



IBTA RANKING SYSTEM

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This document outlines the criteria for the tier-based ranking system that applies to sanctioned tournaments beginning in the 2026–2027 seasons. These criteria are based on the ranking points structure approved at the IBTA Extraordinary General Assembly on 12 March 2026. Event organisers have the choice to host one of the following five (5) tiers by contacting IBTA at events@internationalblindtennis.org.

TIER 1 - IBTA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND IBSA WORLD GAMES (“WORLDS”)

Qualification Criteria

For a blind tennis tournament to be categorized as an IBTA World Championships or be part of the IBSA World Games, it must meet the following criteria:

- **Participation:** Minimum of eight countries from at least 4 different continents and more than 60 players. Numbers less than this will be downgraded to International level.
- **Ranking Computation** The IBTA shall sanction no more than one World Championship per calendar year, with a preference for one major event every two years. World championships cannot be held in the same year as the IBSA World Games, which occur every four years.

Sanctioning Conditions

To obtain IBTA sanctioning for Tier 1 status, the host country must fulfill the following conditions:

- **Request Submission:** Requests and official bids to host must be made at least 9 months prior to the starting date of tournament.
- **Budget:** A planned budget, including classification costs, must be provided.
- **Accommodation:**



- Hotel bookings must be at least three stars.
 - General description and distance from the hotel to the competition venue must be submitted to IBTA.
- **Transfers:**
 - Arrangements for transfers from the airport to the hotel and vice versa.
 - Transfers between the hotel and competition venue.
- **Facilities:**
 - An indoor pavilion with a minimum of 6 tennis courts; pictures of the facilities to be submitted with the bids to IBTA in advance.
 - Classification venue and equipment per the IBTA's Classification and Room Requirements document.
- **Transportation:** Transfers for players, guides, classifiers, and officials between airport/hotel and venue.
- **Classifier and Officials Support:**
 - Air ticket expenses for classifiers and appointed officials to be covered by the host country, with itineraries approved before purchase.
 - Accommodation (at least 3 stars) and meals for classifiers and officials, with provisions for takeaway lunch if dining is not nearby.
 - Host country must cover costs such as entry visas, travel to/from departure ports, and short-term airport parking. A per diem of €25 per day will be provided to each classifier and a €50 per day to each umpire.
- **Classification Days:** Classification must occur over a minimum of two full days.
- **Volunteers:** Sufficient volunteers must be organized to assist at the airport, registration, classification, and during the competition.
- **Match Schedule:** A detailed tournament plan including a provisional schedule of matches must be sent to IBTA two weeks prior to the tournament.



- **Tournament Rules:** Rules must follow the IBTA Competition Formats and submitted to IBTA for approval before being released to participating countries.
- **Conflicts:** In case of multiple requests for tournaments in the same timeframe, the Executive Committee will decide which country to host a major event after the bids' evaluation.

Tier 1 Points System

The following diagram shows the Tier 1 points entitled for each round made if no playoffs for positions or round robin format was used:

Position		Worlds
		Tier 1
Main Draw	Winner	2000
	Runner-Up	1600
	SF	1200
	QF	600
	Last 16	400
	Last 32	200
	Last 64	120
	Last 128	80

The next diagram shows the Tier 1 points entitled for individual finishing positions if the draw was round robin and/or playoffs for positions were used.

Position		Worlds
		Tier 1
1		2000
2		1600
3		1300



4	1100
5	900
6	800
7	700
8	600
9	540
10	520
11	500
12	480
13	460
14	440
15	420
16	400

Example: A 16-person draw has 4 round robin groups of 4. The organisers choose the format that 2 players progress to quarterfinals, which then play semi finals and final and no other playoff matches are played.

Winner gets 2000pts

Runner up 1600pts

Both Semi Finalists' 1200pts as no 3rd/4th playoff was played. If it was played, then 3rd place gets 1300pts and 4th place 1100pts.

All Quarter Finalists 600pts as 5th to 8th wasn't played off. If it was played, then the points from Table 2 apply to finishing positions.

All 3rd place finishers in group stage finish 12th unless 9th to 12th was played off = 480pts

All 4th place finishers in group stage finish 16th unless 12th to 16th was played off = 400pts



TIER 2 - INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS (“IBTA1000”)

Qualification Criteria

For a tournament to be classified as an International tournament or IBTA1000, it must meet the following criteria:

- **Participation:** Minimum of five countries from at least 3 different continents and more than 40 players. Numbers less than this will be downgraded to continental level.
- **Ranking Computation:** The IBTA can sanction more than one international tournament per year but only the players’ best IBTA1000 result will go towards their ranking.

Sanctioning Conditions

To obtain IBTA sanctioning, the host country must fulfill the following conditions:

- **Request Submission:** Requests and official bids to host must be made at least 6 months prior to starting date of tournament.
- **Budget:** A planned budget, including classification costs, must be provided.
- **Accommodation:**
 - Hotel bookings must be at least three stars.
 - General description and distance from the hotel to the competition venue must be submitted to IBTA.
- **Transfers:**
 - Arrangements for transfers from the airport to the hotel and vice versa.
 - Transfers between the hotel and competition venue.
- **Facilities:**
 - An indoor pavilion with a minimum of 5 tennis courts; pictures to be submitted with the bids to IBTA in advance.



- Classification venue and equipment per the IBTA's Classification and Room Requirements document.
- **Transportation:** Transfers for players, guides, classifiers, and officials between airport/hotel and venue.
- **Classifier and Officials Support:**
 - Air ticket expenses for classifiers and appointed officials to be covered by the host country, with itineraries approved before purchase.
 - Accommodation (at least 3 stars) and meals for classifiers and officials, with provisions for takeaway lunch if dining is not nearby.
 - Host country must cover costs such as entry visas, travel to/from departure ports, and short-term airport parking. A per diem of €25 per day will be provided to each classifier and a €50 per day to each umpire.
- **Classification Days:** Classification must occur over a minimum of two full days.
- **Volunteers:** Sufficient volunteers must be organized to assist at the airport, registration, classification, and during the competition.
- **Match Schedule:** A detailed tournament plan including a provisional schedule of matches must be sent to IBTA two weeks prior to the tournament.
- **Tournament Rules:** Rules must follow the IBTA Competition Formats and submitted to IBTA for approval before being released to participating countries.
- **Conflicts:** In case of multiple requests for tournaments in the same timeframe, the Executive Committee will decide which country will host.

Tier 2 Points System

The following diagram shows the Tier 2 points entitled for each round made if no playoffs for positions or round robin format was used:



Position		International
		Tier 2
Main Draw	Winner	1000
	Runner-Up	800
	SF	550
	QF	300
	Last 16	200
	Last 32	100
	Last 64	60
	Last 128	40

The next diagram shows the Tier 2 points entitled for individual finishing positions if the draw was round robin and/or playoffs for positions were used.

International	
Position	Tier 2
1	1000
2	800
3	650
4	550
5	450
6	400
7	350
8	300
9	280
10	260



11	240
12	225
13	200
14	170
15	150
16	130

Example : A 16 person draw has 4 round robin groups of 4. The organisers choose the format that 2 player progress to quarter finals which then play semi finals and final and no other playoff matches are played.

Winner gets 1000pts

Runner up 800pts

Both semi finalists 550pts as no 3rd/4th playoff was played. If it was played, then 3rd place gets 650pts and 4th place 550pts.

All Quarter Finalists 300pts as 5th to 8th wasn't played off. If it was played, then the points from Table 2 apply to finishing positions.

All 3rd place finishers in group stage finish 12th unless 9th to 12th was played off = 225pts

All 4th place finishers in group stage finish 16th unless 12th to 16th was played off = 130pts

TIER 3 - CONTINENTAL TOURNAMENTS ("IBTA500")

Qualification Criteria

To qualify as a Continental Tournament or IBTA500, the following must be met:

- **Participation:** Minimum of 3 countries from the same continent and more than 20 players. Less than 20 will be downgraded. Only players from within the continent can participate in the tournament.

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- **Ranking Computation:** Only one Continental tournament per continent per year will be accepted for international ranking purposes.
- **Sanctioning:** Points from any Continental Tournament not sanctioned by IBTA will not count toward international rankings.

Sanctioning Conditions

To obtain IBTA sanctioning, host countries must fulfill the following:

- **Request Submission:** Requests and official bids must be made at least 5 months prior to the starting date of the tournament.
- **Budget:** A planned budget, including classification costs, should be submitted.
- **Accommodation:**
 - Hotel bookings must be at least three stars.
 - General description and distance from the hotel to the competition venue must be provided.
- **Transfers:**
 - Arrangements for transfers from the airport to the hotel and vice versa.
 - Transfers between the hotel and competition venue.
- **Facilities:**
 - An indoor pavilion with a minimum of 4 tennis courts; pictures to be submitted with the bids to IBTA in advance.
 - Classification venue and equipment per the IBTA's Classification and Room Requirements document.
- **Transportation:** Transfers for players, guides, classifiers, and officials between airport/hotel and venue.
- **Classifier and Officials Support:**



- Air ticket expenses for classifiers and appointed officials to be covered by the host country, with itineraries approved before purchase.
- Accommodation (at least three stars) and meals for classifiers, with provisions for lunch if dining is not nearby.
- Host country must cover costs such as entry visas, travel to/from departure ports, and short-term airport parking. A per diem of €25 per day will be provided to each classifier and a €50 per day to each umpire.
- **Classification Days:** Classification must occur over a minimum of one full day.
- **Volunteers:** Sufficient volunteers must be organized to assist at the airport, registration, classification, and during the competition.
- **Match Schedule:** A detailed schedule of matches must be sent to IBTA two weeks prior to the tournament.
- **Tournament Rules:** Rules must be submitted to IBTA for approval before being released to participating countries.
- **Conflicts:** In case of multiple requests for tournaments in the same timeframe, the Executive Committee will decide which country will host.

Tier 3 Points System

The following diagram shows the Tier 3 points entitled for each round made if no playoffs for positions or round robin format was used:

Position		Continental
		Tier 3
Main Draw	Winner	500
	Runner-Up	400
	SF	300
	QF	200

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	Last 16	100
	Last 32	50
	Last 64	25
	Last 128	12

The next diagram shows the Tier 3 points entitled for individual finishing positions if the draw was round robin and/or playoffs for positions were used.

	Continental
Position	Tier 3
1	500
2	400
3	350
4	300
5	275
6	250
7	225
8	200
9	175
10	150
11	125
12	100
13	90
14	80
15	70
16	60



Example : A 16 person draw has 4 round robin groups of 4. The organisers choose the format that 2 player progress to quarter finals which then play semi finals and final and no other playoff matches are played.

Winner gets 500pts

Runner up 400pts

Both semi finalists 300pts as no 3rd/4th playoff was played. If it was played, then 3rd place gets 350pts and 4th place 300pts.

All Quarter Finalists 200pts as 5th to 8th wasn't played off. If it was played, then the points from Table 2 apply to finishing positions.

All 3rd place finishers in group stage finish 12th unless 9th to 12th was played off = 100pts

All 4th place finishers in group stage finish 16th unless 12th to 16th was played off = 60pts

Tier 4 - National Tournaments ("IBTA200")

- IBTA will accept only one National tournament per nation per year for international ranking computation. A player can only receive one National points contribution towards their international ranking and they must be of that nation either by passport or by residence. International players may participate in more than one IBTA200 tournament per year for ranking purposes.
- Points awarded at a National tournament not sanctioned by IBTA will not be taken into account for international ranking computation.

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

- The request for a Tier 4 or IBTA200 points must be made by the host country at least 2 months in advance. Less than 2 month notice may be accepted by IBTA, but only under special circumstances.
- The host country 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.

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- The tournament must be open to all Blind Tennis players in the country as well as international players.

Sight classification:

- Player not holding a valid and in date classification must be evaluated by a certified IBTA, IBSA or IPC International Classifier at their national classification event or send their Medical Diagnostic Forms (MDFs) to mdf@internationalblindtennis.org for review by the IBTA Head of Medical. MDFs must be signed and stamped.
- Onsite classification is not required but the Medical Diagnostic Form must have been completed and a provisional international class given using these results. This provisional class is valid for the tournaments at National Level and Regional level.
- The results of the tournament must be sent no later than one month after the tournament.
- Once the results are received, the IBTA Head of Technical will communicate the international points obtained for each player to the host country

The following diagram shows the Tier 4 points entitled for each round and position:

Position		National
Main Draw	Winner	200
	Runner-Up	160
	SF	120
	QF	80
	Last 16	40
	Last 32	20
	Last 64	
	Last 128	



Position	National
1	200
2	160
3	140
4	120
5	110
6	100
7	90
8	80
9	70
10	60
11	50
12	45
13	35
14	30
15	25
16	20

TIER 5 - REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS (“IBTA100”)

- IBTA will accept only one Tier 5 regional tournament or IBTA100 per player per year for international ranking computation and the nation may have up to 3 regional tournaments to be considered. A player can only receive one Regional points contribution towards their ranking and they must be of that nation either by passport or by residence. International players may participate in more than one IBTA100 tournament per year for ranking purposes.
- Points awarded at a Regional tournament not sanctioned by IBTA will not be taken into account for international ranking computation.

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Conditions to be fulfilled for a Regional tournament to be sanctioned by IBTA:

- A calendar of up to 3 regional events must be made by the host country at least one month in advance of the 1st regional being held. Less than one month notice may be accepted by IBTA, but only under special circumstances.
- The host country 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 as well as international players

Sight classification:

- Player not holding a valid and in date classification must be evaluated by a certified IBTA, IBSA or IPC International Classifier at their national classification event or send their Medical Diagnostic Forms (MDFs) to mdf@internationalblindtennis.org for review by the IBTA Head of Medical. MDFs must be signed and stamped.
- On site classification is not required but the Medical Diagnostic Form must have been completed and a provisional class given using these results. This provisional class is valid for the tournaments at National Level and Regional level.
- 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 via the IBTA Head of Technical.



The following diagram shows the Tier 5 points entitled for each round and position:

Position		Regional
Main Draw	Winner	100
	Runner-Up	80
	SF	55
	QF	30
	Last 16	20
	Last 32	
	Last 64	
	Last 128	

Position	Regional
1	100
2	80
3	65
4	55
5	45
6	40
7	35
8	30
9	27
10	25
11	23
12	22
13	19
14	18
15	17
16	16