

BFA Rankings Policy 11-23

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Background and purpose

A meaningful ranking system motivates players to compete at events and develop their games. An inclusive ranking system allows everyone to feel part of the community.

Proposal

- 12-month rolling ranking system called the BFA Rankings effective January 1 2022 using the 2020-21 split season as starting point for seeding purposes.
- Separate singles and doubles rankings for Open, Women's, Senior, Junior, Disabled & Mixed.
- Rankings are updated and published at the beginning of each month.
- BFA ranking points can be gained at any sanctioned event within the UK or overseas. Any event, from World Series through to local club DYPs, can qualify as a sanctioned event. In order to be a sanctioned event, UK-based event organisers must submit their event details to the BFA at least one week in advance of the event taking place and must submit event results to the BFA at most one week after. ITSF-sanctioned events automatically qualify as sanctioned events. Events which have already taken place in 2022 will be retroactively added to the rankings at the organiser's request.
- A player's highest 7 points from sanctioned events contribute to their total points score.
- Points are awarded based on category of event, finishing position and weighted by attendance. It is a top-down system where the finishing position will always get a guaranteed minimum number of points.
- The top four categories and respective points are from the ITSF ranking system. The points for a Challenger (National) tournament are reflective of the difference in quality between a well-attended Challenger and an average UK ITSF PT. Regional events are one-off Regional Championships and Local events are any organised local event such as a club Monster DYP. Club doubles and singles events contribute to the doubles and singles rankings respectively.
- To qualify for BFA ranking points, events must meet the minimum thresholds:
 - Master Series - OS: 40, OD: 24, WS, JS, SS: 12, WD, JD, SD: 8
 - Pro Tour - OS: 20, OD: 12, WS, JS, SS: 6, WD, JD, SD: 4

- National / Challenger - OS: 16, OD: 10, WS, JS, SS: 4, WD, JD, SD: 3
- Regional - OS: 10, OD: 6, WS, JS, SS: 3, WD, JD, SD: 3
- Local - OS: 6, OD: 4, WS, JS, SS: 3, WD, JD, SD: 3
- BFA ranking points are awarded as follows:

Category	1	2	3	4	5	9	17	33	65	129
ITSF World Series	1,000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100
ITSF 750	750	675	600	525	450	375	300	225	150	75
ITSF 500	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
BFA Championship	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40
ITSF 250	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	25
BFA Challenger	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	20
BFA Regional	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
BFA Local	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5

- Points weightings
 - If an event has more than twice the number of minimum entrants then a 1.2 multiplier is applied to the points for that category.
- Seeding at UK non-ITSF tournaments will be done using BFA rankings. At UK ITSF tournaments the ITSF rankings will take precedence.
- Ratings will be maintained in the background to inform restrictions on event entry (pending confirmation)
 - Inactive (not in the BFA Rankings) players previously ranked as Pro Master, or have previously won an Open title, can't enter Semi Pro events or below
 - Inactive (not in the BFA Rankings) players previously ranked as Pro can't enter Amateur events or below
 - Inactive (not in the BFA Rankings) players previously ranked as Semi Pro can't enter Beginner events
 - Beginner events are for players entering their first and second National tournament only
 - Players ranked in the top 16 in the BFA Rankings can't enter Semi Pro events or below
 - Players ranked in the top 32 in the BFA Rankings can't enter Amateur events or below