

## World Ranking System for Singles

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### Purpose

The World Rankings System for Singles is designed to provide a more accurate method of seeding tournaments. Tournaments contributing to the process, defined as Ranking Tournaments (RTs), should use the World Ranking System top 12 to determine seeding for its events; other events are encouraged to use the system. Below the top 12, then the Neptune Ranking System can be used to determine additional seeds in an event.

### Qualifying Tournaments

The World Rankings System for Singles allows players to gain points in tournaments classified as Ranking Tournaments (RTs). These events are tiered either 1 or 2; Tier 1 carrying double the weighting of Tier 2. The total number of points available in a particular tournament is dictated by its weighting and the quality of the draw.

The current five RTs are listed below:

- **Tier 1** British Open and US Open
- **Tier 2** Western Open, Manchester Gold Racquet and UK Invitation Singles

Any player (amateur or professional) may compete in any of these events during the course of a season.

### Scoring points

It is only possible to win World Ranking points if a player progresses to the quarter-finals or better of a RT.

The method for establishing the number of points available for a particular tournament will run as follows:

The **Rating of the event** is determined by the Tier status, with Tier 1 tournaments rated double; Tier 2 single.

The **Quality of the Field** is dependent on how many players in the top 12 of the World Elite Rankings System for Singles enter the draw. The World Number 1 adds 12 points to the tournament, number 2 adds 11, .... number 12 adds 1 point. A maximum of 78 points is available in any event (subject to the entry of every player in the top 12). This figure is divided by a constant denominator (16).

The **Weighting** of a RT is determined using the two variables above to produce a Y factor for the tournament. The following algorithm will be used:

Y = Quality of Field (range 0-78) multiplied by the Rating (1 or 2), divided by a 16.

## Effective for 2024/25 season onwards

The **distribution of points** after the completion of each RT is calculated as below:

Winner	10 x Y
Runner-up	6 x Y
Losing semi-finalists	3 x Y
Losing quarter-finalists	1 x Y

Example:

If the entire top 12 play in an Open Singles (Tier 1), the Y factor is  $(78 \times 2)/16 = 9.75$

Winner receives  $9.75 \times 10 = 97.5$  World Ranking (WR) Points

Finalist receives  $9.75 \times 6 = 58.50$  WR Points

Semi-finalists receive  $9.75 \times 3 = 29.35$  WR Points

Quarter-finalists receives  $9.75 \times 1 = 9.75$  WR Points

Should none of the top 12 players enter an RT then no WR points would be awarded.

World Championship Eliminator or Challenge Matches do not contribute to this process.

### Points Process

The **World Rankings System for Singles** will operate on a 36-month<sup>1</sup> rolling basis, with a sliding scale for points value. Points from the current twelve-month period count triple, points from 12-24 months previously count double and points from 24-36 months previous count singly. Points have no value after three years have elapsed.

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<sup>1</sup> The additional years captures more data points, allowing a player to erode over a longer period. The graduated points calculation adds higher value to more recent events.