

State Points

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Most shuffleboard organizations keep track of the number of points their members have earned from their tournaments. The purpose of these points varies, but is typically used to determine if a player has amateur, expert, and/or hall of fame status.

The purpose of state points in the Illinois Shuffleboard Association (ILSA) is to encourage participation in shuffleboard events in Illinois, encourage ILSA members to represent our association more broadly, and fuel competition among our membership. At this point, ILSA will not use points to determine player status, but accumulated points may be used for this in the future.

Earning Points

Members can earn points by playing in a variety of competitions. The earning potential for each is determined by three factors:

1. Base points
2. Entry type - singles, doubles, or other team
3. Competition host and type

Total points awarded are calculated as:

1. Base points determined by a scale of two factors:
 - a. Number of competitors
 - b. Placement or participation
2. Multiplied by the entry type factor
3. Multiplied by the competition host/type factor
4. Rounded to the nearest whole number

Base Points

Base points are calculated by a competitor's final rank in a competition, with an additive factor based on the total number of competitors.

A competitor is defined as an entry into the competition, which can be a player or a team. For example, a 16 team doubles tournament has 16 competitors despite having 32 total players.

The number of base points are defined as follows:

Placement	Number of Competitors				
	<u>0-8</u>	<u>9-16</u>	<u>17-32</u>	<u>33-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
1st Main	7	8	9	10	11
2nd Main	4	5	6	7	8
3rd Main	3	4	5	6	7
4th Main	2	3	4	5	6
5th-8th Main		2	3	4	5
9th-16th Main			2	3	4
17th-32nd Main				2	3
33rd-64th Main					2
1st Consolation	3	4	5	6	7
2nd Consolation	2	3	4	5	6
3rd Consolation	2	3	4	5	6
4th Consolation		2	3	4	5
5th-8th Consolation			2	3	4
9th-16th Consolation				2	3
17th-32nd Consolation					2
<u>Participation</u>					
Full Participation	1	1	1	1	1

Placement:

- Placement points will be awarded only in the case the competitor has won one or more matches.
- In competitions where a qualifying round is used before a bracket (e.g. group play before bracket), **placement** points will be awarded to competitors who reach the bracket; competitors who do not reach the bracket will be awarded **participation** points.
- Placement points are multiplied by the factors below.

Participation:

- Participation points are awarded to all competitors that do not receive points from placement, provided they complete all scheduled matches without forfeiting.
- Participation points are also multiplied by the factors below

Exceptions:

- If a tie is not broken, the lesser number of points will be awarded
 - For example, if a 3rd/4th place match is not played, points would be awarded to both competitors for 4th placement
- If a competition has divisions separated by gender, all divisions will be calculated as though they had the number of participants from the largest division
- Not all competitions have consolation rounds; consolation placement points will not be awarded where no such placements exist

Entry Type

Once the base point value is determined, multiply it by a factor based on the entry type of the competition:

- 1.50x - Singles
 - Singles is defined as two individual people competing against one another
- 1.00x - Doubles
 - Doubles is defined as teams of two people competing against each other, with one member from team A and B on each end of the court
- 0.50x - Team
 - Team is defined as any other competition consisting of two or more competitors per team

Each ILSA member on a team (doubles or otherwise) will be awarded the full number of points earned (i.e. points are not divided among teammates).

For example, in a singles tournament or league with 40 competitors, 4th place main has 7.5 points at this stage of the calculation:

- 5 base points
- Multiplied by 1.50 for the entry type being singles = 7.5

Competition Host and Type

Next, multiply the points total by a factor based on the competition host and type:

- 1.50x - ILSA-hosted Top Tier Singles League
 - As of 2024, this is known as the Challenge Division
- 1.50x - ILSA-hosted National Tournaments
- 1.25x - Other ILSA-hosted Tournaments and Leagues
- 1.25x - Tournaments hosted by ILSA's Community Members¹
 - This does not include leagues hosted by ILSA's Community Members
 - Requires the tournament be open to any ILSA member
 - If a Community Member wishes to not have ILSA points awarded for their tournament, they shall inform the ILSA Executive Board
- 1.00x - Other National Tournaments
 - Many National Events have multiple tournaments; each tournament will be counted separately
 - To earn ILSA points, you must declare "Illinois" as your home state
- 1.00x - Other Tournaments approved by the ILSA Executive Board

To continue the above example in an ILSA Top Tier Singles League with 40 competitors, 4th place main has 11.25 points at this stage of the calculation:

- 5 base points
- Multiplied by 1.50 for the entry type being singles = 7.5
- Multiplied by 1.50 for the competition host/type being ILSA Top Tier Singles = 11.25

Rounding

with full example

The last step of the points calculation process is to round to the nearest whole number, so our entire example of an ILSA Top Tier Singles League with 40 competitors, 4th place main receives 11 total points:

- 5 base points
- Multiplied by 1.50 for the entry type being singles = 7.5
- Multiplied by 1.50 for the competition host/type being ILSA Top Tier Singles = 11.25
- Rounded down to 11 points

¹ From our Constitution - Any organized community, within the State of Illinois, controlling the operation of at least two (2) regulation shuffleboard courts shall be eligible for membership in the Association (a "Community Member"). In lieu of dues, the Community Member must be willing and able to host at least one (1) tournament per year.

Board Responsibilities

Board Discretion

The ILSA Executive Board awards state points at their discretion and may choose not to award points for a competition. This shall be communicated at or before registration for said competition.

The ILSA Executive Board may at its discretion hold a vote to include any other tournament or league to generate Illinois State Points, both for placement and/or participation.

Notification of Point Earning Opportunities

The ILSA Executive Board or a Commission they designate for an event shall publish an estimate of how many points will be awarded at or before registration for said competition. The final number of points to be awarded shall be announced prior to the start of the competition.

Tracking Points

The ILSA Executive Board or a Commission they designate shall keep track of all points earned by its members, both per-season and lifetime. This information should be published in a way of their choosing, so it can be audited by any member for inaccuracies.