

2010 World Ranking System Adjustments

Effective as of results from 1 January 2010

(Appears on Ranking List of February 2010)

1. 10,000 points are deducted from all Ratings to bring the current Rating to a 4-digit integer value. (Example: current 12544.25 will now be 2544)
2. A yearly adjustment will be done, in form of a compression of Rating values (excluding bonus points), to reduce the gaps between rated players and to increase the lower end ratings to a minimum of 200 points at the beginning of every year. A formula will be used fixing the upper-end Rating to the highest rated player and fixing the bottom rating to 200 points, then adjusting all the rating points in between ($y=mx+b$). With a yearly adjustment in this way, Initial Ratings below zero will be avoided. The first such "compression" is done for the February 2010 Ranking List.
3. The Rating points categories are reduced from 4 categories to 3 categories (R1, R2 and R3) according to the lists approved annually by the Competition Department (Rating Weightings).
4. The Bonus Point categories are reduced from 5 categories to 4 categories according to the lists approved annually by the Competition Department.
5. The difference between Bonus Point categories has been increased, and the Bonus Points in general have been increased. Bonus Points are awarded also to Junior and Cadet events.
6. Bonus Points will expire 12 months after the date they were earned.
7. Only players active in the previous 12 months will appear on the published ranking lists.
8. Initial ratings will no longer be capped at the initial entry level of World Ranking No.30 position, instead a players will earn their true Initial Rating and Ranking position without limitations.
9. The "no-show" Ranking Penalty system is changed to a flat penalty permanent Bonus points deduction of 25 Bonus points per "no-show" per tournament.
10. The Rating tables values have been rounded to avoid "fractions" in the calculations.

Note:

Rating = the basic points gained and accumulated by players at tournaments

Ranking = Rating points + Bonus points

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