

Overview

The intended purpose of the 2023 Points & National Rankings System is to incentivise the roundnet community to grow larger tournaments that attract Australia's best players. The intended purpose of the point multipliers is to reward performance in larger and more difficult tournaments. The intention behind awarding greater value to 'State Championship' and 'National Championship' events is to create a sense of prestige around these particular tournaments and to recognise the difficulty of enforcing formal rules such as the 7ft serving line and NHZ in beach tournaments and some indoor environments.

1.0 Tournament Points

- 1.1 Points are only available to members of the Australian Roundnet Association. Points are usually allocated within the week following a tournament. A player has up to four weeks to obtain membership after competing in a tournament so that their points can be validated, however they will need to request that their points be validated in writing so that this request can be processed. After four weeks points can only be validated at the discretion of the Points and National Rankings Committee.
- 1 An individual's points for a tournament are based on the final placing of their team within the tournament as well as the type of tournament, the size of the tournament and the strength of the field (Power Boost).
- 1.2.1 Example 1: A member of the winning team at the National Championship with 33 teams and all of the top 24 players would be awarded 1280 points (500 Tournament Points x 1.6 Points Multiplier based on Tournament Size x 1.6 Power Boost).
- 1.2.2 Example 2: A team that places 5th in an Official Roundnet Tournament with 12 teams where the top 10 players were playing would be awarded 183 points (132 Tournament Points x 1.39 Power Boost).
- 1.3 Tournament Directors (TD) are responsible for submitting results to the Australian Roundnet Association (ARA). Dispute resolution is to be worked through with the TD and ARA. Final say is with the Points and National Rankings Committee of the ARA.

2.0 2023 Series

- 2.1 In 2023, each State and Territory can host up to three events (2 x Roundnet Tournament, 1 x Roundnet State Championship) that award points to players/teams National Rankings. One State will host the National Championships in addition to their three events.
- 2.2 A 'point scoring event' must be designated when the event is announced with approval from the Points & National Rankings Committee of the Australian Roundnet Association.
- 2.3 For points to count towards seeding of the National Championships, events must be completed at least six days in advance to the National Championship.
- 2.4 Within each state, one Roundnet Tournament is encouraged to be played on sand, and the other is encouraged to be played on an indoor surface. The State and National Championships are to be played on grass with all line markings drawn.
- 2.5 If an Independent Tournament Director would like an Independent Roundnet Tournament to be a point scoring opportunity, then it will need to be recognised by the Points & National Rankings Committee at least two weeks in advance of the tournament date. A submission to the committee will be required in writing four weeks in advance of the tournament date to allow for the committee to process the application and respond to the applicant.

3.0 National Rankings

- 3.1 An individual's ranking is based on the top four scores achieved by that player (in any team) with at least one tournament being an Australian-based tournament.
- 3.2 Points awarded in the 2023 series will contribute towards an individual's National Rankings on a depreciating basis.
- 3.3 Depreciating Points: After 52 weeks, points lose half their value. After 104 weeks points have no value.
- 3.4 To remain in the Australian National Rankings a player/team must maintain one eligible score from an Australian-based tournament.
- 3.5 Final decision making regarding points towards National Rankings will be with the Points & National Rankings Committee of the Australian Roundnet Association.

4.0 International Tournaments

- 4.1 An International Tournament is not simply a tournament that is hosted by a nation other than Australia it is a tournament that attracts players from different countries to compete either for their country, as in the Roundnet World Championship or as an individual as in the European Championship.
- 4.2 If an individual would like their performance in an International Tournament to be recognised then that individual will need to submit an application to the Points & National Rankings Committee within four weeks of the completion of the tournament. Due to the difficulty of awarding points for international tournaments, the committee's considerations will include (but are not limited to): The strength of other players present, the size of the tournament and an individual's placing within the tournament.

5.0 Strength of the Field Points Boost (Power Boost)

- 5.1 The Strength of the Field Points Boost (Power Boost) is a new addition to the 2023 Points and National Rankings System. 7 days prior to a tournament the top 24 players on the National Rankings are selected as candidates for the Power Boost multiplier. If those players attend a tournament they contribute their respective position's contribution percentage to the Power Boost.
- 5.2 Examples: If all of the top 24 players attend a tournament then the maximum Power Boost available to all players in the tournament will be approximately x1.6 (60% extra). If only the top four players are in attendance the Power Boost multiplier will be x1.18 (almost 20% extra).
- 5.3 The Power Boost multiplier is available for all athletes who compete even if they contributed to the available Power Boost multiplier.
- 5.4 Where players are tied in points they will each contribute the average of their respective contribution percentages.

6.0 Notes

- 6.1 Points are rounded to the nearest whole number for simplicity which can have a impact on scores and cumulative rankings. This is deemed to have a minor impact and is considered a tolerable inconvenience for the 2023 season

7.0 2024 Season

- 7.1 The 2023 Points and National Rankings system will be reviewed prior to the 2024 season. Some items are already flagged for review such as:
- The points available per tournament
 - The value of the multiplier for tournament size
 - The value of the multiplier for the Strength of the Field Points Boost (Power Boost)
 - The amount of athletes who contribute to the Power Boost
 - The contribution percentage allocated to each athlete
 - A women's only Power Boost
 - The amount of tournaments available to an athlete that contribute to their National Rankings (capped at 4 for 2023 where one is the National Championship)
 - Awarding points for places 25-64