawing once play in a singles match has started, for instance due to illness or injury, will forfeit the game, and this will be recorded as a loss for ranking purposes. Players withdrawing before play has started in a singles match will forfeit the game, but this will not be recorded for ranking purposes.

Multiple-phase Events

Some event formats consist of multiple phases, eg a qualification event and a finals event, and event regulations may specify eligibility based on ranking position in a single ranking period. The ranking period in question will remain live until the end of the ranking year, and points/ positions may subsequently change (due to amended results) – however, a fixed 'snapshot' of the ranking period as published at the time of the first phase will be used for the subsequent phase(s), as opposed to the live ranking period, for consistency.

Format for Submission of Results

A TTE ranking results template is the preferred format and helps avoid data entry errors and delays – please contact help@tabletennisengland.co.uk for details.

Alternatively, you can send copies of the completed matchcards and knockout brackets to help@tabletennisengland.co.uk Email submission is preferred. If you use post, then please use a guaranteed/ trackable postal service, and avoid sending your only copy

The Ranking and Ratings Lists

The Ranking and Ratings Lists will be published once a month. The monthly dates for publication are advised at the beginning of the season on the Table Tennis England website. The tournaments that have been included can also be viewed. These lists will be accurate for that date.

The Ranking System is constantly changing as and when results are entered, corrections are made or when a player achieves their initial rating. Please note, although the Ranking System constantly changes, the lists published on the website will usually only be updated once a month, on the advertised publication date.

As tournament results are not received in strict date order, they are often processed in different months to which they are played. The new system takes into account when they were played. This makes it a fluid system with ratings changing daily as results are input into the system.

Let us look at what happens to the ratings of one player –

Player Z plays in 7 tournaments in the first three months of the season.

Name of Tournament	Date Played	Results Entered	Points Earned
Tournament A	16-Aug	28-Aug	A
Tournament B	31-Aug	04-Sep	B
Tournament C	06-Sep	01-Oct	C
Tournament D	13-Sep	18-Sep	D
Tournament E	20-Sep	06-Oct	E
Tournament F	04-Oct	24-Oct	F
Tournament G	18-Oct	21-Oct	G

The Ratings Lists are published 29/8, 30/9 and 31/10

Date	Rating Points
01-Aug	X
28-Aug	X + A
04-Sep	X + A + B
18-Sep	X + A + B + D
01-Oct	X + A + B + C + D*
06-Oct	X + A + B + C + D* + E
21-Oct	X + A + B + C + D* + E + G*

* denotes a recalculated total

When the first list is published they have X + A points

When the second list is published they have X + A + B + D points

When the third list is published they have X + A + B + C + D* + E + F + G* points

In the fourth month a player whom Player Z played in tournament A gains a ranking rating value, the system reworks the points from A and proceeds to use the new rating value on B, C, D, E, F and G in turn creating an updated rating for Player Z without them entering tournaments in this month.

Player Z's rating when the fourth list is published in November is therefore X + A* + B* + C* + D* + E* + F* + G* points.

You can see now that if we had audited a player (ie produced their rating) after period 2 they would have X + A + B + D points. Auditing them in Period 4 would show them having X + A* + B* + C* + D* for period 2 - a different figure. The only truly fixed ratings will be the starting points from which all calculations are done and the final rating at the end of the season when all results and adjustments have been completed.

Although this may seem complicated compared with the monthly fixed ratings it does produce a more accurate and fairer assessment of each player's rating.

Please note that, by default, all event results are applied to individual players as though all matches within that event were played simultaneously. In British Clubs League and County Championships, ratings points are applied to individual players in match order. Where the competition management platform being used allows distinct match-times to be identified for other competition formats, then points will be applied in match order where possible.

Inactive Periods ⁹

The Ratings Lists have a column stating inactive periods. The number of inactive periods will appear in this column – they may not have played, or they may have played in events not registered for the ranking scheme. Continued inactivity incurs penalties as detailed in the table below:

Completed inactive periods	Action taken
1-5	Numbers appear against player
6	Player not published on list but does not lose points
12	Player loses their rating

Players temporarily removed from the list will reappear at the same rating if they begin to play again within 12 months. Players who have been deleted from the computer database will be treated as new players if they begin to play again. They will only reappear on the list when they have collected the basic requirement of 4 matches and 1 win in a single ranking period so that their initial rating can be calculated.

Eligible ITTF matches and mixed gender eligibility matches will also count towards a players activity, even if they are ineligible for ratings points.

Dummy Ratings Allocated by Tournament Organisers/ Referees

Tournament Organisers/ Referees may need to allocate a dummy rating value to a player in order to band or seed players (eg for new, unrated, foreign or inactive players, or for reasons of form, fitness, injury, illness or perceived under/over-rating) This number is based on an informed decision and is relevant for the competition in question ONLY (ie will not count towards ranking/ ratings points)

The Weightings Table

⁹ Please note that due to COVID-19, inactive periods in Season 19/20 and Season 20/21 (March 2020 to July 2021 inclusive) will not be counted as sanctioned and/ or national events have been cancelled or postponed

As discussed in the previous sections, the amount of points won or lost in an encounter between two players is not only dependant on the rating points of the two players but in the importance of the tournament played – its “weighting”.

Note: Where both individual and team events are played in the same Competition, the team events will be 0.5 below the overall Competition weighting. The Weightings for Competitions as at 2026/27 are shown below.

Tournaments highlighted in red type are those where players need a valid *Compete Plus* membership

'One-Time Tournament Top-Up's' can be purchased as a top-up to *Compete* membership to enable eligibility to *Compete Plus* -level events, apart from national sections of British Clubs League and some National Championships/ Cups/ Series, where a full *Compete Plus* membership must be purchased.

2026/2027 Event Weightings¹⁰

X 3 Olympic Games * World Championships *	X 1.5 Friendly International Matches * 2 Star All-comers Tournaments County Championships (Premier) English Leagues Cup Competition - Finals Home Countries (Cadet & Junior) * Youth BCL, Veterans BCL & Women's BCL Premier Divisions Senior BCL Championship Division Pathway Development Cup
X 2.5 European Games * Olympic Qualification Tournaments * Commonwealth Games * Euro-Asia Matches * European Top 16 * European Top 10 (Juniors) * WTT senior events * ITTF World Team Cup * ITTF World Cup * European Championships *	
X 2.25 Commonwealth Championships * European Championships Qualification Matches * WTT Feeder series * English Senior National Championships	X 1.25 County Championships (not Premier) Youth BCL, Veterans BCL, Women's BCL (not premier divisions) Senior BCL (below championship division)
X 2 English age-group National Championships (U10-13s, Cadet, U17s, Junior and U21s) Other Foreign All-comers Championships * WTT Youth events * Cadet Six Nations * Senior National Championships Qualifier 4 Star All-comers Tournaments (Senior only)	X 1 English Leagues Cup Competition – below Finals Junior British Clubs League Cadet British Clubs League inc Girls' Cadet
X 1.75 4 Star All-comers Tournaments (other than Senior) BUCS Championships (TBC) U13, U15 & U19 National Series U21 National Cup Home Countries (Senior) * Senior BCL (Premier)	X 0.75 1 Star All-comers Tournaments ¹¹
	X 0.5

¹⁰ Events shown in **red** require England affiliated players to have a TTE *Compete Plus* membership (formerly 'Player License'). Events shown in **black** require England affiliated players to have a TTE *Compete* membership (formerly 'Player Membership')

* Events so denoted utilise ITTF equivalents for opponents of TTE players on the ranking list, for non-para categories only

¹¹ 1 Star events may choose at the Organisers discretion to be non-ranking

The Points Table

(Difference in player rating points shown down the left;
Tournament Weighting shown across the top)

EXPECTED LOSSES						UNEXPECTED LOSSES					
	0.5	0.75	1.0	1.25	=> 1.5		0.5	0.75	1.0	1.25	=> 1.5
0-24	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6		-2	-3	-4	-5	-6
25-49	-2	-3	-4	-5	-5		-2	-3	-4	-5	-8
50-99	-2	-3	-3	-4	-5		-3	-5	-6	-8	-9
100-149	-1	-2	-3	-4	-4		-4	-6	-8	-10	-12
150-199	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3		-5	-8	-10	-13	-15
200-299	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2		-6	-9	-12	-15	-18
300-399	0	-1	-1	-1	-1		-8	-12	-16	-20	-24
400-499	0	0	0	0	0		-10	-15	-20	-25	-30
500+	0	0	0	0	0		-13	-20	-26	-33	-39
EXPECTED WINS											
	0.5	0.7 5	1.0	1.25	1.5		1.75	2.0	2.25	2.50	3.0
0-24	4	6	8	10	12		14	16	18	20	24
25-49	4	6	7	9	11		12	14	16	18	21
50-99	3	5	6	8	9		11	12	14	15	18
100-149	3	4	5	6	8		9	10	11	13	15
150-199	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	12
200-299	2	2	3	4	5		5	6	7	8	9
300-399	1	2	2	3	3		4	4	5	5	6
400-499	1	1	1	1	2		2	2	2	3	3
500+	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1
UNEXPECTED WINS											
	0.5	0.7 5	1.0	1.25	1.5		1.75	2.0	2.25	2.50	3.0
0-24	4	6	8	10	12		14	16	18	20	24
25-49	5	7	9	11	14		16	18	20	23	27
50-99	6	9	11	14	17		19	22	25	28	33
100-149	7	11	14	18	21		25	28	32	35	42
150-199	9	13	17	21	26		30	34	38	43	51
200-299	11	17	22	28	33		39	44	50	55	66
300-399	15	23	30	38	45		53	60	68	75	90
400-499	20	30	40	50	60		70	80	90	100	120
500+	25	38	50	63	75		88	100	113	125	150

When consulting the table above you need to know the rating points of both players at the time the tournament was played and the weighting of the tournament.

By calculating the difference in rating points between the players you can see the points that will be gained or lost for each outcome.

Example:

Player A rating 1472 plays Player B rating 1247 in a 1.5 weighted tournament.

Difference in rating points 225.

As the stronger player A is expected to win and if the match goes this way Player A gains 5 points and Player B loses 2 points.

If Player B wins unexpectedly Player B gains 33 points and Player A loses 18 points.

Please note that the points table is not applicable if a player is unrated. A rated player playing against an unrated player will be given a nominal +1 for a win or 0 for a loss.

Personal Audit Trails

A current members' personal audit trail is available in their TTE membership account and includes only matches that contribute to their ranking/ rating. Non-eligible matches are shown in 'results'

Seeding

Table Tennis England qualified referees are provided an 'Alpha List' of rankings and ratings each month when the new rankings/ ratings are published. The Alpha List includes the rankings/ ratings of players who do not appear in the published lists due to inactivity or due to lapsed membership. This enables a referee to make an informed decision on seeding/ banding/ grouping for events that inactive players may enter.

End of Season

At the end of each season, the ratings will be archived in order for the new season processes to take place. Once a season has closed, it is not possible to make any changes. Hence, at the end of the season, members should contact TTE as soon as possible in respect of any queries or possible inaccuracies.

To aid competitiveness at the end of each season all rating points are reduced in value by 10%¹². This serves to bring players closer together without changing the rating order thus increasing the possibility of a lower-rated player overtaking a higher-rated player.

Where players move up from Cadet to Junior or Junior to Senior, or when they become Veterans, their points in the new section will be transferred from the previous level if the points at that level are greater than the points at the new level. For example, a Cadet who has 1,539 Cadet points and 1,412 Junior points will be listed at 1,539 Junior points when they move up to the higher age group.

The end-of-season reduction, and progression through age-groups, will be published annually at the start of the ranking year as 'Opening Season Rankings', which will be accurate and relevant for events in the first ranking period. The opening season rankings will exclude those players that have reached 12 months inactive.

The opening season rankings should be used by tournament organisers, where possible, for events in the new season prior to the ranking run published in September (including results to end-August)

Administration

Data entry in Milton Keynes is under the control of the membership and rankings team. All questions, queries and issues should be directed in the first instance to help@tabletennisengland.co.uk,

Players who think that there is an error with their rating can query it in writing to help@tabletennisengland.co.uk

¹² Please note that due to COVID-related disruption of Seasons 19/20 and 20/21, the 10% reduction was not applied in the end-of-season process.

Important Notice

Whilst every care is taken that the data inserted into the system is accurate, the occasional error is inevitable.

Table Tennis England accepts no responsibility of any kind for such errors and their consequences. Any mistake will be investigated and proven errors will be rectified in a subsequent list.

Any queries from the list should arrive within three weeks of the list publication date and be sent to help@tabletennisengland.co.uk or by post to the address below.

End Note

The Table Tennis England Ranking Scheme has proved itself to be accurate and consistent, and the concept of ratings is becoming more widely understood. We have a system which gives the highest ratings to those players who consistently perform the best. Above all it is a dynamic system that changes players' ratings if their playing standard changes.

This document is neither definitive or exhaustive. Any discrepancies or inconsistencies will be addressed and updated on a case-by-case basis as they arise.

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