

WMF WORLD RANKING LISTS / MODE CHANGES 2024

The idea is to integrate following changes of calculation in the new world ranking list:

1° Minimum points for international competitions:

All players (excluding DNF) will get at least 1 point minimum in all the international competitions included in the WRL (chapters 2.1-2.6). Until now, they only get 1 point in the WMF championships.

2° EQUAL-Base-System for the strokeplay competitions:

The idea is to give in the first calculation step the same value to each tournament or each category of tournament and then, in the second step after the calculation of the points for each player, to bring in the ponderation in function of the tournament-level.

We have 4 tournaments categories (with different levels = maximums points for the winner):

- World Championships: 1.500 points
- Continental Championships: 1.000 points
- World Adventure Golf Masters, Nations Cup, WMF Grand Prix, Continental Cups (CCs only for General Class): 500 points
- Other international tournaments (CCs for Youth and Senior lists): 300 points
- National championships: 100-500 points

The base (unchanged) is: 1 average-point behind the best score means 100 points less.

This means (until now):

- WC strokeplay: all players with an average of maximum 7,5 strokes behind the winner get points.
- CC strokeplay: all players with an average of maximum 5 strokes behind the winner get points.
- And so on for the other tournament categories

Problems:

- In a 'little' national championship only few players get points, certainly in a championship with a 100-point-level: if you are only 1 average-point behind the best player, you don't get points. With this system we 'lose' a lot of players for the rankings.
- Tournaments are treated very differently in terms of how far behind the best score you can be to get points

Solutions:

- We take two point bases; 900 points (= 0,5 average points per lane) for the WC and CC and 600 points (= 0,33 average points per lane) for the other listed competitions. Everyone with a maximum of 9 or 6 average points behind the best score will take points.
- In a second step, we come back to the ponderation, the level of the competition and points calculated in the first step are multiplied with the competition factor.

For example:

In the old system in a competition with max. 200 points, if the winner has an average of 30,00, all the players with more than 32,00 average don't get points. With a base of 600 instead of 200, all the players up to an average of 36,00 get points. After this first step points are multiplied with x 0,33 (200/600) to come back to a base of 200 points. In the same way:

Base of 900:

- WC: $900 \times 0,75 / 0,9$ (to get 750 points)
- Continental: $900 \times 0,5 / 0,9$ (500)

Base of 600

- WAGM/NC/GP: 600x0,5/0,6 (500)
- Other international competitions: 600x0,3/0,6 (300)
- National championships: between 600x0,5/0,6 and 600x0,1/0,6 (between 500 and 100 points)

Old system:

National Championship		GBR				NC	London	
M	General Class	2022	Value Competition:			200	System:	MOS
			Best average competition:			30,000	30.06.2022	
		Country	Result	Rounds	TotAvg	Points	x	TOTAL
1	Player A	GBR	240	8	30,00	200	1,00	200
2	Player B	GBR	244	8	30,50	150	1,00	150
3	Player C	GBR	248	8	31,00	100	1,00	100
4	Player D	GBR	252	8	31,50	50	1,00	50
5	Player E	GBR	256	8	32,00	0	1,00	0
6	Player F	GBR	260	8	32,50	0	1,00	0
7	Player G	GBR	264	8	33,00	0	1,00	0
8	Player H	GBR	268	8	33,50	0	1,00	0
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4	Player D	GBR	252	8	31,50	450	200/600	150
5	Player E	GBR	256	8	32,00	400	200/600	133
6	Player F	GBR	260	8	32,50	350	200/600	117
7	Player G	GBR	264	8	33,00	300	200/600	100
8	Player H	GBR	268	8	33,50	250	200/600	83
9	Player I	GBR	272	8	34,00	200	200/600	67
10	Player J	GBR	276	8	34,50	150	200/600	50

3° Separation of men and women:

The best man and the best woman will both get the maximum points for a competition. Until now, only the best player (man or woman) of a competition gets the maximum of points. That means that it's possible that no woman (or man) gets points at all in a competition. Example above: if the best woman gets an average score of 32,00 in the old system, she – and the other women - don't get points. There are surely less women players in minigolf than men, but for this reason the

proportion of women in the world ranking list was even lower. In this context, the calculation of the nation ranking of women and men must be separated as well.

Base:

- Calculation with the new system of rankings with only 100 points in all the national competition between 2014-2016.
- From end 2016 we have new rankings (not official: only calculation base) for W and M.
- We go through like this until end 2022, first year of the rankings with the new system, first official country rankings with separation of W and M.

4° Minimum of players for "other competition":

Until now a minimum of 5 players is needed (total W and M) in an Other international competition to get points for the ranking (especially for youth and senior rankings in a general class competition). With separation of W and M, the idea is not to have a limit at all, but to attribute only 50% of the points if there are fewer than 3 players on one gender side (for example: GC WC with only two boys: 150 points and not 300 points to the best boy).

Arguments:

- There is already no limit in the national championships.
- Competitions we speak about are in general high-level competitions, World Championship, Continental Championships or European Champions League for example).
- Number of competitions included in the ranking is not growing. Without a limit of minimum players there will be more competitions counting for the ranking.

5° Transfer from youth to women/men and women/senior:

No more 50% transfer points from one category to the other, but instead the men's / women's list has been changed to a General Class Ranking without limits of age. Points are earned in General Class tournaments / categories only.

6° Points for Continental Cups (currently only ECLF)

We also choose to give max. 500 points to the Continental Cups in the General Class ranking, as they are also classified as international championships, just like WAGM and GP.

7° Maximum players on national level

Until now there is a maximum of 10 female players and 20 male players from a national championship who can get points for the world ranking list. The proposal is to abolish from 2024 this maximum (all players who mathematically get points on equal basis are taken). This maximum was originally introduced so that nations with many participants in the national championship would not be overrated in the nation rankings. Therefore, we only will still consider the best 10 (W) and 20 (M) of the individual world ranking for the nation ranking.

Positive effects:

- More players in the ranking.
- Problems to determinate the best 10 (W) and 20 (M) players by match-play competitions with 16 or 32 players.
- Until now it was possible that good players with a score near of the winner don't get points.

Federations can send the links to their result list (BAO f. ex.). We just must be sure that we get all the years of birth of the players.