

The ORA Ranking System and How it Works

Here is how rankings for the Oregon State Team and Seeding for the ORA Tour are compiled as of the **2004/2005 Season**:

1. Player must hold a current USAR Competitive License to be eligible to accumulate ORA ranking points.
2. Points will be awarded only for play in tournaments sanctioned by the ORA.
3. The rankings are maintained based on the current season which begins at the first tournament after the State Championships for that season.
4. Points are awarded when a player wins at least one match and the ends up in one of the following positions of the draw:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Consolation	Quarterfinals	Round of 16
Standard Draw	100	80	60	40	25	20	10
Round Robin	100	80	60	----	---	---	---

5. Points are awarded as follows in a One-Day Event (Shootout) event:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Standard Draw and Round Robin	60	45	30	15

6. Round Robin Events. In round robin events, points will be awarded to players/teams based upon the number of entrants:
 - a. If 4 or fewer entrants, only 1st place and 2nd place points will be awarded.
 - b. If 5 or 6 entrants, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points will be awarded.
7. Split & Go Draws: Points for draws with five or six players will be awarded as follows: 1st = 100, 2nd = 80, 3rd = 20, Consolation = 25.
8. Points are awarded in the division played except:
 - a. If a player enters an singles division that is canceled, and plays in another singles division, any points earned may be assigned to the division entered at the players request; or
 - b. Divisions that are determined as a product of "drop-down" format (eg. Elite) shall define the division played; the first round will be ignored for ranking purposes.
9. Rankings will be maintained in the following divisions of play:

Men	Women	Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Elite	A	A	A	A
A	B	B	B	B
B	C	C	C	C
C	D	30+		
D		45+		
35+				
35+A/B				
35+C/D				
45+				
45+A/B				
45+C/D				
55+				
60+				

10. Eligibility:

- a. It is the responsibility of each player to enter only division(s) in which he/she is eligible. Intentional disregard of this rule may lead to formal disciplinary action by the ORA board, including probation or suspension of eligibility to play in tournaments sanctioned by the ORA.
- b. If a player earns more than 80 points in Open, Elite, A, B or C divisions, he/she is ineligible to play in a lower skill or age/skill division.
- c. If a player accumulates more than or equal to the division limit, he/she is ineligible to play in that division in future sanctioned tournaments. This is called "Pointing Out" and the Division limits are as follows:

Division	Points	Wins
Open	No limit	No limit
Elite	No limit	No limit
A	500 points or,	3 – wins in current ORA season
B	400 points or,	3 – wins in current ORA season
C	350 points or,	3 – wins in current ORA season
D	300 points or,	3 – wins in current ORA season
A/B	450 points or,	3 – wins in current ORA season
C/D	350 points or,	3 – wins in current ORA season

Players who "Point Out" in a division are allowed to play in that division in Regionals and the State Championships for the same season they pointed out. This allows them to qualify for nationals and to win a state championship. If a person points out during the season, they automatically make the state team for that division.

- d. A player ranked in Open, Elite, A, B or C that wishes to play in a lower division due to injury must petition the Board of Directors (not the tournament director) of the ORA in writing for waiver of rules 9(b) or 9(c).
- e. A player may petition the Board of Directors in writing to be allowed to play in the next lower division if he/she has earned 80 or fewer points in the last four ORA tournaments played, and he/she has 80 or fewer current USAR ranking points.
- f. When a player has been ranked in any division, but earns no points in that division or a higher division for one consecutive 12-month period, he/she may again play in the next lower division without written permission. (Minimum 2 tournaments played).
- g. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reclassify a player into a different division (higher or lower) with due cause. The President another Board member will first speak directly with the player regarding the intent to reclassify the player into a different division including the reasons why. A written notice will be sent only if attempts to speak with the player are unsuccessful and/or the player fails to abide by the provisions of the ORA ranking system including Section 9.
- h. If a player is a current National Championship finalist at a Level 6 USAR event in any skill division other than Open, that player must enter and play the next highest skill level of play for the 12-month period following his/her championship.
- i. The following table can be used as a reference for division eligibility:

Lowest Skill Division Eligible for Play	Eligibility for other Skill, Age/Skill and Age Divisions
Open	Cannot play in any other skill Cannot play in any age/skill division. Eligible to play straight age division based on age.
Elite	Cannot play in A, B, C, D skill divisions Cannot play in any age/skill division Eligible to play straight age division based on age.
A	Cannot play in B, C, D skill divisions Cannot play in age/CD skill divisions Eligible to play straight age division based on age.

B	Cannot play in C, D skill divisions Cannot play in age/CD skill divisions Eligible to play straight age division based on age.
C	Cannot play in D skill division Eligible to play straight age division based on age.
D	Eligible to play in any division offered

11. Tournament Seeding and fair draws are the responsibility of the Tournament Directors. The Tournament Directors are provided with a copy of the most current available rankings and “Point Out” lists prior to the completion of the draw by the ORA President or another Board member. The current rankings are only one of many possible resources used by the Tournament Directors to produce a fair draw sheet. The Tournament Directors are expected to follow the “Point Out” lists in preparing the draw. The Tournament Directors are encouraged (but not required) to seed players according to the ORA rankings.
12. When combining divisions to fill out draws, Tournament Directors must always strive to combine divisions together that will be competitive, and will not allow an individual or team an “easy win” and thus jeopardize the integrity of the ORA ranking system. The following table is meant to be used as a guideline for acceptable combinations. Tournament Directors who are unsure about a specific combination should consult with the ORA President.

Skill Division	Generally adjacent skill level's can be combined is necessary. For example, A may be combined with B, Open with Elite, B with C, etc. The ORA discourages combining non-adjacent skill divisions, such as Open and A, or A and C.
Age/Skill Divisions	A/B and C/D divisions may never be combined. Age levels may be combined (within the same skill level), however tournament directors are encouraged to look at the individual players involved before combining ages that are very far apart. Good age combinations are 35/45 and 45/55.
Age Divisions	Age divisions may be combined, however Tournament Directors should never combine age divisions more than 20 years apart. Reasonable combinations of age divisions are: 35 through 45 45 through 55 55 and over
Men's and Women's Divisions	In general Women's and Men's divisions should not be mixed. When there are not enough entrants to run a division, Women may be placed in comparable Men's divisions. In general, Women should be placed no more than one skill levels away from their own skill level. For example, a Woman who competes in Women's Open should not be placed in any division containing Men below the A skill level. Therefore an Open Women's player may play in a Men's A or A/B division, but not in a Men's combined B division or a Men's B/C division.

13. The ORA President reserves the right to not award rankings points if they feel that divisions were unfairly combined. In this case, the ORA President will notify the players involved and the full ORA Board of this decision. The players involved will have the right to appeal this decision to the ORA Board. The ORA Board can overturn the President's decision with a majority vote.

14. Tournament Directors are encouraged to consult with the President or other Officer of the ORA Board when application of these rules is unclear.

Players are awarded points in the divisions that they play. Players generally enter the proper divisions, keeping competition fair and safe. Periodically the board reviews these rules and adjusts them to fit the conditions of tournament results and player performance. Players that have been on the sidelines for various reasons are given the opportunity to return to tournament play by relaxing previous requirements with some degree of due process.