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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 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 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 10 (8 in 2021) non-expired results with the greatest number of points, with the following restriction:
 - Maximum one result counts for the ranking from events which have any entries restriction by nationality.
- 1.10. Initial ranking points and transition formula from the 2020 December ITTF World Ranking are described in point [6.11](#).

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
 - WTT Future Stars Cup
 - ITTF World Youth Championships (U19 and U15)
 - WTT Youth Star Contender (U19 and U15)
 - WTT Youth Contender (U19, U17, U15, U13 and U11)
 - Continental Championships (Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Pan America in U19 and U15)
 - International Events (Regional events qualifying to the Continental Championships, in U19 and U15)
- 2.2. Any event not included in point [2.1](#) can apply to be included in the ITTF Calendar, not sanctioned for the ranking, under the following conditions:
 - The application is submitted through the official form at <https://ittf.com/rankings> at least 3 months before the start date of the event.
 - Entries are made through National Associations.

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. The number of awarded points for each event kind, age category, competition and Main Draw size are:

	SINGLES	W	F 2 nd	SF 3 rd /4 th	QF 5 th - 8 th	R16	R32	R64	R128	Qualifying	
										Groups 2 nd Last	Groups Last
SEN	<i>[All Senior events sanctioned in the ITTF Table Tennis World Ranking are awarded 5x times their points at the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking]</i>										
U21/ Youth	WTT Future Stars Cup	2700	1890	945	470	150					
U19	ITTF World Youth Championships	3000	2100	1050	525	265	30				
	WTT Youth Star Contenders	2250	1575	790	395	195				90	40
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	750	565	420	315	235	180	135	100	10	5
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		525	365	255	180	125	90			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		450	270	160	95	60				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		375	190	95	45					
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		300	120	50						
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		225	70							
	Continental Events	500	350	175	90	45					
	International Events	100	70	35	20	10					
U18	Youth Olympic Games	2400	1680	840	420	210				24	12
U17	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	350	265	195	150	110	85	60	45	8	4
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		245	170	120	85	60	40			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		210	125	75	45	25				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		175	90	45	20					
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		140	55	20						
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		105	30							

	SINGLES	W	F 2 nd	SF 3 rd /4 th	QF 5 th - 8 th	R16	R32	R64	R128	Qualifying	
										Groups 2 nd Last	Groups Last
U15	ITTF World Youth Championships	480	335	170	85	40	10				
	WTT Youth Star Contenders	360	180	90	45	25				10	4
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	120	90	70	50	40	30	20	16	5	3
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		85	60	40	30	20	14			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		70	45	25	15	10				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		60	30	15	8					
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		50	20	8						
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		35	10							
	Continental Events	80	55	28	14	8					
	International Events	16	12	6	4	2					
U13	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	65	50	35	25	20	15	10	8	3	2
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		45	30	20	15	10	8			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		40	25	15	10	6				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		35	15	10	4					
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		25	10	4						
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		20	6							
U11	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	25	19	14	11	8	6	4	3	2	1
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		18	12	9	6	4	3			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		16	11	7	4	3				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		15	9	5	3					
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		13	6	3						
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		10	4							

DOUBLES (pairs and individuals)		W	F 2 nd	SF 3 rd /4 th	QF 5 th - 8 th	R16	R32	R64	R128
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	WTT Youth Star Contenders	2250	1575	790	395	100			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	750	565	420	315	235	180	135	10
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		525	365	255	180	125	10	
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		450	270	160	95	10		
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		375	190	95	10			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		300	120	10				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		225	10					
	Continental Champs.	500	350	175	90	45			
U15	ITTF World Youth Championships	480	335	170	85	10			
	WTT Youth Star Contenders	360	250	125	65	15			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 128)	120	85	65	45	35	25	20	6
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 64)		85	60	40	30	20	6	
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 32)		70	45	25	15	6		
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD 16)		60	30	15	6			
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		50	20	6				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		35	6					
Continental Champs.	80	55	28	14	8				

	MIXED DOUBLES (pairs and individuals)	W	F 2 nd	SF 3 rd /4 th	QF 5 th - 8 th	R16	R32	R64	R128
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	WTT Youth Contenders (MD QF)		50	20	6				
	WTT Youth Contenders (MD SF)		35	6					
Continental Champs.	80	55	28	14	8				

4. ENTRIES, INCIDENTS AND PENALTIES

- 4.1. A penalty is a player or pair result at a sanctioned event, with a validity of one year, awarding 0 points and always included in the best player or pair results specified in point [1.9](#), unless revoked according to the conditions enumerated in point [4.6](#).
- 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 National 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:
- Singles: Singles ranking list
 - Doubles / Mixed Doubles: corresponding Pairs list and Individual list for each of the players deemed responsible for the penalty reason.
- 4.4. Entry cancellations after the cancellation deadline at sanctioned events shall imply:
- No ranking points awarded.
 - No prize money awarded.
 - Penalty as of point [4.1](#) for:
 - WTT Future Stars Cup.
 - For all other events, the first 2 cancellations in any one-year period will not incur a penalty, but third and subsequent cancellations will incur a penalty.
- 4.5. Walking-over or retiring from a match at sanctioned events shall imply:
- Points awarded for losing in the previous round in which the incident occurred.
 - Prize money awarded for losing in the previous round in which the incident occurred.
 - Penalty as of point [4.1](#) for:
 - ITTF World Youth Championships
 - WTT Youth Star Contender
- 4.6. Consequences of the incidents of points [4.4](#) and [4.5](#) shall be waived for the following reasons:
- In case of a cancellation after the deadline:
 - The player or pair provides an official medical report that justifies the cancellation at the moment it is done.
 - The player or pair compete in 5 or more ITTF or WTT events after the incident. This only revokes penalty consequences, not prize money or ranking points.



- In case of a walk-over or retirement from a match: the player or pair provides an official medical report that justifies the walk-over or retirement. Report shall be provided:
 - If an Event Doctor is in place: on the same day, signed by the Event Doctor.
 - If an Event Doctor is not in place: in the next 48 hours after the incident, signed by a qualified doctor.

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 National 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.
- 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. TRANSITION PLAN: ITTF WORLD RANKING TO ITTF TABLE TENNIS YOUTH RANKING

- 6.1. Starting on the 30th of March 2021, the Junior and Cadet ITTF World Ranking becomes the ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking.
- 6.2. The initial ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking points, for **Boys' and Girls' Singles**, are calculated on a per-player basis. Ranked players are any Under 19 ranked players in the 2020 December ITTF World Ranking, either in Senior, Junior or Cadet lists. The initial points are, for each player, the best of these three options:
- 150% of their Senior points.
 - 80% of their Junior points.
 - 20% of their Cadet points.
- 6.3. The 2021 ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking **points, for Boys' and Girls' singles**, are calculated based on the initial points and the best 8 results, as per the following table:

Weeks	2021 ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking		
	Initial points		ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking
15-19	100%	+	Best 8 results
20-23	87.5%		
24-27	75%		
28-31	62.5%		
32-35	50%		
36-39	37.5%		
40-43	25%		
44-47	12.5%		
48 - ...	0%		

- 6.4. The 2021 ITTF Table Tennis Youth Ranking, for Doubles and Mixed Doubles, starts with no ranked players or pairs.

7. CONTACT AND REGULATION

- 7.1. 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).
- 7.2. The main contact medium for any ranking matters shall be the e-mail address: rankings@itff.com.
- 7.3. In case of disputes, cases that fall out of the regulation or any needed interpretation, the following parts oversee:
- ITTF World Ranking Manager: Javier Angulo Luceron
 - ITTF World Ranking Group:
 - ITTF President: Thomas Weikert
 - Competition Director (Interim): Gabor Felegyi
 - Technical Commissioner: Graeme Ireland
 - **CEO's Office** - Projects Director: Iulia Necula
 - World Ranking Manager: Javier Angulo Luceron
 - Athletes Commission Representative: Jean-Michel Saive
 - Athletes Commission Representative: El-Sayed Lashin