

## **Singapore Table Tennis Association National Ranking System (Take Effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021)**

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### **Description:**

The table tennis players ranking system reflects a player's performance in tournament plays and determines the player's seeding for all competitions.

The Ranking points are computed and published in the Singapore Table Tennis Association (STTA) Website after every completed tournament by the STTA Technical & Officiating Committee.

### **Participants:**

1. Singapore Citizen

### **Validity:**

1. Competitions organised by STTA or co-organised with STTA

### **Point system:**

1. The ranking system is a 52-week (1 year) cumulative system. Each player will be ranked according to his ranking points. A player with higher ranking points will be ranked above another player with lower ranking points.
2. Ranking Points = Rating Points – Penalty Points
3. Rating Points Principles
  - a) Rating Points are awarded on the basis of the final achieved positions in singles events. Rating Points are not awarded for Team events and doubles events.
  - b) The number of Rating Points awarded is related to the event. Rating Points gained from a particular competition in the previous year would be valid until the run of the same competition in the current year is over. If it is known that the competition will not be held in the current year, the points will stay valid for a period of 12 months. For example, if player X gained 400 points from Dr Ng Eng Hen

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Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships in June 2012, these would expire after the end of June 2013's Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships. In the event that Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships in 2013 is cancelled, the points will expire as of June 2013. However, should Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships in 2013 be postponed to November 2013 (instead of June), then the 400 points will still be valid between June to November 2013.

- c) If a player participates in more than 1 event in the competition, his total rating points for the competition will be the addition of all the rating points gained in each event.

### 4. Penalty Points Principles

- a i) If a player does not appear at all for the competition, no penalty points will be imposed on him/her for that competition.
- a ii) In the event that he/she appears throughout for an event (eg BU15) but does not show up at all for the other events (eg. BU18 & Men's Singles) that he/she has registered for, penalty points will not be imposed too.
- b i) If the player who fails to show up is unable to produce a valid written explanation within 7 days from the last day of the competition, he/she will be awarded penalty points per "no-show". The number of penalty points will be calculated as the double of the rating points the player is supposed to get for the stage of the event he reached. For example, the player got into quarter finals for the Men Singles event in Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships. He is supposed to be awarded 400 rating points. However, he failed to show up and was unable to produce any valid reason. The player will be penalized with 800 penalty points. If he is able to produce a valid reason within 7 days after the competition, no penalty points will be given.
- b ii) For players being awarded penalty points, rating points shall still be awarded based on the stage of the event he reached.
- c) If a player who must attend the prize presentation failed to show up, the rating points that he should have obtained from the event would be forfeited. At the same time, discipline action will be taken against this player.
- d) Penalty points will be valid for a period of 12 months. Therefore, the penalty points awarded for Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships in 2012 will expire after year 2013's Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships.

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- e) Acceptable Valid reasons are as such:
  - i. Medical Certificate
  - ii. Death Certificate of immediate family members (spouses and kids), grandparents and siblings
  - iii. Examinations
  - iv. NS Call-up
  - v. Work oversea assignment / representing Singapore for oversea tournament
  - vi. Validity of other reasons will be determined by STTA on a case to case basis.

### 5. Classification of Competition

- a) Events of competitions will be classified into different tiers according to the estimated level of play. The amount of rating points will differ from tier to tier.

### 6. Open and Age Group Events Seeding

- a) The seeding of the open events (Tier 1 and Tier 2) will be based on the addition of the player's ranking points gained in Tier 1 and Tier 2. Points gained in age group events (Tier 3 to Tier 6) will not be used to determine the seeding of players playing in Tier 1 and Tier 2 events.

- b) The seeding of the age group events (Tier 3 to Tier 6) will be based on the ranking points gained by the player in that particular Tier.

Therefore, if a player gained points for Tier 1 and Tier 2 events, those points will not be used to determine his seeding for Tier 3 to Tier 6 events. Similarly, if an 8 year-old player participates in the Tier 6 event; his seeding will only be based on his points gained in his past Tier 6 events. The points he gained in past Tier 5 events will not be used to determine his seeding for Tier 6 event. The points he gained in past Tier 5 events will only be used to determine his seeding for Tier 5 events.

### **Other notes:**

The Singapore Table Tennis Association reserves the right of changing ranking system regulations after every competition is completed.

Full Time National table tennis players are excluded from the policy.

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### 1. RATING POINTS - Competition Classification

<b>T1</b>	National Table Tennis Grand Finale	(Men/Women Singles Events)
<b>T2</b>	Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Lee Bee Wah Cup/Table Tennis Championships	(Men/Women Singles Events) (Men/Women Singles Events)
<b>T3</b>	SAFRA/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Lee Bee Wah Cup/Table Tennis Championships	(Boys/Girls Under 19 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 19 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 19 Events)
<b>T4</b>	SAFRA/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Lee Bee Wah Cup/Table Tennis Championships	(Boys/Girls Under 15 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 15 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 15 Events)
<b>T5</b>	SAFRA/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Lee Bee Wah Cup/Table Tennis Championships	(Boys/Girls Under 12 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 12 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 12 Events)
	<b>C1</b> Crocodile Challenge Cup	(Boys/Girls Primary 5/6 Events)
	<b>C2</b> Crocodile Challenge Cup	(Boys/Girls Primary 3/4 Events) – for Primary 4 pupils only
<b>T6</b>	SAFRA/STTA Table Tennis Championships Dr Ng Eng Hen Cup/STTA Table Tennis Dr Lee Bee Wah Cup/Table Tennis Championships	(Boys/Girls Under 9 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 9 Events) (Boys/Girls Under 9 Events)
	<b>C3</b> Crocodile Challenge Cup	(Boys/Girls Primary 1/2 Events)
	<b>C2</b> Crocodile Challenge Cup	(Boys/Girls Primary 3/4 Events) – for Primary 3 pupils only

Any other tournaments will be classified accordingly by STTA and announced to public in the Rules and Regulations of the tournament.

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**2. RATING POINTS TABLE**

<b>Tier</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>QF</b>	<b>R16</b>	<b>R32</b>	<b>R64</b>	<b>R128</b>	<b>Before R128</b>
<b>T1</b>	<b>6020</b>	<b>4035</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>T2</b>	<b>4035</b>	<b>2705</b>	<b>1815</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>T3</b>	1215	815	550	370	245	165	110	75	50
<b>T4</b>	815	550	370	245	165	110	75	50	35
<b>T5</b>	550	370	245	165	110	75	50	35	25
<b>T6</b>	370	245	165	110	75	50	35	25	15
<b>C1</b>	370	245	165	110	75	50	35	25	15
<b>C2</b>	245	165	110	75	50	35	25	15	8
<b>C3</b>	165	110	75	50	35	25	15	8	3

**a) Rating Points Table Formulation**

For each tier, the rating points of the players will increase exponentially from the initial stage to the eventual winner. From T3 to T2, there is a huge increase in the number of rating points allocated. This is because players above the age of 19 years old are unable to participate in any T3 to T6 events, whereas players of age under 19 years old may participate in both the Men/Women singles event and the under 19 event.

Crocodile Challenge Cup is an invitational competition. Each school is only allowed to send 2 players for each event. The rating points for each event are significantly lower compared to other competitions. In this way, the ranking of players who do not have a chance to participate in this challenge cup will not be significantly affected. Yet, the players will have some incentives to do well in their own schools' internal selection process to represent their schools in this challenge cup.

#### **4. Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** Why does the ranking system only cater to Singaporeans?

**A:** It is for the development of local players by allowing them to track their own rankings and compare their rankings amongst all the local players.

**Q:** Why is it based on an accumulation of 52 weeks (1 year)?

**A:** To encourage participation. Players must participate in as many competitions as possible to accumulate more points. Accumulation is only for 1 year as it is easier for new players to 'catch up'. Good performance last year gives a player a good seeding for this year's competition but the player must do well this year to maintain his/her ranking. Players cannot depend on past good performance to maintain their rankings indefinitely.

**Q:** Why is the Ranking based on points gained in all Tiers?

**A:** To promote younger players to participate in more events including the Open events. To gain higher ranking, younger players will have to participate in events for older age groups as well as Open events.

**Q:** If player does not appear at all for the competition, no penalty point will be imposed. If a player appears for an event but not the other events registered for, will penalty points still be imposed?

**A:** No. This is to encourage players who may have uncertain commitments or tentatively free schedules to still sign up for the competitions. We do not want to penalize players for signing up early.

**Q:** Why are there more points allocated for Tier 1 & 2 events?

**A:** As players above 19 years old are unable to participate in Age-Group events, they will be unable to accumulate points from these events. Open events should be of higher standards as compared to Age Group events. Under-19 players are also encouraged to join Open events to earn more points.