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## BFA Rankings Document 2010-11

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# BFA Rankings Document - July 2011

The BFA introduced a new Ranking System for tournaments on Garlando and other Italian-style tables from January 2004 and this document gives an overview of the features of the new system, as most recently updated in July 2011.

The system was applied retrospectively to all tournaments held since November 1999, with points for placing and bonus points applied as if the new system had been in place throughout, to be as fair as possible. The system was applied to Bonzini from 2004 and to Tornado Rankings in 2008. From 2010-11 individual table rankings are discontinued and a unified ranking system introduced with a player having a single rank applying to all tables.

The system has proven stable and responsive over the long term, avoiding any need for resets and keeping top players within reach if their form fades.

The system is based on several elements:

- 1 **Even points distribution** – logical points distribution with differentiation between players going 2&out, 3&out and 4&out in DE tournaments, or equivalent positions in World Cup or Swiss format competitions.
- 2 **Weighting of events by status of tournament** – tournaments of greater status/prestige carry greater weight.
- 3 **Weighting of results by year** – historic events are down-weighted so that rankings greater reflect current form over past glories
- 4 **Reset Bonus Points** – Added to a player's starting position according to status on other tables, tournament wins, or promotions. These prevent players from falling too far or quickly in rank through inactivity, and also give a higher entry point for players experienced on other tables
- 5 **Bonus Points** – points are exchanged where a lower-ranked player/team beats a higher-ranked team according to the length of match.

Pos Chart	No of Players/Teams														
	4	6	8	12	16	24	32	48	64	96	128	192	256	384	512
1	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
2	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
3	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
4	3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68	73
5		3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63	68
6		1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65
7			3	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	63
8			1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
9			•	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53	58
10			•	3	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42	47	52	57
11			•	2	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51	56
12			•	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
13			•	•	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48	53
14			•	•	3	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42	47	52
15			•	•	2	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46	51
16			•	•	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
17-18			•	•	•	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43	48
19-20			•	•	•	3	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42	47
21-22			•	•	•	2	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41	46
23-24			•	•	•	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
25-26			•	•	•	•	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	38	43
27-28			•	•	•	•	3	7	12	17	22	27	32	37	42
29-30			•	•	•	•	2	6	11	16	21	26	31	36	41
31-32			•	•	•	•	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
33-36			•	•	•	•	•	4	8	13	18	23	28	33	38
37-40			•	•	•	•	•	3	7	12	17	22	27	32	37
41-44			•	•	•	•	•	2	6	11	16	21	26	31	36
45-48			•	•	•	•	•	1	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
49-52			•	•	•	•	•	•	4	8	13	18	23	28	33
53-56			•	•	•	•	•	•	3	7	12	17	22	27	32
57-60			•	•	•	•	•	•	2	6	11	16	21	26	31
61-64			•	•	•	•	•	•	1	5	10	15	20	25	30
65-72			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4	8	13	18	23	28
73-79			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	7	12	17	22	27
81-88			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2	6	11	16	21	26
89-96			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	5	10	15	20	25
97-104			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4	8	13	18	23
105-112			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	7	12	17	22
113-120			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2	6	11	16	21
121-128			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	5	10	15	20
129-144			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4	8	13	18
145-160			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	7	12	17
161-176			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2	6	11	16
177-192			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	5	10	15
193-208			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4	8	13
208-224			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	7	12
225-240			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2	6	11
241-256			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	5	10
257-288			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4	8
289-320			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3	7
321-352			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2	6
353-384			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1	5
385-416			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	4
417-448			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	3
449-480			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	2
481-512			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1

points are awarded per round advanced, with 10 points per round for podium placings. The system uses 'half' charts so no points are awarded for a full round of 'byes'.

**World Cup Groups/Swiss Placings** – Final placings for players/teams failing to qualify for the knock-out stage are determined on the basis of 1 highest number of wins and 2 lowest number of defeats. Goal difference is not taken into account.

## Event Weightings

Points from each event in a tournament are weighted according to the **status** of the tournament as a whole. Where tables are offered as prizes the monetary value will be determined according to the distributor price of the relevant model. The BFA reserves the right to alter the weighting applied to individual events as appropriate and the above is intended as a general guide for events corresponding to a standard tournament format.

Tournament Categories & Weightings						
Cat.	Open	Pro or Masters	SP or Pro-Am	Am or Mixed	Novice	Age/Womens
E	20%	15%	15%	10%	10%	10%
D	40%	25%	20%	15%	10%	10%
C	100%	40%	30%	20%	10%	10%
B	120%	50%	40%	30%	15%	15%
A	140%	60%	50%	40%	20%	20%
A+	160%	70%	60%	50%	30%	40%
A++	200%	100%	80%	70%	50%	100%

Categories of tournaments are determined by status with category pre-designated by TCC/ITSF EC vote.

Tournament Categories		
Cat	Minimum Fund	Status
E	£0	Local/Clubs
D	£100	Regional/Limited
C	£500	National
B	£1000	ITSF Pro-Tour
A	£2000	ITSF Master Series
A+	£5000	ITSF International
A++	£10000	ITSF WCS

Rankings are based on events held in the UK and Ireland, plus points gained by UK/Irish players in overseas ITSF tournaments.

### Events which count

Open Singles / Doubles  
 Pro or Masters Singles/Doubles  
 Semi-Pro Singles / Doubles  
 Pro-Am/Limited doubles  
 Mixed Doubles  
 Novice/Amateur Singles / Doubles  
 Junior/Senior Singles / Doubles  
 Womens Singles / Doubles

### Events which don't count\*

DYPs  
 FSO  
 GW  
 2BRB  
 Super Melée  
 Fastball/Al Volo  
 Events using non-standard rules  
 Handicapped Events

\* Can count towards Cat E tournaments and/or club championships

## Local Events – Category E tournaments & Sanctioned Tours

Where local events are held on a one-off or regular basis, they can contribute to the UK rankings as Category E events or Sanctioned Tours. Criteria are:

### Category E tournaments & Club Championships

- (a) Maximum 12 events in calendar year (i.e. maximum of monthly events)
- (b) Dates must be advertised in advance with minimum 1 weeks notice
- (c) Each event must have a minimum 4 entrants/teams
- (d) Club Championships can include other events (e.g. DYPs, 2-ball) within a range of competitions contributing to an overall finishing position, provided that at least 50% of contributing events are either standard singles or doubles.
- (e) Tournaments using non-standard rules may be considered eligible for Cat E status at the discretion of the Tournament Coordination Commission"
- (f) Organisers are strongly recommended to use either ITSF or simplified BFA rules of play, however this is not a strict requirement for Cat E status

### Cat D - Sanctioned Tours

- (a) Minimum of 3x events per discipline in calendar year – no maximum
- (b) Events to take place in a single venue or within a closely-defined geographical area
- (c) Dates must be announced at outset of the tournament series or be regular (e.g. every Friday, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)
- (d) Points are allocated according to the final overall placing and total number of competitors
- (e) Tours will be treated as a Cat D competitions or of the category corresponding to the total prize fund for the event (if higher)
- (f) Contributing events are restricted to open, womens, senior, junior and/or Rank-Limited Singles and/or Doubles using standard ITSF or simplified BFA Rules of Play

### For all Cat E or Sanctioned Tour events

- (a) Promoters must provide or publish FULL results (first to last) for each event (Cat E), OR the final table for the competition as a whole (Cat D), including full names of players (surname first) and keep records of years of birth and nationalities of all competitors
- (b) Events must be open to all competitors, unless limited by rank
- (c) Weightings will be allocated according to the highest ranked player competing

The points from Category E events will only be added to a players' total at the next monthly update or following the next POY tournament. Points for Sanctioned Tours or Club Championships will be applied at the next update following the conclusion of the series of events.

## Player of the Year Ranking

Player of the Year (POY) rankings are used to determine qualification for the UK Championship, and to reflect current form on all tables in the following events:

- Open Singles / Open Doubles
- Womens Singles / Womens Doubles
- Senior Singles / Senior Doubles
- Junior Singles / Junior Doubles.

Ineligible players (overseas nationals not qualified to represent the UK) are excluded from the published POY rankings list.

Points allocated via the standard distribution according to actual positions/field sizes. All POY ranking tournaments on all tables receive equal weighting.

## Annual Weightings (2011 season)

Year	Weighting Factor
2011	100%
2010	100%
2009	80%
2008	60%
2007	40%
2006	35%
2005	30%
2004	25%
2003	20%
2002	15%
2001 and earlier	10%

Annual weightings serve as a brake on the upwards points drift, allowing players to fall in position and ranking status if inactive or if less successful than in previous years.

Annual weightings are recalculated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January each year, with the current year and past full year worth 100%, with each previous year worth 20% less until the total reaches 40%, falling 5% per annum thereafter until a minimum of 10% for points over 10 years old

## Reset Bonus Points (RBPs)

### Rank Criteria

100	Ever been Semi-pro on any table
200	Ever been Pro on any table
300	Ever been Pro-Master on any table

### Performance Criteria

100	Amateur Event Winner or OS/OD 3rd >5yrs
200	OS/OD 3 <sup>rd</sup> place <5 yrs or SP/Pro event winner or OS/OD 2nd >5yrs
300	OS/OD runner up <5yrs or Cat D winner or OS/OD winner >10 yrs
400	Open Singles/Doubles winner in past 6-10 years (Cat C or above)
500 (max)	Open Singles/Doubles winner in past 5 years (Cat C or above)

Reset bonus points are added to a player's starting points (currently 900) and do not reduce year on year. Reset points are not cumulative and players only receive the highest RBPs for which they qualify.

Winners of Open Singles or Open Doubles events (Cat C & above) receive the maximum 500 reset points.

Reset bonus points are applied immediately upon first promotion to a higher rank. However, if a player falls back and is subsequently re-promoted they do not receive the points again. Reset points are applied based on the highest BFA rank attained on any table.

## Bonus Points

Bonus points are awarded for beating a player or team of higher rank, or lost for losing to a player or team of lower rank. Bonus points are weighted according to the length of match. A doubles team assumes the rank of the higher-ranked player in the team.

Bonus points form part of a player's annual total, and are weighted according to year. Bonus points always receive an initial 100% weighting. Bonus points are not awarded for Cat E events, Pro-am or Mixed doubles events.

### Bonus Points awarded to the winner/lost by the loser

Winner	Loser	Match Format				
		1 to 5	1 to 7	1 to 9	Best of 3	Best of 5
Nov/Am	Semi-Pro	5	10	15	20	25
Nov/Am	Pro	10	15	20	25	30
Nov/Am	Pro-Master	15	20	25	30	35
Nov/Am	Pro-Master*	20	25	30	35	40
Semi-Pro	Pro	5	10	15	20	25
Semi-Pro	Pro-Master	10	15	20	25	30
Semi-Pro	Pro-Master*	15	20	25	30	35
Pro	Pro-Master	5	10	15	20	25
Pro	Pro-Master*	10	15	20	25	30
Pro-Master	Pro-Master*	5	10	15	20	25

Pro-Master players over 3000, 3600, 4200, 4800 and 5400 points (etc) are each treated as an extra division for bonus point purposes

## Overseas Players

Nationals of countries other than the UK and Ireland will only be listed in the BFA rankings if they are currently resident in the UK or Ireland.

Visiting overseas players will be ranked for entry-fee and eligibility purposes according to their highest published rank in BFA, International, European or World Rankings. Visiting overseas players who do not appear in International Rankings will be treated as Semi-Pro, unless they can show they are treated as novice/rookie by their home federation.

Overseas players resident in the UK will be treated as domestic players unless they are ranked semi-pro or above in another jurisdiction.

The following systems are used as a basis to rank overseas players on a sliding scale between 1200 and 3000 points with typical equivalent ranks as follows:

UK Equiv	ITSF (total)	IGR	USA/IFP	P4P	FFFT	NL/BE
Pro-Master	>400 pts	>1000 pts	>4000 pts	Elite	Pro-Elite	Nat/Ovg
Pro	>100pts	>500pts	>2000pts	Master	Elite	Div 1 <sup>o</sup>

## Ranking Thresholds

Points	Rank
900	Novice (Start)
950	Amateur
1200	Semi-Pro

1800  
2400  
3000

Pro  
Pro-Master  
Pro-Master\*

An extra \* is awarded to pro-master players for each complete 600 points above the Pro-Master Threshold

## Unifying the Rankings into a single system

With effect from January 2011 the separate table-specific rankings are discontinued and replaced by a unified system with a single player rank applicable to all tables. Historic points (1999-2010) were weighted by year according to the total proportion of points generated by a table-type (Tornado, Garlando, Bonzini and Other) during a specific year.

## Summary of January 2005 changes:

### **Ranking thresholds increased**

SP 1100 to 1200

Pro 1500 to 1800

Pro-Master 2000 to 2400

### **Reset points**

Increased to retain existing safeguards

Tornado SP - 50 to 100

Tornado Pro - 100 to 200

Tornado/Garlando Pro-Master - 200 to 300

OS/OD winner - 200 to 300

Now all semi-pro, pro and pro-master players receive the same reset points according to their highest achieved rank on either table.

### **Prize money**

Thresholds increased for B, C & D level tournaments going forward

Level D £200-£500 (was £100-£300)

Level C £500-£1000 (was £300-£800)

Level B £1000-£2000 (was £800-£2000)

### **Bonus Points**

Bonus points apply symmetrically from Jan 2005 going forward

### **Womens Rankings**

Points from Womens events now contribute to Womens ranking only (restrospective).

## Summary of January 2006 changes:

### **Basic Distribution**

Points now graduated and no longer based on equivalent DE placings alone (from 2006 going forward)

Minimum of 1 point (before weighting) for last place (from 2006 on)

### **Weightings**

Cat E tournaments discontinued (superceded by local events)

Weighting scheme simplified

### **Local Events**

BFA Sanctioned Tours introduced for regular local competitions (from 2006 on)

### **International**

Points at ITSF tournaments now count towards BFA ranking status (retrospective)

## **Summary of January 2008 changes:**

### **General**

Rankings System extended to all table types (inc. Bonzini & Tornado)

Tornado results to be recalculated using the new system (not inc bonus points)

### **Weightings**

Tournament Category Thresholds revised (2008 on)

Differential thresholds for different table types

Simplified additional weightings for ITSF events

Weightings for different events/categories revised downwards

### **Player of the Year Rankings**

Multitable event-based rankings formalised

### **Reset Points**

Now apply to all tables

### **International**

Criteria for ranking status codified (as used informally over past 2 years)

## **Summary of August 2008 changes:**

### **Weightings**

Weightings for all divisional events amended and applied retrospectively from January 2008

## **Summary of August 2009 changes**

Performance RBPs included in Bonzini/Roberto-Sport Rankings

## **Summary of Autumn 2010 changes**

Integrated/unified ranking system replacing rank by table type

Performance RBPs introduced/uprated for all tables (podium finishes in Open events, winners of divisional events)

Uprating of weightings for divisional events in major tournaments

Changes in prize fund threshold to reflect recent turnouts and provide a level playing field for different tables

Option of Sanctioned Tour status or Cat E tournaments for regular/local events

More gradual annual downweightings for points 5-10 years old

Changes to allocation of POY points

## **Summary of 2011 changes**

Feb 2011 - Additional Bonus Point divisions every 600 points within pro-master division (an extra 5 points exchanged per division)

July 2011 – USA Rankings changed from USTSA to IFP, thresholds revised.

Allow a wider range of events to count in Cat E tournaments

Changing tournament designation from prize-fund based to status based, revisions to weightings