

RANKING COMMITTEE

REPORT TO THE 2010 CONGRESS in Ostrava

1. European Rankings

During the past year, the European senior rankings were published as usual as an extract of the World Rankings. After the modifications confirmed by the ETTU Executive Board in September 2009 in Stuttgart, the European Junior Rankings have been following the same procedure.

Due to the problems ITTF encountered in their conversion of the World Rankings, the monthly publication was interrupted after the January World rankings. The February and March rankings were delayed to April, the April rankings only appeared at the end of April. Also, the ITTF new bonus points system did not work properly. After a meeting of ranking experts at the World Team Championships in Moscow, ITTF decided to reduce the overall bonus points table and reduced or removed bonus points for U21, U18 and U15 events.

Some European tournaments were affected by these problems. Seeding had to be based on older World Rankings. For the seeding for the European Youth Championships and the European team events for the 2010/2011 season, the corrected World Rankings arrived (just) in time.

For the European Cadet Ranking, the ETTU-system was used and 8 rankings were published between September 2009 and July 2010, using the results of 13 cadet tournaments played in Europe and the World Cadet Challenge played in Japan. Cadet players are also ranked on the European Junior Rankings. Cadets playing in junior events are seeded according to these junior lists.

One of the modifications in 2009 was made to handle the difference between the European Cadet rankings and the World Rankings. If the ranking of strong cadets is clearly different between the EYR and the WR, the Ranking Committee can change the position of this player on seeding lists. This was done for 2 players in cadet girls at the EYC 2010, as these players were ranked in the World Rankings and not in the European Cadet Rankings due to the fact they had only played in senior events.

During the 2009/2010 season, nearly all ETTU events counting for the European Cadet rankings were also included in the World Rankings. Also, after some discussion with ITTF, the results of the European Nations League were included in the World Rankings.

2. Other Duties

Besides this the Ranking Committee went on with its usual duties:

- a. Preparation of seeding lists for the 2010 European Champions League Men
- b. Preparation of seeding lists for the 2010 European Team Cups Men and Women
- c. Selection of players qualified for the 2010 Europe Juniors and Cadets Top 10
- d. Lists of players qualified for the 2010 European Top 12
- e. Preparation of Doubles seeding lists for the 2010 European Championships
- f. Preparation of seeding lists for the European qualification for the Youth Olympic Games

3. Acknowledgements

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