

**Guidelines for Carnival Rankings**

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide new Selectors with an appropriate level of understanding and expertise to undertake carnival rankings in a professional and competent manner.

**Guidelines**

National Carnival rankings are:

- undertaken at all National carnivals;
- based solely on results at the carnival;
- applied only to players participating or eligible to participate for an Australian State / Territory. Only these players can be considered for an Australian ranking;
- to be undertaken by a minimum of 2 people, preferably National Selectors in attendance, or if necessary co-opted people;
- require BA Board approval before being announced, preferably a Board member in attendance;
- announced at the conclusion of the carnival along with presentation of Carnival Ranking Certificates;
- to remain strictly confidential until the announcement / presentation of certificates;
- undertaken for all 5 events; men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles & mixed doubles;
- applied to all disciplines. The objective is to rank 10 for the singles events and up to 10 for the doubles events;
  - doubles rankings are pairs, not individuals;
  - equal rankings are acceptable if unable to separate as per the ranking criteria
- should be determined using the following criteria in descending order of consideration:
  1. head to head results;
  2. results against higher ranked opponents;
  3. results against lower ranked opponents;
  4. rankings submitted by the States for the carnival (only if this can be the sole distinguishing factor).

**Additional Guidelines**

- The criteria should also include a minimum number of matches that players / pairs must play and win to be eligible for a ranking in an event.

*For Example:* players / pairs must play a minimum of three 3 matches and have a minimum of 2 wins to be eligible. This can vary subject to the carnival's competition format and be included in carnival communication. For the benefit of all interested parties, this should be stated as part of the rankings announcement / presentation.

- Players can be ranked more than once in each doubles event if they play with more than one partner but still meet the minimum matches played & won criteria. This caters for players who play with more than one partner in the teams event and / or a different partner in the individual event.
- Players / pairs can be ranked even if they don't play in that event in both the both teams and individual competitions.

*For Example:* a doubles specialist who plays singles in the team event only but still meets the minimum matches played & won criteria.

- A weighting factor in favour of the winners of individual events when there is a reversal of results from the teams event is debatable. Whilst there is obvious prestige and recognition associated with winning an individual event final it should not necessarily override the above criteria.

*For Example:* player A defeats player B in straight sets in the teams event but the result is reversed in three sets in the individual event final. In this case, I believe player A is deserving of at least an equal ranking with player B, assuming all other results are similar.

New Selectors will soon realise that these guidelines will not always cope with contradictory and 'rogue' results that can occur during the course of a carnival. However, their use along with common sense and experience should enable justifiable decisions to be made.

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