

Irish Senior Men: Ranking System

The Irish rankings are based on finishing positions achieved by players at the nominated Irish Tour events, and will be used as the basis for Irish team selection. This page explains how the rankings are calculated and the rules that are applied and used as the basis for selection.

Qualifying Events

Ranking points for the 2011/2012 season will be awarded at the following events:

Level 1 Events:

- Irish Nationals

Level 2 Events:

- Connaught Open
- Leinster Open
- Munster Open
- Ulster Open
- Carlow Open
- Mount Pleasant Open
- West of Ireland Open

Scoring

The number of ranking points available will be dependent on the level of the event being played:

Level 1 Event

Posn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pts	1000	900	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150

Posn	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Pts	100	95	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	32	30	25

Level 2 Event

Posn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pts	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	90	80

Posn	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pts	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	5

Ranking points will only be awarded to players who qualify to play for Ireland, under Irish Squash governing body rules. For example, if a non-Irish player were to compete in an Open event and finish 3rd, the points for 3rd place would be awarded to the Irish player finishing in 4th position.

Player Types

Each player will be categorised by a player type, which will be determined at the start of each season, set as 1st September. The different player types and multipliers for the 2011/2012 season are:

Player Type	Description
Top 60 Professional	A player ranked within the top 60 in the published PSA world rankings on 1 st September
Top 200 Professional	A player ranked within the top 200 in the published PSA world rankings on 1 st September
Overseas Player	A player where their primary place of residence is outside of Ireland and United Kingdom, who does not fall in to the Top 60 Professional or Top 200 Professional player types
Home Player	A player where their primary place of residence is in Ireland or United Kingdom

Note, the definition of a Home Player for 2011/2012 will include players where their primary place of residence is in United Kingdom.

The player type will determine how many events played in the last 12 months will be used to calculate the ranking:

Player Type	% of Total Events
Top 60 Professional	10%
Top 200 Professional	40%
Overseas Player	40%
Home Player	60%

For example, if there are 8 events in the last 12 months at the time the rankings are calculated, for a Home Player with a percentage of 60%, the points achieved at their top 5 scoring events will be aggregated to calculate their ranking.

To ensure all players, regardless of type, can achieve maximum points, a weighting is calculated for each player type based on the % of total events they must play. The Home Player scoring calculation is used as the baseline to calculate the multipliers for all player types.

Based on 8 tournaments played over the last 12 months at the time the rankings are calculated:

- For a Home Player with a percentage of 60%, the number of qualifying events for ranking calculation is $8 \times 60\% = 5$ events (rounded to nearest number)
- The maximum points a Home Player can achieve in 5 events is:
 - Winner of Level 1 event = 1000
 - Winner at 4 Level 2 events = $4 \times 750 = 3000$
 - Total points that can be achieved is 4000
 - Home Player is used as the baseline for other player types, therefore multiplier is 1
- The maximum points a Top 60 Professional player can achieve in 1 event is:
 - Winner of Level 1 event = 1000
 - Total points that can be achieved is 1000

- Multiplier is calculated as Home Player total points achievable divided by Top 60 Professional player points achievable = $4000/1000 = 4$

Multipliers for all players based on the 8 tournaments to be played over 12 months are calculated as:

Player Type	%	Qualifying Events	Maximum Points	Multiplier
Top 60 Professional	10%	1	1000 (1 st Level 1 event)	4.0
Top 200 Professional	40%	3	2500 (1 st Level 1 event, 2 x 1 st Level 2 event)	1.6
Overseas Player	40%	3	2500 (1 st Level 1 event, 2 x 1 st Level 2 event)	1.6
Home Player	60%	5	4000 (1 st Level 1 event, 4 x 1 st Level 2 event)	1.0

The number of qualifying events and multiplier for each player type will be determined and published at the start of the season before the first event.

A list of all players who have competed in tournaments in recent years and their player types for the 2011/2012 season can be found on the Irish Squash web site.

If a player enters a tournament and has not played in a ranking event before, they will be assigned a player type and corresponding multiplier. It is expected that all players will strive to play the minimum number of qualifying tournaments that applies to their player type to achieve a proper ranking.

Ranking Calculation

Rankings will be published at the start of the season, and then subsequently calculated after each event and published 1 week afterwards. They will be calculated as follows:

- The number of qualifying events played within the 12 months will be determined
- The multiplier will be determined for each player dependent on their player type
- The highest points achieved at the number of qualifying events for the player will be aggregated
- The total for the player will be multiplied by their multiplier

Note: A Top 60 Professional player will be automatically placed at the top of the Irish rankings. Where there is more than one Top 60 Professional, their position will be determined by their PSA ranking at the time the rankings are calculated

Event Seeding

Seeding for events will be based on the last published rankings. Exceptions may be made for non-Irish players and players considered by the tournament referee/organiser and selection committee to be ranked below their merit position e.g. returning from sickness or injury or new players with no ranking. There will be a limited number of wildcards per draw, and they will only be used if deemed necessary and appropriate.

Tournament Withdrawals

If a player withdraws during an event they will receive no points unless a valid medical certificate is received by Irish Squash within 1 week of the event concluding. Any player that withdraws after the draw for an event is published may be subject to disciplinary action by Irish Squash.

Irish Senior Men: Team Selection Policy

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the Irish Senior team for European and World Championships will be based on the last published rankings prior to the selection date. The selection date will be determined by the selection committee but will be dependent on the date required for team nominations provided by the European or World Squash Federation. The date of the rankings used for selection and the actual team selection date will be published on the Irish Squash web site as soon as it is known. It is the responsibility of individual players to find out what the selection dates are and understand how this will affect their eligibility and impact their ranking at the time of selection.

The rankings will be used to select the members of the team, with the exception of two optional wildcards which can be chosen at the discretion of the selection committee. A wildcard selection will be based on, but will not be constrained to:

- Current form & recent results
- Commitment
- Attendance at squad sessions
- Consideration and opinion of the selectors

It is in each player's best interest to forward any additional relevant results from head to heads, closed events or PSA tournaments to the selection committee.

The team to travel will be selected using these criteria, but the team order and player selection for each match at the European/World Championships will be decided by the coach.

Selection Committee:

The Irish Senior Men's Selection Committee for 2011/2012 is:

- Roland Budd
- Hadrian Stiff
- Paul Bell
- David Ayerst

Approximate dates:

The dates for major tournaments are as follows. More information will follow when definitive selection dates are available

- European Championships: May 2012

Depending on the dates when a major tournament is being held, the selection committee reserves the right to set additional criteria and/or run playoff matches to confirm form e.g. following the end of season summer break where no events have been played and there is a need to select and nominate a team before or soon after the season commences.