

Squash Canada

Harball Doubles Ranking System & Seeding Criteria

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Rankings are based on total point accumulation from a player's best results over the course of a two-season revolving cycle. No points will be awarded to a team that advances from a 1st round bye and or W/O. No points will be awarded unless a team has won at least one match. Results from Mixed events are not included in the Men or Women's rankings or visa versa.

A formulaic ranking system has been created to include all the major Canadian events and a few United States events with a large Canadian participation. The system has the following characteristics:

- A player will obtain a ranking if he/she plays in a sanctioned event. Rankings take into account the best three (3) results over the past two (2) years from all approved sanctioned play. **Only** Open results will be used for ranking purposes in an open event and the player's points from age category events may not be carried down into the Open point accumulation.

BASE POINTS ARE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS –subject to age factor.

Champion = 60
Finalist = 45
Semi-finalist = 30
Quarter finalist = 15
Round of 16 = 5
Round of 32 = 3
Entry in draw (1st round loser) = 1
 $\frac{3}{4}$ Playoff = Bonus of 5 (Bonus of 7.5 in National Events)

Note: No points will be awarded unless the $\frac{3}{4}$ match is played or the Tournament Director is notified that a team is defaulting. Points will be awarded to the team that shows up as scheduled for the match if an agreement has not been reached in advance.

$\frac{5}{6}$ Playoff- Bonus of 2.5
Consolation Winner=Bonus of 5

- For ALL AGE CATEGORIES. Points for the current year are valued at 100% and at 75% for the previous year. A player may be ranked in a younger age category than the player's current age provided the player has played a minimum of one event in that younger age category over the past two years. **Points earned in a younger age group shall be carried up to an older age group for a player who participated in an older age category. Points earned in older age groups shall not be carried down to younger age groups.**
- Each draw of each age category will be weighted by date and by both the age factor and the strength of draw.
- **AGE WEIGHTING-** MEN commences at a value of 1 for OPEN, .8 for 40 years, and .64 for 45 years etc. WOMEN commence at a value of 1.25, .8 for 40 years. All older age categories will be weighted at 80% of the value of the previous division. For example, points earned in the 55's are worth 80% of the same points earned in the 50's. This process enables players moving up a division in the two-year period to carry results forward into the new division.

STRENGTH OF DRAW & WEIGHTING

1. Each age division is assigned a "strength of draw" factor based on the type of event. That factor is multiplied by the base points earned; to determine a player's ranking points for each event played.

2. BASE WEIGHTING

The weighting of all Canadian sanction draws requires not less than 4 of the top 8 men or 3 of the top 6 women ranked in the specific age category (including open) entered to obtain a base weighting of .75. For all Canadian & US National Championships, Provincial Championships, Western Canadian and Pacific Coast events shall commence with a base 1.00 weighting. Said base weighting is subject to a minimum of 6 teams in any draw.

3. DECREASED WEIGHTING

In the event there are less than 4 of the top 8 men or 3 of the top 6 women ranked in the specific age category (including open) of any Canadian sanctioned draws the base weighting shall be reduced to .5. All Canadian & US National Championships, Provincial Championships, Western Canadian and Pacific Coast events shall be reduced to a base .75 weighting. Factor is based on a minimum of 6 teams..

In the event there is no player ranked in the top 10 age category (including open) entered, all Canadian sanctioned draws the base weighting shall be reduced to .3. All Canadian & US National Championships, Provincial Championships, Western Canadian and Pacific Coast events shall commence with a base .5 weighting for all draws. Factor is based on a minimum of 6 teams.

4. ROUND ROBINS

Round Robin draws shall deduct

- a. .25 for round robin of only 3 teams
- b. .15 for round robin or draw of only 4 teams
- c. .1 for draws of only 5 teams

5. AGE WEIGHTING

For an Open or Age Category to be recognized as an Open or a specific age category, there must be a minimum of 5 ranked players of that age category (including open) entered, otherwise the draw shall be weighted at the next age category up.

In the event of an OPEN men's draw with ranked SDA players, the maximum allowed weighting is 2.5 using the additional weighting factors

#1-6= .2 each	1.2
#7-12= .1 each	.6
Total	1.8

The Squash Canada Doubles Ranking Committee retains a degree of discretion to account for players/teams with an established history but insufficient data or in the case of a dark horse team, to add up to .75 to the weighting. The maximum is 2.5 strength of draw weighting factor per event.

SEEDING

6. Seeding for all Canadian tournaments will be determined by combining the total ranking points of the 2 players on a team from the latest Canadian Doubles Squash Rankings

7. Mixed Ranking points are not included in Men/Women total ranking totals or visa versa.
8. Ranking points only will determine the seeding process except for Dark Horse teams.
9. For players who are ranked in the top 20 of the then-current SDA Rankings, they shall be seeded based upon the following formula: The #1 ranked SDA player shall have 20% more points than the current #1 ranked Canadian player with a corresponding 2% reduction in points for each player in the top 20 of the SDA (for example, the # 20 SDA player would have the same number of points as the then-current #1 ranked Canadian player. For those individuals that have both SDA points and Canadian Ranking points, the seeding committee shall take the higher points
10. **“DARK HORSE TEAMS”** Are defined as those players and or teams with an established doubles history but insufficient current data. At the discretion of the seeding committee having jurisdiction over the tournament, dark horse team(s) may be placed anywhere in the draw but traditionally shall be placed in the 3rd and 4th quadrant.
11. Past champions have no precedence over a team with more ranking points.

DRAW FORMAT

- 1) A maximum of 25% of the draw must be seeded for all National championships and no more than 50% of any draw may be seeded and/or placed including Dark Horse teams. In the event of a fraction, round up to the higher number.
- 2) The format for seeding teams is as follows:
 - 1 plays 4
 - 2 plays 3
 - 5 plays 4
 - 6 plays 3
 - 7 plays 2
 - 8 plays 1
- 3) All draws must have player's full name and home city on the draw. Emphasis must be given to avoid players from same city or club meeting in the 1st round and also be given to avoid teams playing the same team they have played in a recent tournaments in 1st rounds when ever possible.
- 4) All draws shall be single elimination format.
- 5) Draws with 4 teams or less may be a round robin format at the discretion of the tournament chair.
- 6) All Canadian National Championship draws will be prepared by Squash Canada in conjunction with the Squash Canada Doubles Seeding Committee.
- 7) Individual tournaments may, in circumstances which the tournament's seeding committee deems just and proper to insure a fair draw, deviate from the within "Guidelines" at their discretion.

CANADIAN RANKING COMMITTEE 2016-2017

Pat Richardson (Chair),

Michael Letourneau (AB), Rob Wheeler & Lolly Gillen (ON)

Rankings will be run by the following dates only

*December 15, 2016-Men, Women & Mixed, February 15, 2017-Men, Women & Mixed
March 15th, 2017-Men, Women & Mixed, May 31st, 2017-Men, Women & Mixed*