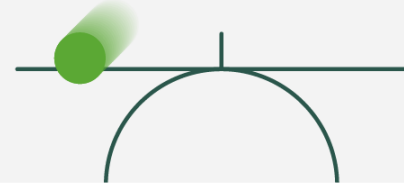




# ITTF TABLE TENNIS YOUTH RANKING REGULATIONS



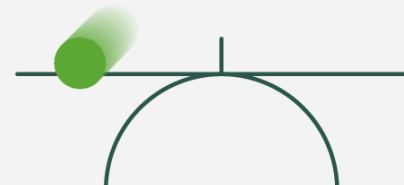
## **LATEST UPDATE**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

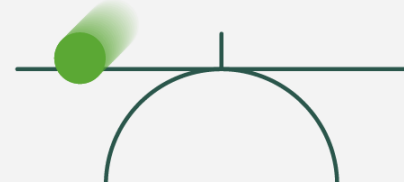
Added the WTT Youth Grand Smash as a sanctioned event.

Table of points adjusted to award points to the WTT Youth Grand Smash as the highest tier of events, with the rest of events with their points increased by 30%, except the WTT Youth Star Contender tier.

Added rule to award points for the previous round for players losing after a bye.

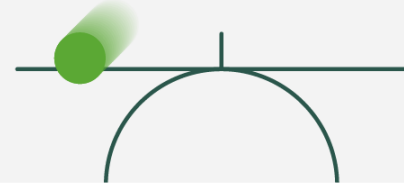


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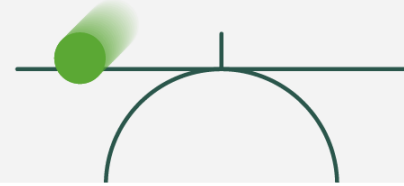
## 1. BASIC PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 The ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for entries and seeding at ITTF and WTT Youth events.
- 1.2 The ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking is composed of the following lists:
  - Boys' Singles
  - Girls' Singles
  - Boys' Doubles Pairs
  - Girls' Doubles Pairs
  - Boys' Doubles Individuals
  - Girls' Doubles Individuals
  - Mixed Doubles Pairs
  - Mixed Doubles Individuals
- 1.3 Ranking lists are published on a weekly basis on Tuesdays.
- 1.4 The ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking is a unified ranking list with all the Under 19 ranked players. For seeding and qualification purposes, ranking lists are published for the following age categories:
  - U19
  - U17
  - U15
  - U13
  - U11
- 1.5 Players and pairs are ranked when having non-expired points awarded at sanctioned events.
- 1.6 Each ranking list consists of a list of players or pairs sorted by descending number of points. In case of ties, for presentation, entries selection and seeding, players and pairs are sorted by:
  - The player or pair with fewest results.
  - If still tied, the player or pair with the result with the greatest number of points.
  - If still tied, the player or pair with the result with the greatest number of points.
  - If still tied, the player or pair with the best result in Senior events.
  - If still tied, the player or pair with the best ranking in the previous week.
  - If still tied, the youngest player or pair (sum of the ages of the players).



- If still tied, randomly sorted by the ranking calculation software.

- 1.7 Ranking points are awarded at any sanctioned events.
- 1.8 Awarded points have a validity of one (1) year, expiring next year on the same week on which they were included in the ranking, regardless of the age category they were awarded at, or the age of the player or pair. After expiring, they are no longer eligible to be included in the ranking record of a player or pair.
- 1.9 The ranking of a player or pair is composed of the sum of the points of the ten (10) non-expired results with the greatest number of points, with the following restriction:
  - 1.9.1 A maximum of the best result counting for the ranking from events which exclude or forbid any player(s) from a Member Association from being permitted to enter due to their nationality (i.e., Continental, Regional or similar events).
- 1.10 Players have the right to request being removed from the rankings by submitting a retirement letter signed by themselves and their Member Association to [rankings@ittf.com](mailto:rankings@ittf.com). Coming back to competition after that implies starting ranked with no ranking points.

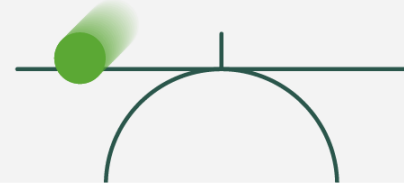


## 2. EVENTS

2.1 The following event(s) are automatically sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking:

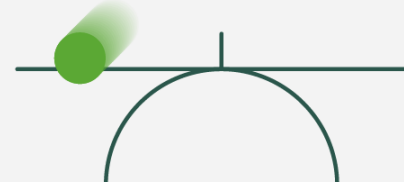
- All the Senior events sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking
- ITTF World Youth Championships (U19 and U15)
- WTT Youth Grand Smash (U19 and U15)
- WTT Youth Star Contender (U19 and U15)
- WTT Youth Contender (U19, U17, U15, U13, U11)
- Continental Championships (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania in U19 and U15)
- Regional events qualifying to the Continental Championships (U19 and U15)

2.2 The sanctioning of events listed in point 2.1 that are not organized by the ITTF/WTT is subject to abiding to the rules established in the *"ITTF Manual for Inclusion of Third-Party Events"*, available at <https://ittf.com/rankings>.



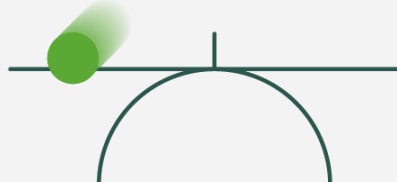
### 3. POINTS

- 3.1 Points are awarded at sanctioned events either for the round reached at the Main Draw or for the position in the Qualifying Group, if not qualified to the Main Draw.
- 3.2 Players or pairs participating in more than one age category in the same event are awarded points separately for each age category, all eligible to be part of the best results counting for the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking, as of point 1.9.
- 3.3 Players or pairs having a bye in the first round of the Main Draw and then losing in the next round, shall have points awarded for the round in which they had the bye.
- 3.4 The number of awarded points for each event kind, age category, competition and Main Draw (MD) size are:

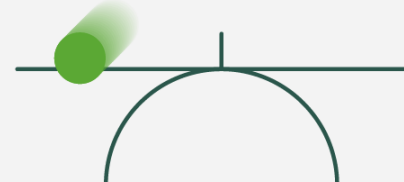


SINGLES													
EVENT		MAIN DRAW SIZE	W	F 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SF 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	QF 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	R16	R32	R64	R128	QUALIFYING GROUPS		
											3 <sup>rd</sup> Last	2 <sup>nd</sup> Last	Last
SEN	[All Senior events sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking are awarded 5x times their points in the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking]												
U19	ITTF World Youth Championships		4000	2800	1540	845	465	35					
	WTT Youth Grand Smash		4000	2800	1540	845	465					120	50
	WTT Youth Star Contender		2250	1575	945	565	340					90	40
	WTT Youth Contender	R128	1000	750	565	420	315	235	180	135	18	12	6
		R64		700	490	345	240	170	120				
		R32		600	360	215	130	80					
		R16		500	250	125	65						
		QF		400	160	65							
		SF		300	90								
Continental Events		650	455	230	115	55							
Regional Events		130	90	45	25	10							
U18	Youth Olympic Games		3000	2100	1050	525	265					30	15
U17	WTT Youth Contender	R128	450	340	255	190	140	105	80	60	15	10	5
		R64		315	220	155	110	75	55				
		R32		270	160	95	60	35					
		R16		225	115	55	30						
		QF		180	70	30							
		SF		135	40								

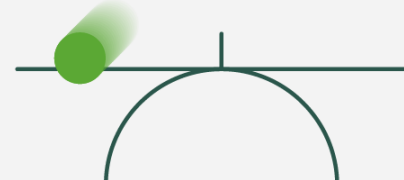




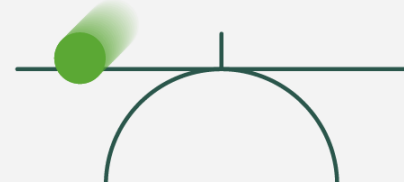
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U15	ITTF World Youth Championships		625	440	240	130	75	15					
	WTT Youth Grand Smash		625	440	240	130	75					12	5
	WTT Youth Star Contender		360	250	150	90	55					10	4
	WTT Youth Contender	R128	150	115	85	65	45	35	25	20	9	6	3
		R64		105	75	50	35	25	18				
		R32		90	55	30	20	12					
		R16		75	40	20	10						
		QF		60	25	10							
		SF		45	14								
Continental Events		100	70	36	18	8							
Regional Events		20	14	8	6	4							
U13	WTT Youth Contender	R128	85	65	50	35	25	20	15	12	4	3	2
		R64		60	40	30	20	15	10				
		R32		50	30	20	10	6					
		R16		45	20	10	6						
		QF		35	14	6							
		SF		25	8								
U11	WTT Youth Contender	R128	32	24	18	14	10	8	6	4	3	2	1
		R64		22	16	11	8	5	4				
		R32		21	14	9	6	4					
		R16		19	12	7	4						
		QF		16	8	4							
		SF		13	5								



DOUBLES (pairs and individuals)										
EVENT		MAIN DRAW SIZE	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128
SEN	[All Senior events sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking are awarded 5x times their points in the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking. Only for Doubles Individuals ranking]									
U19	ITTF World Youth Championships		4000	2800	1540	845	35			
	WTT Youth Star Contender		2250	1575	945	565	40			
	WTT Youth Contender	R128	1000	750	565	420	315	235	180	14
		R64		700	490	345	240	170	14	
		R32		600	360	215	130	14		
		R16		500	250	125	14			
		QF		400	160	14				
		SF		300	14					
	Continental Championships		650	455	230	115	55			
U15	ITTF World Youth Championships		625	440	240	130	15			
	WTT Youth Star Contender		360	250	150	90	20			
	WTT Youth Contender	R128	150	115	85	65	45	35	25	8
		R64		105	75	50	35	25	8	
		R32		90	55	30	20	8		
		R16		75	40	20	8			
		QF		60	25	8				
		SF		45	8					
	Continental Championships		100	70	36	18	8			

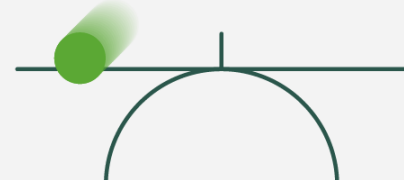


MIXED DOUBLES (pairs and individuals)										
EVENT		MAIN DRAW SIZE	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128
SEN	[All Senior events sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking are awarded 5x times their points in the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking. Only for Mixed Doubles Individuals ranking]									
U19	ITTF World Youth Championships		4000	2800	1540	845	465	35		
	WTT Youth Star Contender		2250	1575	945	565	340	40		
	WTT Youth Contender	R128	1000	750	565	420	315	235	180	14
		R64		700	490	345	240	170	14	
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	Continental Championships		100	70	36	18	8			

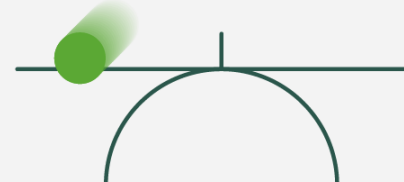


## 4. INCIDENTS AND PENALTIES

- 4.1 A penalty is a result of a player or pair at a sanctioned event, awarding zero (0) points, with a validity of one (1) year and always included in the best player or pair results as per point 1.9. Penalties shall only replace other non-zero results when the player or pair has reached the maximum number of results counting for the ranking.
- 4.2 Penalties are proposed by the World Ranking Manager and approved by the World Ranking Group based on the report filed by the ITTF Competition Manager or the WTT Event Supervisor on site, evaluating any additional medical reports or proof provided by the involved players and/or their respective Member Associations. The decision shall be made interpreting the regulation if needed, applying fairness and equality principles.
- 4.3 Penalties are applied on the following lists depending on the competition:
  - 4.3.1 Singles: Singles ranking list.
  - 4.3.2 Doubles / Mixed Doubles: corresponding Pairs list and Individual list for each of the players deemed responsible for the penalty reason.
- 4.4 A penalty shall be waived for every five (5) ITTF/WTT events the player or pair participates in after the incident that caused the penalty.
- 4.5 Incidents to have consequences as per the following table:

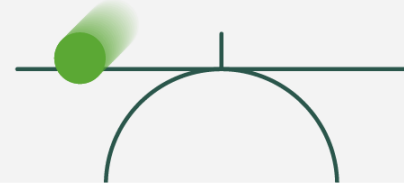


Incident	Reason examples	Event(s)	Ranking points	Penalty?
<b>Entry cancellation after entries deadline</b>	Injury, illness, accepted in another ITTF/WTT higher tier event, etc. In any case, with provided proof at the cancellation time	All	No points	No
	Other reasons: personal decision, missed flight, budget problems, etc.	WTT Youth Grand Smash WTT Youth Star Contender	No points	Yes
		Rest of ITTF/WTT events	No points	No
<b>Walk-over or retirement in the first match of a subevent</b>	Injury, illness, etc. In any case, with provided proof no later than the end of the event	All	No points	No
	Other reasons: personal decision, missed flight, budget problems, etc.	WTT Youth Grand Smash WTT Youth Star Contender ITTF World Youth Championships	No points	Yes
		Rest of ITTF/WTT events	No points	No
<b>Walk-over or retirement in the second or a later match of a subevent</b>	Injury, illness, etc. In any case, with provided proof no later than the end of the event	All	Points for the round	No
	Other reasons: personal decision, missed flight, budget problems, etc.	WTT Youth Grand Smash WTT Youth Star Contender ITTF World Youth Championships	Points for the previous round	Yes
		Rest of ITTF/WTT events	Points for the previous round	No
<b>Disqualification or retirement</b>	Disqualification for unsporting conduct, quitting the match because of disagreeing with umpire's decision, etc.	All	No points	Yes



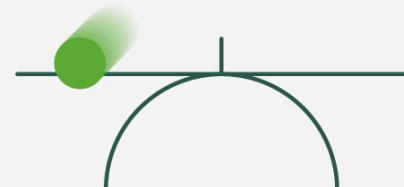
## 5. RANKING PROTECTION

- 5.1 Ranking protection is the right of players to keep, for a limited period, the ranking points that they had at the moment they requested it, which shall be used for entry and seeding at sanctioned events.
- 5.2 Ranking protection shall be applied to the Singles, Doubles Individuals and Mixed Doubles Individuals competitions based on the corresponding ranking lists.
- 5.3 Ranking protection may be requested by the Member Association of a player if the player is injured, sick, pregnant or under any other circumstances that prevent him/her from competing in table tennis events, including sanctioned and non-sanctioned events, leagues or exhibitions, for a time between 6 and 18 months.
- 5.4 The ranking protection must be requested within 6 months after the last sanctioned event where the player competed, by filling out and sending the form at <https://ittf.com/rankings> to [rankings@ittf.com](mailto:rankings@ittf.com).
- 5.5 The ranking protection duration, that is, the number of events or period when the entry and seeding using the protected ranking is applied, is determined by the duration of the player's absence as:
  - Between 6 and 12 months: 3 events or up to 6 months after the start date of the first sanctioned event where the player competes after the absence, whichever occurs first.
  - Between 12 and 18 months: 5 events or up to 9 months after the start date of the first sanctioned event where the player competes after the absence, whichever occurs first.
- 5.6 In the case of a player who returns to competition after an absence and gets injured again having a protected ranking status, a freeze of the status at that moment may be requested up to two times during the protection. The player's absence must be of at least 3 months, after which the player would continue with the original protection and remaining months and events.



## 6. CONTACT AND REGULATION

- 6.1 The ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking and all its applications are regulated by the most updated version of the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking Regulation and the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking Regulation (for points awarded at Senior events).
- 6.2 The main contact medium for any ranking matters shall be the e-mail address: [rankings@ittf.com](mailto:rankings@ittf.com)
- 6.3 In case of any issues or disputes related to these regulations, they shall be reviewed by the ITTF World Ranking Manager, who may refer them to the ITTF World Ranking Working Group.



## **PREVIOUS UPDATES**

### **24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Added Groups 3<sup>rd</sup> Last position points.

### **13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Added R32 points for Mixed Doubles in WTT Youth Star Contender and ITTF World Youth Championships.

### **12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Added procedure and rules for players retirement.

Added Regional events qualifying to the Continental Championships as automatically sanctioned.

Added conditions for non-ITTF/WTT sanctioned events to be included in the rankings.

Rewritten chapter 4 about incidents and penalties, including penalties for walk-overs in WTT Youth Star Contender events.