Irish Men's Team Selection Policy 2022-23

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 2022/2023 season will be awarded at the following events:

Level 1 Event:

- Irish Senior Nationals (Tour 7 - February 2023) (PSA event)

Level 2 Events:

- Curragh Senior Open (Tour 1 – September 2022) (PSA event)
- Munster Senior Open (Tour 2 – October 2022)
- Connacht Senior Open (Tour 3 – November 2022)
- Ulster Senior Open (Tour 4 – November 2022)
- Leinster Senior Open (Tour 5 - December 2022)
- Mount Pleasant Open (Tour 6 - January 2023) (PSA event)
- Limerick Senior Open (Tour 8 - March 2023) (PSA event)
- (Tour 9 - April 2023) (cancelled)
- West of Ireland Championship (Tour 10 – May 2023) (PSA event)

Please note that the Belfast Open run in March 2022 will fall within the last calendar year at time of selection and therefore the results will be included in the rankings.

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	950	900	850	800	750	725	700	675	650	625	600	575	575	525	525

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

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	425	400	375

Posn	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Pts	350	325	300	275	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 2022/2023 season are:

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:

A player must be aged 14 years or older on the first day of the tournament.

Player Type	% of Total Events
Top 60 Professional	10%
Top 200 Professional	35%
Overseas Player	35%
Home Player	45%

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 45%, the points achieved at their top 4 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.

For the 2022-23 season there will be 9 tournaments before the selection date. 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 45%, the number of qualifying events for ranking calculation is 9 x 45% = 4 events (rounded to nearest number)
- The maximum points a Home Player can achieve in 4 events is:
    - Winner of Level 1 event = 1000
    - Winner at 3 Level 2 events = 3 x 750 = 2250
    - Total points that can be achieved is 3250
    - 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 = 3250/1000 = 3.25

Multipliers for all players based on the 9 tournaments to be played over 12 months are calculated as:

Player Type		Total Tournaments	Grade 1	Grade 2 Tournaments	Max Points (Unweighted)	Multiplier
Code	Description		Tournaments			
MT	Top 60 Professional	1	1	0	1000	3.2500
MP	Top 200 Professional	3	1	2	2500	1.3000
MO	Overseas Player	3	1	2	2500	1.3000
MH	Home Player	4	1	3	3250	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.

Whatever player type category a player is on 1/9/2022, shall determine their player type for the full season.

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.

Mandatory Events

For Home Players -The Irish Senior Nationals and 3 out of the four provincial opens are mandatory in order to be considered for team selection.

For Top 200 professional and overseas - The Irish Senior Nationals and 2 out of the four provincial opens are mandatory in order to be considered for team selection

For Top 60 professional – the Irish Senior National is 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 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. Under certain circumstances there will be an option for 2 wildcards selections during the tour events which will be submitted by the tournament director for approval by Irish Squash.

Note: When an event is a PSA event, then the PSA seeding rules apply. This means that the PSA players get seeded at the top based on their current PSA ranking.

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.

If a number of players have the same ranking points at selection time, then the following will apply

- Head-to-head matches will be taken into account for the season in question (from the Tour event No. 1 to the selection date). Whichever player has won the most head to heads. If the number of head to heads is even, then whichever player won the last head-to-head match.

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 2022/2023 is:

- Eoin Ryan
- Angus Kirkland
- AN Other – TBC

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

- European Senior Team Championships Division 2: 26th to 29th April 2023, Venue Helsinki, Finland: selection will be after the Limerick Senior Open, Tour 8, March 2023, TBC).
- WSF Men's World Team Championships - TBC

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.

Please note: Sporty HQ is the new platform introduced by Irish Squash. In next season 2023 - 2024, a player's Sporty HQ rating may be used for seeding players in Tour Tournaments. See Irish squash Rating and Ranking Policy for explanation of terminology etc. Tour points will still be used in team selection.

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