



HKTA Ranking System Men's & Ladies' Singles

How It Works (2005 amendments in bold type)

All HKTA registered players participating in sanctioned tournaments have a Ranking, from Rank 1 (the highest) to Rank 4 (the lowest).

The top Rank for men contains 30 players, ranked in order from A1 to A30. The top Rank for ladies, contains 10 players, ranked in order from A1 to A10. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Ranks are subdivided into six sub-Ranks each, i.e. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, followed by 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and then 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6.

Promotion or demotion through the rankings is calculated at the end of each year and it depends upon:

- 1) The Player's Three Best Wins
- 2) The Player's Win/Loss Record
- 3) Bonus for Supplementary Wins
- 4) Winning Competitions
- 5) Not losing to a Lower Ranked Player

1) The Player's Three Best Wins (during the year)

Value of win:

Against a player 3 or more steps higher	= 70 points
Against a player 1 or 2 steps higher	= 60 points
Against a player at the same level	= 50 points
Against an unregistered player	= 50 points
Against a player 1 or 2 steps lower	= 40 points
Against a player 3 or more steps lower	= 30 points
A loss against an equal/higher ranked player	= 10 points
A loss against an unregistered player	= 10 points
A loss against a lower ranked player	= 5 points



2) Win/Loss Record (Minimum of 3 matches played)

An equal number of wins and losses (Wins - Losses)	= 50 points
At least 5 more wins than losses	= 100 points
4 more wins than losses	= 90 points
3 more wins than losses	= 80 points
2 more wins than losses	= 70 points
1 more win than loss	= 60 points
Number of wins equal number of losses	= 50 points
1 more loss than win	= 40 points
2 more losses than wins	= 30 points
3 more losses than wins	= 20 points
4 more losses than wins	= 10 points
At least 5 more losses than wins	= 0 points

3) Bonus for Supplementary Wins

A player with a win/loss record greater than 5 will be credited with 15 points for each additional win (up to a maximum of three wins).

4) Winning a Competition

A player winning a competition receives an extra 100 points.

5) Not Losing to a Lower Ranked Player (Minimum of 3 matches played)

For not losing to a lower ranked player, there is a bonus of 30 points.



Other Guidelines:

- i) The exact numerical ranking of players in the 1st Rank will be decided by a sub-committee of the Tournament committee known as the Ranking Committee. These rankings will be determined not only by the results of matches played in Hong Kong competitions, but also in competitions played abroad.
- ii) Players who are new to the HKTA Ranking scheme will be given a grading of 4.6, unless there is some evidence that a higher starting rank should be given.
- iii) Wins by walkover are counted as wins against an equally ranked opponent, and receive 50 points, so that no undue advantage or disadvantage is given.
- iv) Conceding a defeat by walkover is counted as a defeat against a lower ranked player. The loser receives 5 points.
- v) Players can only be downgraded by one step at the end of a season, but may be upgraded by more than one step if the Ranking Committee finds justification for doing so. The Ranking Committee may also, during a season, decide to promote players whose performances in a tournament clearly justify a superior ranking.
- vi) A player playing no competitions **during a 2 year period** is downgraded by one step.
- vii) A player playing no competitions in a **3-year** period is removed from the Ranking List and re-enters three steps below the original step.
- viii) A player ranked 2.1 can only enter the 1st Rank and displace a 1st-ranked player if results against 1st-ranked players justify the promotion.
- ix) The exact number of points needed to be promoted or demoted from each Rank or sub-Rank, will be determined by the Ranking Committee each year, so that promotions and demotions are done fairly and objectively. Movement, up and down, will also need to take into account the need to maintain a coherent structure to the overall Ranking System, with a specific number of players at each sub-rank. A breakeven total for any player would seem to be about 200 points (i.e. the three best wins being against players of the same rank, and a 50/50 win/loss record). However, the Ranking Committee reserves the right to implement the new system in what it sees as the fairest manner and to modify the criteria for promotion and demotion in subsequent years.