**BLIND TENNIS RANKING SYSTEM**

**INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

**For a tournament to qualify as an International tournament, it must have:**

* A **minimum** number of **five countries** participating
* From a minimum number of three continents
* IBTA will accept only one international tournament per year for international ranking computation.
* If a member country organises another International tournament, the results will not be eligible to be used for international ranking.

 Conditions to be fulfilled for an international tournament to be sanctioned by IBTA

* The request to host an international tournament by a member country has to be made **between 1st August and 15th September for the following year.**
* The conditions to be fulfilled by the host country are the following:
	+ - * Planned budget including classification costs.
			* Hotel booking (Minimum 3 stars): General description and distance from hotel to the competition venue to be submitted to IBTA.
			* Transfer from airport to hotel and vice versa to be arranged by host country.
			* Transfer from hotel to competition venue and vice versa to be arranged by host country.
			* Indoor Pavilion with a minimum of 4 tennis courts. Pictures to be submitted to IBTA in advance.
			* Classification venue and equipment to be provided as per IBTA’s Head of Classification.
			* Transfer from hotel to classification venue and vice versa to be provided by host country for players, guides and classifiers.
			* Air tickets expenses for classifiers to be borne by host country and itinerary to be approved by classifiers before purchase of tickets. Arrangements to be completed two weeks before date of competition.
			* Accommodation in at least three star and meals must be provided by host country to classifiers. If the dining facility is not within close proximity of the classification venue, the host country must make provisions to bring classifiers lunch on classification days.
			* Incidental costs (such as entry visas, travel to/from port of departure, short term parking at airports etc) incurred by classifiers must be borne by host countries. Per diem of 20 Euros per day will be provided to each classifier by host country.
			* Classification will take place on a minimum of two full days.
			* Host country undertakes to have enough volunteers to organize the tournament. Volunteers must be provided at airport to welcome and direct all those participating in the tournament, at registration, at classification and at the competition.
			* A detailed schedule of matches for the whole duration of the tournament must be sent to IBTA two weeks before the competition.

**INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS (Cont.)**

Conditions to be fulfilled for an international tournament to be sanctioned by IBTA (Cont.)

* + - * Rules of the tournament must be submitted to IBTA for approval before it is released to participating countries.
			* In the event of requests for tournaments falling within the same period of time, the Executive Committee will decide on which country is to hold the tournament.

Points System:

* Champion: 1.000 points
* Runner-up: 500 points.
* 3rd place: 350 points.
* 4th place: 250 points.
* 5th to 8th place: 100 points:
* The criterion to assign the ranking between the 5th to 8th place will be the following:
* 1st. – Number of games won in quarter-finals
* 2nd. – Position in the Round Robin group
* 3rd. – Number of games won in the Round Robin group.
* 4th. – Difference between games won and games lost.
* If a player changes of category (by own or due to changes in the classification), he/she will keep the points obtained in both categories.

**CONTINENTAL TOURNAMENTS**

**For a tournament to qualify as a Continental Tournament, it must have:**

* A **minimum** number of **three countries** from the same continent participating.
* IBTA will accept only one Continental tournament per year for international ranking computation.
* Points awarded at any Continental Tournament not sanctioned by IBTA will not be taken into account for international ranking computation.

Conditions to be fulfilled for a Continental Tournament to be sanctioned by IBTA

* The request to host a Continental tournament by a member country has to be made **between 1st August and 15th September for the following year.**
* The conditions to be fulfilled by the host country for a Continental tournament are the following:

Planned Budget including classification costs.

Hotel booking (Minimum 3 stars): General description and distance from hotel to the competition venue to be submitted to IBTA.

Transfer from airport to hotel and vice versa to be arranged by host country.

Transfer from hotel to competition venue and vice versa to be arranged by host country.

Indoor Pavilion with a minimum of 4 tennis courts: Pictures to be submitted to IBTA in advance.

Classification venue and equipment to be provided as per IBTA’s Head of Classification.

**CONTINENTAL TOURNAMENTS (Cont.)**

Conditions to be fulfilled for a Continental tournament to be sanctioned by IBTA (Cont.)

Transfer from hotel to classification venue and vice versa to be provided by host country for players, guides and classifiers.

Air tickets expenses for classifiers to be borne by host country and itinerary to be approved by classifiers before purchase of tickets. Arrangements to be completed two weeks before date of competition.

Accommodation in at least three star and meals must be provided by host country to classifiers. If the dining facility is not within close proximity of the classification venue, the host country must make provisions to bring classifiers lunch on classification days.

Incidental costs (such as entry visas, travel to/from port of departure, short term parking at airports etc) incurred by classifiers must be borne by host countries. Per diem of 20 Euros per day will be provided to each classifier by host country.

Classification will take place on a minimum of two full days.

Host country undertakes to have enough volunteers to organize the tournament. Volunteers must be provided at airport to welcome and direct all those participating in the tournament, at registration, at classification and at the competition.

A detailed schedule of matches for the whole duration of the tournament must be sent to IBTA two weeks before the competition.

Rules of the tournament must be submitted to IBTA for approval before it is released to participating countries.

In the event of requests for tournaments falling within the same period of time, the Executive Committee will decide on which country is to hold the tournament.

Points System:

* Champion: 500 points
* Runner-up: 300 points.
* 3rd place: 250 points.
* 4th place: 150 points.
* 5th to 8th place: 100 points:
* The criterion to assign the ranking between the 5th to 8th will be the following:
	+ 1st. – Number of games won in quarter-finals
	+ 2nd. - Position in the Round Robin group
	+ 3rd. - Number of games won in the Round Robin group.
	+ 4th. - Difference between games won and games lost.
* If a player changes of category (by own or due to changes in the classification), he/she will keep the points obtained in both categories.
* Points won at an IBTA sanctioned Continental tournament will go towards computation of international ranking after being down-scaled by a factor of 0.75. As an example, if a player is awarded 100 points at a Continental tournament, 75 points will go towards the international ranking computation.

 **NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

* IBTA will accept only one National tournament per year for international ranking computation.
* Points awarded at a National tournament not sanctioned by IBTA will not be taken into account for international ranking computation.

Points System:

* Champion: 100 points
* Runner-up: 50 points.
* 3rd: 40 points.
* 4th place: 30 points.
* 5th to 8th place: 10 points:
* The criterion to assign the ranking between the 5th to 8th will be the following:
	+ 1st. – Number of games won in quarter-finals
	+ 2nd. - Position in the Round Robin group
	+ 3rd. - Number of games won in the Round Robin group.
	+ 4th. – Difference between games won and games lost.
* If a player changes of category (by own or due to changes in the classification), he/she will keep the points obtained in both categories.
* Points won at an IBTA sanctioned Continental tournament will go towards computation of international ranking after being down-scaled by a factor of 0.50. As an example, if a player is awarded 100 points at a National tournament, 50 points will go towards the international ranking computation.

Conditions to be fulfilled for a National tournament to be sanctioned by IBTA

* The request must be made by the country representative at least one month in advance. Less than one month notice may be accepted by IBTA, but only at their discretion and under special circumstances.
* The country representative must inform IBTA where and when the tournament will be held, the name of the organiser and details of a contact person.
* Categories accepted: All classes recognised by IBTA.
* The tournament must be open to all Blind Tennis players in the country.
* **Sight classification:**
* Details of sight classification have to be sent to the Head of Medical Research and Development of IBTA. IBTA will not agree to sanction the tournament if the Head of Medical Research and Development does not approve the classification.
* IBTA will only accept classification if it is carried out by IPC/IBSA international classifiers or IBTA accredited national classifiers.
* The results of the tournament must be sent no later than one month after the tournament.
* Once the results are received, IBTA will communicate the points obtained for each player to the host country.

**VALIDITY OF THE POINS OBTAINED**

For all the tournaments (Internationals, Continentals and Nationals) we will use the following system to calculate the points obtained for a player on a roll-off basis:

- Current year: 100%

- Second year: 50%

- 3rd year: 25%

- 4th year: 10%

For example: If “player A” has got 1.000 points in 2017 and 500 points in 2018, now he has (1.000 x 50%) + 500 = 1.000 points.

If “player A” gets 1.000 points in 2019, he will have (1.000 x 0,25) + (500 x 0,50) + 1.000 = 1.500 points.

We consider a competition year to be the period of time between 2 international tournaments:

For example: The points obtained for the “player A” at the Spain Tournament on May 2017 will be counted at 100% between this date to the following day of ending the Ireland Tournament on April 2018.