

World Championship Points System for Singles

Qualifying Tournaments

The World Championships Points System for Singles allows players to gain points in tournaments classified as Qualifying Tournaments (QTs). 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 be dictated by its weighting and the quality of the draw.

The current QTs are listed below:

- British Open (Tier 1 in every season)
- US Open (Tier 1 in every season)
- Western Open (Tier 2 in every season)
- Manchester Gold Racquet (Tier 2 in every other season starting 2021/22)
- UK Invitation (Tier 2 in every other season starting 2022/23)

Any player regardless of his status (amateur or professional) is able to compete in a maximum of four QTs during the course of a season.

Scoring points

It is only possible to win ranking points if a player progresses to the quarter-finals or better of a QT.

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

Rating of the event (Tier 1 tournaments will be rated double; Tier 2 as single).

The **Quality of the Field** is dependent on how many players in the top 12 of the Elite Rackets World Rankings enter the draw. The World Number 1 generates 12 points to the tournament, the number 2 generates 11, through to the number 12 contributing 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 QT is determined using the two variables above to produce a Y factor for the tournament. The following algorithm will be used:

$Y = \text{Quality of Field (range 0-78)} \times \text{tier value (1 or 2)}, \text{ divided by a 16.}$

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

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

Effective for 2021/22 season onwards

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

Winner receives $9.75 \times 10 = 97.5$ World Championship (WC) Points

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

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

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

A QT which attracts none of the top 12 players would have no WC points awarded.

No points are awarded to participants in any World Championship Eliminator or Challenge Match.

Points Lists

Points gained by a player in a QT count towards his standing on two separate lists.

The **Elite World Singles Rankings**. This will operate on a 36-month¹ rolling basis and 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.

The **World Championship Challenge Points**. This reflects how the players stand in the race to qualify for the next Eliminator and/or Challenge Match. This will operate over a two-year Qualifying Period (QP) in the lead up to the next scheduled World Championship Singles Challenge Match. The World Championship Challenge Points reflect the aggregate points scored by a player in QTs during the current QP.

World Championship Challenge Points are reset to zero at the conclusion of each QP.

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