

VPCI Player Ranking Scheme 2018 Update

Introduction

The VPCI Player Ranking scheme has been going since early 2015. It was designed simply to show how some of the better petanque Players in Victoria are performing against each other. There was no intention from the start (and there still is no intention now) that these Rankings would form the basis of selecting representative Teams. Ranking is done for both Men and for Women separately. Players not from Victoria are omitted from this current Ranking scheme, but could be included at a later stage on a State-by-State basis if requested.

Changes

We have made a number of changes over the last 3 years to address issues that players raised – after all it's your scheme, so why not? In April 2017, the VPCI Committee made some major changes at the suggestion of Luc Berhard. Most of these are broadly retained in this latest change but we have decided to more significantly award player who play 10 or more games in a 12 month period. Most of the other changes made by Luc are retained apart from reverting to the manner in which the base scores are used to allow the less talented players to still be differentiated.

Ranking Scores

The Ranking scheme now works as follows. For each Tournament on the Victorian Calendar (and for other Tournaments where Victorian Players attend in significant numbers and where we have the overall results) there is a base score awarded for each Player (in a Team) who comes 1st. For Players who come 2nd, 3rd, etc., the score is adjusted down according to the original weighting formula of 3 times the base score, B, divided by their final rank position in a tournament, R, plus 2, or Tournament Ranking Score = $3*B/(R+2)$. Base scores are unaltered, depending on the significance of the Tournament as follows:

Base Scores

The base scores are as follows:

Social/Regional Tournaments	500
Club Hosted Tournaments	1000
State Championships	1500
PFA/Nat/Int. Tournaments	2000

Note: During 2018 these base scores were scaled up by a factor of 10. This allows final player Ranking Scores to be provided as whole numbers.

Timing and Seasons

The original Victorian Player Ranking scheme commenced in late January 2015 (where we have full results). This amended scheme will be used from the start of May 2018, and will simply be phased in as the Tournament scores are submitted.

This modified Ranking scheme will still be used to award the best Players in the state, but as we have now accepted a playing season from early August to early May (precise dates will be determined by the first and last major Tournament in the season) VPCI will now award a Best Male Player Award and a Best Female Player Award based on ranking results up to 1 May in each year. The actual date of the award will be announced by VPCI each year around late May-early June.

VPCI also wish to make it quite clear that Tournaments that fall in the 'Winter' season will still be awarded Ranking scores so long as they conform to the other criteria. There is no intention of removing Ranking scores for these Tournaments.

Overall Player Ranking Score

After each Tournament for which full results are provided (and it is up to the Tournament Organiser/Scorer to provide these results through the www.mypetanque.com website, or by some other electronic means) a Player's overall Ranking score is determined by the sum of the 10 best scores of all the Tournaments in which they have participated in the previous 12 months total score, divided by 10. After 12 months, an event score will be automatically removed from the list of scores retained to determine this 'average'.

Non-Ranked Events

It was also decided not to award graded Ranking points at all for certain events such as Promotional events, Melee events and events like the State Super 4. These will not attract graded Ranking scores; the idea here is that only events that are able to be attended by all Players will be awarded meaningful Ranking points. We aim eventually to allow the Player Rankings to be viewed by Gender (as at present) and also by Age (to differentiate between Open and 60+).

Mixed Teams

For the moment, there is no intention of making any changes to the Ranking scores awarded in Mixed Tournaments; the Male and Female Players in Mixed events will be treated the same as the Players in Open and Single Gender events.

Seeding

We have started to use the Player Ranking scheme to seed Teams for the 1st round of a Swiss System draw. We have no thoughts at the present time to alter this, and generally we will use the sum of the Player Rankings of all the Players in a Team to come up with a Team seed value, and use this for about 30% to 50% of the number of Teams involved.

Peter Wells, June 2018