

World Individual Ranking System for Doubles

Qualifying Tournaments

The World Individual Points system for Doubles will give each individual in a pair an opportunity to be rewarded in tournaments each season that fall under the classification of being a Doubles Qualifying Tournament (QT). These events have been tiered as either 1 or 2. Tier 1 tournaments carry double the weighting of Tier 2 events. The total number of points available in a particular tournament will be dictated by its weighting and the quality of the draw.

The Tier system is displayed below:

- a. British Open (Tier 1)
- b. US Open (Tier 1)
- c. Western Open (Tier 2)
- d. Manchester Gold Racquet (Tier 2)

Individuals regardless of their status (amateur or professional) will therefore be able to compete in a maximum of four QTs during the course of a season. However only their best three results in terms of number of points scored will count. There is no restriction on the number of pairs an individual can form.

Scoring ranking points

Ranking points are won if an individual reaches 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 as double and Tier 2 as single).

The quality of the field is dependent on how many players in the top 20 of the doubles ranking system enter the draw. The world doubles number 1 generates 20 points to the event; number 2 generates 19, through to the number 20 contributing 1 point. This means a maximum of 210 points will be available if every top 20 player enters the tournament). This figure is divided by a constant denominator (45).

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 = Quality of Field (range 0-210) multiplied by the Weighting of the QT (1 or 2), divided by a constant (45).

The distribution of point after the completion of each QT will be 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

For example, if in the British Open Doubles the entire top twenty were present the Y factor would be established by the calculation $(210/45) \times 2 = 9.33$.

Winners receive $9.33 \times 10 = 93.33$ Ranking Points

Finalists receive $9.33 \times 6 = 56$ Ranking Points

Losing semi-finalists receive $9.33 \times 3 = 28$ Ranking Points

Losing quarter-finalists receive $9.33 \times 1 = 9.33$ Ranking Points

if no top 20 players enter the event, no World Championship points are awarded.

No points are awarded to either the Eliminator or Challenge Matches.

Ranking System

Any points gained by an individual in a QT will count towards his ranking.

This is called the Elite World Individual Doubles Rankings. This will operate on a 36-month rolling basis, based on a graduated system where more recent points are worth more than points in previous seasons. In simple terms, in-season points count triple, previous season's points count double and the oldest season single.

This means that an individual's points will expire and drop out of the system after the corresponding event from three years previously has been played in the current season (e.g. a player would lose his points from 2021 British Open Doubles upon completion of the 2024 British Open). A player's ranking will therefore be made up from their results from a maximum of nine tournaments in any particular three-year period. This considers all contributing scores in any relevant seasons, with events being dropped from their ranking after 36 months. The starting point of the World Individual Doubles Rankings list at the beginning of the 2021/22 season reflects a player's performance during the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 seasons.

Seeding System

For the purpose of seeding a tournament, the sum of the pair's individual ranking is calculated. However, a pair may be rewarded with a percentage increase, awarded as a single increment, based on the strength and endurance of the pair. The following count towards this bonus:

Established pair having played 2 QTs in previous 3 years = 10% increase

Established pair having played 4 QTs in previous 3 years = 20% increase

Established pair having won an Open in the last 3 years = 10% increase*

World Champions playing as a pair = 20% increase

*Open bonus is capped at 10% (irrespective of Open won)

Examples:

- Established pair: 6 QPs in last 3 years, won 2 opens: bonus $20\% + 10\% = 30\%$
- World Champions: 1 QP, no open victories: bonus 20%

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