



ALL INDIA PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

Sports For Life

PICKLEBALL RANKING SYSTEM

What is a Ranking System:

A **ranking system** is a system that analyses the results of a particular sport competition to provide ranking for each team or player. As per the traditional ranking, the points are arrived based on win-loss-tie ratios. The points thus devised are awarded to the team/players and accordingly they are assigned rank so that the highest rated team/player earns the #1 rank and so on.

Why is it necessary for Ranking in Indian Pickleball:

The Pickleball in India was started in 2007. Over the years, Pickleball has spread across India with almost 16 States playing this game. Though the numbers of players have not increased exponentially but still we have around 4000-5000 players playing this game throughout India. Many of them prefer to play and be satisfied themselves as it helps them in their mental and physical wellbeing. Only some numbers of players take this game in a competitive spirit and try to participate in various tournaments which are held in different locations. Being competitive is the very nature of human beings and in these cases, the players. The desire to achieve a higher ranking can be perceived as a driving force for the players to excel in their field.

At the same time, Ranking helps the governing body to select players for International, National competitions/assignments. It also helps the organizing team to organize the draws accordingly in Tournaments so as to ensure the top teams/players do not face each other in the league stages or knockout stages. This creates a level playing field for all the ranked players. Various incentives and awards are also linked to these Rankings.

As this game has the potential to exponentially rise in India in the future, it become imperative for the Governing body to devise various policies which can provide roadmap for day-to-day operations, helps in decision making and streamline internal processes. Ranking policy is also one of the important elements as far as the players are concerned.

With this motive, AIPA-APFI-PFI have devised its own Ranking system which will be made effective from the 2nd RYP All India Ranking Tournament held on 4th – 5th December, 2021 at Dombivli, Thane.

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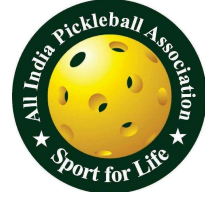
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I. Applicability:

This Ranking will be applicable to only those players of India who are affiliated to their respective District/State Bodies who in turn are affiliated to AIPA-APFI-PFI. Any players playing in non-sanctioned tournaments will not be eligible to be ranked by AIPA-APFI-PFI, neither will they be eligible for any benefits derived from these rankings.

II. Authority for categorization:

The Central Tournament & Technical Committee will be the authorized body to categorize the tournament into a particular tier after studying the proposal from the organizers and ensuring that they have adhered to all the criteria/conditions as required.

All categorization of tournaments will be done centrally by these committees of AIPA-APFI-PFI. The organizers need to approach the State bodies which in turn will seek sanction from the central body.

Note: *This above process of seeking sanction may be followed only by those organizers who want the players playing in their tournament to be given ranking points. In case they do not want ranking points then they are not required to seek sanction as above. However, the normal sanction for conduct of tournaments as per the State rules has to be adhered to.*

III. Date of implementation :

This Ranking system shall be made effective from 1st December, 2021.

IV. Period of Implementation:

This will be effective for a period of 2 years. At the end of two years, if a new policy is not formulated, in that case this policy will continue till the time a new policy is made in future.

V. TIERS :

All tournaments under the aegis of AIPA-APFI-PFI shall be divided into three tiers. The order of superiority being as under:

- Tier 3 being the **top level**
- Tier 2 being the **middle level**
- Tier 1 being the **lowest level**

VI. Tier 3 Tournaments :

Tier 3 shall consist of all International tournaments, the Annual Ranking tournament and National tournaments*(details as given below in para VIII). Any other tournament to be categorized as Tier-3 will be at the discretion of the Tournament/Technical committee. No other tournaments can be categorized as Tier 3.



VII. Tier 2 Tournaments:

Tier-2 shall consist of State level tournaments, Nationals* (details as given below in para VIII) and Private tournaments sanctioned by the governing body.

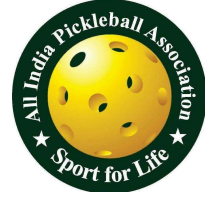
Some of the criteria that the organizing team of Private tournament should fulfill are as under:

- There are a minimum of 6 events in that tournament.
- A minimum of 100 players must be participating.
- Atleast Players from 4 other cities should participate.
- Minimum 2 Courts.
- Changing Rooms and Washrooms to be provided.
- Water and other basic amenities to be provided
- Medals to winners.
- Cash awards to winners.
- Certificates to all participants.

Note: Any private tournament organizers will have to apply for sanction from the Central body through their State. The Tournament/Technical Committee will grant sanction (categorization) and give **provisional approval**. The final approval will be granted after the end of tournament and the observer appointed by the Central body gives a report stating that all criteria as applicable for Tier-2 tournament have been adhered to.

Any Tournament which does not satisfy the above given criteria shall be deemed as a Tier 1 tournament as directed by the Tournament/Technical committee.

VIII. National Tournament: As per the procedure, some limited numbers of top players from each State are selected to represent their State in the Nationals. It might so happen that some players of some State may be more skilled in comparison to other State players who have just started playing. This would lead to disparity when we give a Tier-3 ranking points to less skilled players of a particular State just because they have been selected to represent their State. But considering the importance of the National tournament, it has been decided to maintain some balance in the ranking points awarded to the players participating in these Nationals. Hence, it has been decided that the top 8 players or the players qualifying for the quarters in each category in the National Tournament will be awarded ranking points as applicable to **Tier-3**. All other players will be awarded ranking points as per **Tier-2**.



IX. POINT SYSTEM :

The table below indicates the points for the teams participating in various level of tournaments

Position	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
Winner	2000	1250	500
Runner-up	1750	1100	400
Third Place	1500	950	300
Fourth Place	1250	800	250
Quarter Finalists	1000	650	200
Pre Quarter Finalists	750	500	150
Round of 32	500	300	100
Finishing 3 rd in their group	200	150	75
Finishing 4 th in their group	100	75	50
Finishing 5 th in their group	50	25	20
Finishing 6 th in their group	20	12	10

For Doubles Team :

In case of doubles, the points shall be divided among the players pairing together.

X. RANKING :

The 3 best performances by any player shall be considered for the ranking of the player, along with the points of the Ranking Tournament.

The points of the Ranking tournament shall be mandatory. So, it will be the Ranking tournament + 3 best performances of the player.

The total points scored over these 4 tournaments shall give the final score of the player.

The ranking will be rolling for a period of 12 months. So, at a given point of time, only tournaments played in the past 12 months (and not more than 13 months) shall be considered.

Special Mention: -

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