**Irish Men’s Team Selection Policy 2018 - 2019**

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 2016/2017 season will be awarded at the following events:

Level 1 Event:

* Irish Nationals T 7 Feb 8th - 10th

Level 2 Events:

* Curragh Open T1 Sept 21st - 23rd
* Munster Open T2 Oct 5th - 7th
* Connacht Open T3 Nov 16th - 18th
* Ulster Open T4 Dec 30th - 2nd
* Leinster Open T5 Dec 14th - 16th
* Mount Pleasant Open T6 Jan 25th - 27th
* Ballyearl Senior Open T8 Mar 29th - 31st
* West of Ireland Open T9 Apr 15th - 17th
* Irish Open PSA April 23rd - 27th

**Scoring**

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

**Level 1 Event**

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| **Posn** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| **Pts** | 1000 | 950 | 900 | 850 | 800 | 750 | 725 | 700 | 675 | 650 | 625 | 600 | 575 | 575 | 525 | 525 |

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| **Posn** | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| **Pts** | 475 | 475 | 425 | 425 | 375 | 350 | 325 | 300 | 275 | 250 | 225 | 200 | 175 | 150 | 125 | 100 |

**Level 2 Event**

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| **Posn** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| **Pts** | 750 | 725 | 700 | 675 | 650 | 625 | 600 | 575 | 550 | 525 | 500 | 475 | 450 | 450 | 400 | 400 |

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| **Posn** | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| **Pts** | 350 | 350 | 300 | 300 | 250 | 225 | 200 | 175 | 150 | 125 | 100 | 85 | 70 | 55 | 40 | 25 |

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 2018/2019 season are:

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| **Player Type** | **Description** |
| Top 60 Professional | A player ranked within the top 60 in the published PSA world rankings on 1st September |
| Top 200 Professional | A player ranked within the top 200 in the published PSA world rankings on 1st 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 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:

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

This year, there will have been 9 events played over 12 months at the time the final 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 9 tournaments run by the end of the season, the rankings are calculated over the 12-month period as follows:

* For a Home Player with a percentage of 60%, the number of qualifying events for ranking calculation is 8 x 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 x 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 9 tournaments to be played over 12 months are calculated as:

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| **Player Type** | **TotalTournaments** | **Grade 1** | **Grade 2Tournaments** | **Max Points(Unweighted)** | **Multiplier** |
| **Code** | **Description** | **Tournaments** |
| MT | Top 60 Professional | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1000 | 4.0000 |
| MP | Top 200 Professional | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2500 | 1.6000 |
| MO | Overseas Player | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3250 | 1.2308 |
| MH | Home Player | 5 | 1 | 4 | 4000 | 1.0000 |

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 2018/2019 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.

**Irish Nationals**

**The Irish Senior Nationals are mandatory in order to be considered for team selection.**

**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 the12 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. Under certain circumstances there will be an option for 2 wildcards selections during the tour events which will submit by the tournament director and approved by Irish Squash.

**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**

**Policy Statement**

It is the policy of Irish Squash that for national team selection, our aim is to field the strongest possible team at all levels. The selection committee (see below), having been approved by the board of Irish Squash, is responsible for national team selection. Teams are selected in accordance with published selection policies.

It is our policy that for senior competitions, where a junior is selected on the team, those involved in the selection process shall be the senior selectors (as usual) in consultations with the Junior Administrator and the Child Protection Officer.

It is agreed that if the majority of our top players are available, then our policy is to field a team in the appropriate competition.

**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:

         Ranking, Current form, Commitment & recent results

         Attendance at squads (fitness tests will be conducted at the squads prior to both Europeans & Worlds – both are compulsory for final selection)

         Consideration in this category will be given to the required profile, and the overall expected performance and prospects of the Irish Team which includes the age and experience of the players to be selected.

       The format of the event, the size of the team and the number of matches to be played.

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. This is particularly relevant for overseas players.

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 2018/2019 is:

* Hadrian Stiff
* John Hurley
* Dara O’Flynn

**Approximate dates:**

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

**European Team Championships: May 1st – 4th Birmingham, UK**

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.

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World Team Championships: Nov 27th – 3rd Dec Marseille, France

European Team Championships: May 2nd – 5th May TBC

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