

State Points



Illinois Shuffleboard Association

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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.

Point Structure Overview

Members can earn points by playing in a variety of competitions. The earning potential is calculated separately for each competition and is structured in a way that considers characteristics such as total number of competitors, type of entry, format and level of play, and accessibility. Each factor and the calculation thereof is described in detail below.

Factors

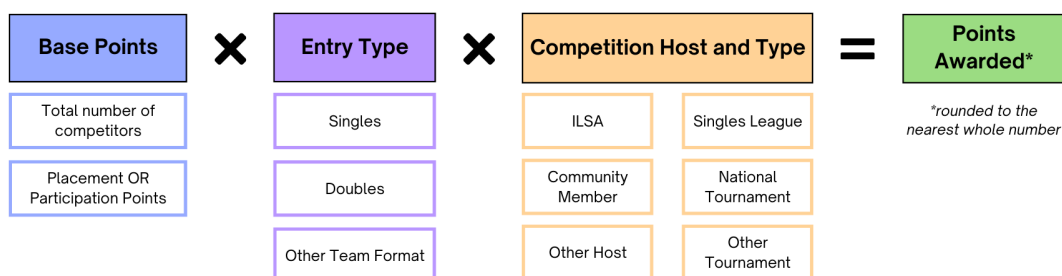
The earning potential for each competition is comprised of three factors:

1. Base points - determined by a combination of two components:
 - a. Number of competitors
 - b. Placement or participation
2. Entry type - singles, doubles, or other team format
3. Competition host and type
 - a. ILSA, Community Member recognized by ILSA (e.g. Royal Palms), or other
 - b. Singles leagues, national or other tournaments

Calculation

Total points awarded are calculated as follows:

1. Base points
2. Multiplied by the entry type
3. Multiplied by the competition host/type
4. Rounded to the nearest whole number



Base Points (*Factor 1*)

Base points are determined by a combination of a competitor's final rank in a competition and the total number of participants.

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.

Placement Points:

- Placement points will be awarded when 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 described below.

Placement Points Scale

The number of base points by placement and number of competitors are defined as follows:

Placement Points - Main Bracket						Placement Points - Consolation Bracket					
Placement	Number of Competitors					Placement	Number of Competitors				
	0-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65+		0-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65+
1st	7	8	9	10	11	1st	3	4	5	6	7
2nd	4	5	6	7	8	2nd	2	3	4	5	6
3rd	3	4	5	6	7	3rd	2	3	4	5	6
4th	2	3	4	5	6	4th	-	2	3	4	5
5th-8th	-	2	3	4	5	5th-8th	-	-	2	3	4
9th-16th	-	-	2	3	4	9th-16th	-	-	-	2	3
17th-32nd	-	-	-	2	3	17th-32nd	-	-	-	-	2
33rd-64th	-	-	-	-	2	33rd-64th	-	-	-	-	-

Participation Points:

- A participation point (1) is 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 described 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 same 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.

Note: There are currently no exceptions if a competitor forfeits a match. For ILSA run tournaments or leagues, contact the tournament director/assigned commission to learn best ways to avoid a forfeit. ILSA executive board will not intervene on forfeits during community member events or those held outside of Illinois.

***EXAMPLE STEP 1** - in a tournament or league with 40 competitors, the base points are found in the column labeled 33-64. Placement for 4th Main would have 5 base points.*

Entry Type (Factor 2)

The number of individuals registering for a competition under a single unit defines the Entry Type. Variations include:

- Singles: two individuals competing against one another
- Doubles: two teams comprised of two individuals competing against each other, with one member from team A and B on each end of the court and where partners remain the same throughout the competition
- Other Team: any other competition with teams comprised of two or more individuals

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).

Entry Type Multipliers

The multiplier for each Entry Type is as follows:

Entry Type	Multiplier
Singles	1.5 x
Doubles	1.0 x
Other Team	0.5 x

***EXAMPLE STEP 2** - 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 (Factor 3)

Competition Host

The entity taking ownership of the organization and/or operations of the competition is known as the Competition Host. Possible competition hosts include:

- Illinois Shuffleboard Association (ILSA)
- Community Members recognized by ILSA. Such hosts reserve the right to opt-out of allowing ILSA to award points for their competitions by notifying ILSA's Executive Board.
- Other hosts including but not limited to state, national, or international associations and clubs

Competition Host and Type Multipliers

The multiplier for each combination of Competition Host x Type are as follows:

Host	Competition Type	Multiplier
ILSA	Top Tier Singles League [†]	1.50 x
	National Tournament	
	Other Leagues or Tournaments [‡]	
Community Member	Tournaments [‡] open to any ILSA member	1.25 x
Other	National Tournaments <i>Where competitors declare IL as their home state</i>	1.00 x
	Tournaments approved by the ILSA Executive Board	

† - In 2024 this was known as the Challenge Division

‡ - In 2024 this was known as the FUNdamentals Division

‡ - Currently leagues aren't eligible for Illinois State Points

EXAMPLE STEP 3 - 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

Points are rounded to the nearest whole number for the purpose of simple and easy record keeping.

EXAMPLE STEPS 1-4 - in 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
- The participation point is multiplied by both factors ($1 \times 1.5 \times 1.5 = 2.25$) resulting in 2 points for competitors that did not forfeit any games nor earn placement points.

ILSA Member Responsibilities

If there has not been an ILSA announcement of a tournament that you are signing up for or have already competed in, the ILSA member should notify the ILSA executive board. Please use the method provided to report this event.

Board Responsibilities

Designation of Point Earning Events

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, vote to award Illinois State Points for placement and/or participation in any other tournament or league.

Notification of Point Earning Opportunities

For all ILSA-hosted events, 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 based on the estimated number of competitors. For all other events, this estimate will be provided when possible. 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.

Member Reporting

The ILSA Executive Board or a Commission they designate shall provide members a way to report tournaments and results where they have placed/participated. There should also be a way to report results/inaccuracies in the tracking points system.

This is the link to a form currently in place for this purpose.

<https://www.illinoisshuffleboard.org/report-points>

The ILSA Executive Board and 2025 points commission understand this is a significant change from the Version 1.0 points system. Appendix 1 has comparisons and examples.

Quick Reference Guide

Base Points

Determined by the total number of competitors and placement in competition.

Placement Points - Main Bracket

Placement	Number of Competitors				
	0-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65+
1st	7	8	9	10	11
2nd	4	5	6	7	8
3rd	3	4	5	6	7
4th	2	3	4	5	6
5th-8th		2	3	4	5
9th-16th			2	3	4
17th-32nd				2	3
33rd-64th					2

Placement Points - Consolation Bracket

1st	3	4	5	6	7
2nd	2	3	4	5	6
3rd	2	3	4	5	6
4th		2	3	4	5
5th-8th			2	3	4
9th-16th				2	3
17th-32nd					2
33rd-64th					

Participation Points*

Participation	1
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*Awarded to all competitors that do not receive points from placement and complete all scheduled matches without forfeiting.



Entry Type

Determined by the number of individuals registering for a competition under a single unit.

Multipliers

Type	Multiplier
Singles	1.5 x
Doubles	1.0 x
Other Team	0.5 x



Competition Host and Type

Determined by the entity taking ownership of the organization and/or operations of the competition and the format of and/or competitive tier the league or tournament falls under.

Multipliers

Host	Competition Type	Multiplier
ILSA	Top Tier Singles League	1.5 x
	National Tournament	
	Other Leagues or Tournaments	1.25 x
ILSA Community Member	Tournaments open to any ILSA member	
Other	National Tournaments <i>Where competitors declare IL as their home state</i>	1.0 x
	Tournaments approved by the ILSA Executive Board	

Appendix 1

Comparison

Version 1.0 (ILSA/Community Member events*)

Placement	Competitors		
	<16	16-31	32+
1st	5	7	10
2nd	3	5	8
3rd	2	3	6
4th	1	2	5
5th		1	4
6th		1	3
7th		1	2
8th		1	1

Version 2.0 (Base Points)

Placement	Number of Competitors				
	0-8	9-16	17-32	33-64	65+
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

As you can see, there are now five ranges for the number of competitors/entries. This allows for expansion of the number of placement opportunities.

Version 2.0 also rewards consolation and participation points for all events; Version 1.0 awards these only for National events.

Factors:

As described in this document, Version 2.0 has three factors that influence base points.

Factors

Number of Entries	▼	Select
Players per Entry	▼	Select
TOURNAMENT TYPE	▼	Select

This allows for a rating system to value:

- Singles over doubles/team AND
- IL events over events outside the state borders

A simple calculator sheet can take the base points and work out the math.

*National points, in Version 1.0, followed the national points scale which awards one participation point to all and placement points for the top four in main and consolation.

Examples - 2024 Events in Illinois

		Examples/Participants		84	64	20	64	32	
Placement	Base	ILSA Singles		ILSA Singles		ILSA National		Mad Hatter	
		Placement	Challenge	Valentangs	FUN	Any Doubles			
1st Main	11	1st Main	25	19	17	15	14		
2nd Main	8	2nd Main	18	13	11	11	9		
3rd Main	7	3rd Main	16	11	9	9	6		
4th Main	6	4th Main	14	9	8	8	6		
5th-8th Main	5	5th-8th Main	11	8	6	6	3		
9th-16th Main	4	9th-16th Main	9	6	4	5	3		
17th-32nd Main	3	17th-32nd Main	7	4		3			
33rd-64th Main	2	33rd-64th Main							
1st Consolation	7	1st Consolation				9	8		
2nd Consolation	6	2nd Consolation				8	6		
3rd Consolation	6	3rd Consolation				8	5		
4th Consolation	5	4th Consolation				6	5		
5th-8th Consolation	4	5th-8th Consolation				5	3		
9th-16th Consolation	3	9th-16th Consolation				3			
17th-32nd Consolation	2	17th-32nd Consolation							
Full Participation	1	<i>Tournament Completion (Zero forfeits)</i>		2	2	2	2	2	
Factors		Decrease Base By:		0	-1	-2	-1	-2	
Number of Entries	Select								
Players per Entry	Select								
TOURNAMENT TYPE	Select								
		Multi-Factors		2.25	1.875	1.875	1.5	1.5	

- ILSA Challenge was an ILSA-hosted Top Tier Singles League and did not have a consolation bracket.
- Royal Palms Valentangs was a singles, ILSA Community Member-hosted tournament without a consolation bracket.
- ILSA Fundamentals was an Other ILSA-hosted Singles League without a consolation bracket.
- ILSA National was held at Royal Palms Chicago, IL, and was an any-doubles, ILSA-hosted National tournament.
- The Mad Hatter was a singles, other board approved tournament with a consolation bracket that didn't break the 3rd/4th placement ties.

Examples - 2024 Events outside of Illinois - for ILSA members declaring Illinois as their home state.

		Examples/Participants	192	64	~30
<u>Placement</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Mirror Lake</u>	<u>Out of State Any Doubles National</u>	<u>Lakeside NW/Women or Men</u>
1st Main	11	1st Main	17	13	14
2nd Main	8	2nd Main	12	9	9
3rd Main	7	3rd Main	11	8	8
4th Main	6	4th Main	9	6	6
5th-8th Main	5	5th-8th Main	8	5	5
9th-16th Main	4	9th-16th Main	6	4	3
17th-32nd Main	3	17th-32nd Main		3	
33rd-64th Main	2	33rd-64th Main			
1st Consolation	7	1st Consolation		8	8
2nd Consolation	6	2nd Consolation		6	6
3rd Consolation	6	3rd Consolation		6	6
4th Consolation	5	4th Consolation		5	5
5th-8th Consolation	4	5th-8th Consolation		4	3
9th-16th Consolation	3	9th-16th Consolation		3	
17th-32nd Consolation	2	17th-32nd Consolation			
Full Participation	1	<i>Tournament Completion (Zero forfeits)</i>	2	1	2
Factors					
Number of Entries	Select	Decrease Base By:	0	-1	-2
Players per Entry	Select				
TOURNAMENT TYPE	Select				
Multi-Factors			1.5	1.25	1.5

- Mirror Lake was held at St Petersburg Shuffleboard Club, FL and in 2024 had a main bracket for the top 16 entries.
- The NYSA Nationals was held at Royal Palms Brooklyn, NY, and was an any-doubles, other National tournament.
- Lakeside, OH club hosted several tournaments. The Mens non-walking singles had about 30 entries, the Women's division had <16 entries. Therefore, both divisions receive points based on the range for 17-32 entries