TFAS

SINGAPORE

RANKING

SYSTEM

(Official v4.0)

Contents

1. INTRODUCTION

Table Football Association of Singapore (TFAS) is pleased to announce the implementation of the Singapore (SG) Ranking System. Starting calendar year 2014, all players participating in TFAS-approved tournaments shall be awarded SG Ranking points. The TFAS-approved tournaments each year are as follows:

- Table Football Association of Singapore (TFAS) Cup [in March]
- National Championships [in June]
- Merlion Cup [in December]
- Singapore Table Football Premier/Championship/Junior League (SGTFPL / SGTFCL / SGTFJL) [January to December]
- Up to 12 sanctioned Mini-Tournaments [maximum of 1 such tournament per month on a 'first-come-first-serve' basis]. Refer to Annex A for the list of pre-requisites for Mini-Tournaments to be sanctioned.
- Satellite Leagues [that run for at least 5 months]. Refer to Annex B for the list of pre-requisites for Satellite Leagues to be sanctioned.

2. RATIONALE

The rationale behind the SG Ranking System is three-fold:

- To encourage and motivate both adult and young players to be participating and playing regularly in TFAS-approved tournaments. The ranking provides an incentive for them to keep playing the game so as to improve their game and hence their ranking.
- To provide both adult and young players an indication of their 'cumulative' performance in TFAS-approved tournaments and where they stand in relation to all participating players on an 'on-going' basis.
- To be used for promotional and marketing purposes to create awareness of the game in Singapore so as to attract more players to the game to grow the population base of active regular players.

3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The SG Ranking System is guided by the following principles:

- The total number of participating players in each tournament does not affect the number of ranking points awarded to participating players. Participating players shall not be penalized due to low participation rates.
- All participating players in each tournament shall be awarded a 'base ranking points' for participation. In addition, the top 8 players in each tournament [or top 4 players in the case of Mini-Tournaments and Satellite Leagues] (where applicable) shall also be recognized and further awarded additional 'bonus ranking points' commensurable with their tournament performance and placing. Note that this applies only to the TFAS Cup, National Championships, Merlion Cup, Mini-Tournaments and the Satellite Leagues.
- As the SGTFPL / SGTFCL / SGTFJL is a year-long tournament that requires higher levels of commitment and more regular playing time by its participating players, the ranking points awarded shall be more substantial relative to the above-mentioned 1-day tournaments; likewise relative to the Satellite Leagues, as it is regarded as the National League where the top players in the country compete.
- Ranking points awarded to players shall be cumulative year-on-year. There shall be no 'reset' or 'discard' of previous ranking points awarded.
- When a Junior player no longer satisfies the requirements of the Junior category, the Junior ranking points previously awarded shall be converted into Open ranking points in a process termed as 'graduation' (refer to Section 4.4 for more details).
- Ranking points awarded for the Open category shall be more substantial relative to the Junior category. This reflects the relative strength of the 2 categories; and also facilitating and allowing for 'graduation' (refer to Section 4.4 for more details).
- A Junior player may also elect to play in the Open category of a tournament. This player shall then be awarded separate ranking points accordingly and be listed in the rankings of both categories respectively.

4. SG RANKING SYSTEM

The SG Ranking System shall have 2 separate rankings for the Open and Junior categories accordingly. They are known officially as:

- 'SG Ranking (Open)'; or abbreviated as 'SGR (Open)'
- 'SG Ranking (Junior)'; or abbreviated as 'SGR (Jnr)' – only for players aged **below 19 years old**

4.1. SG Ranking Points for TFAS Cup, National Championships, Merlion Cup, Mini-Tournaments and Satellite Leagues

Ranking points shall be awarded to each participating player in accordance to the table below.

TFAS Cup, National Championships and Merlion Cup

Tournament Placing / Stage	SGR (Open) Points			SGR (Jnr) Points		
	Base	Bonus	Total	Base	Bonus	Total
1st / Champion (Finalist)	6	24	30	3	12	15
2nd / Runner-Up (Finalist)	6	22	28	3	11	14
3rd / Third (Semi-Finalist)	6	18	24	3	9	12
4th / Fourth (Semi-Finalist)	6	16	22	3	8	11
5th / Top 8 (Quarter-Finalist)	6	12 / 9	18 / 15	3	6 / 4	9 / 7
6th / Top 8 (Quarter-Finalist)	6	10 / 9	16 / 15	3	5 / 4	8 / 7
7th / Top 8 (Quarter-Finalist)	6	8 / 9	14 / 15	3	4 / 4	7 / 7
8th / Top 8 (Quarter-Finalist)	6	6 / 9	12 / 15	3	3 / 4	6 / 7
All remaining participating players	6	0	6	3	0	3

Mini-Tournaments (without Rank Restrictions for Participants)

Tournament Placing / Stage	SGR (Open) Points		
	Base	Bonus	Total
1st / Champion (Finalist)	3	12	15
2nd / Runner-Up (Finalist)	3	11	14
3rd / Third (Semi-Finalist)	3	9	12
4th / Fourth (Semi-Finalist)	3	8	11
All remaining participating players	3	0	3

Mini-Tournaments (with Rank Restrictions for Participants – SGR points weighted as follows: Satellite 70%, Challenger 50%, Future 40%)

Tournament Placing / Stage	SGR (Open) Points		
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1st / Champion (Finalist)	10.5	7.5	6
2nd / Runner-Up (Finalist)	9.5	7	5.5
3rd / Third (Semi-Finalist)	8	6	4.5
4th / Fourth (Semi-Finalist)	7.5	5.5	4
All remaining participating players	2	1.5	1

Satellite Leagues

League Placing	SGR (Open) Points		
	Base	Bonus	Total
1st / Champion	3	9	12
2nd / Runner-Up	3	8	11
3rd / Third	3	7	10
4th / Fourth	3	6	9
All remaining participating players	3	0	3

In the event of a tie in tournament/league placing, the total available ranking points (associated with each of the tied placing) shall be divided equally among

the tied players, rounded down to the nearest 0.5 point or whole number. Each tied player shall be awarded with the same number of ranking points.

4.2. SG Ranking Points for SGTFPL / SGTFCL / SGTFJL

Ranking points shall be awarded to each participating player based directly on the actual points tally earned by the player in the SGTFPL / SGTFJL. This is the same points tally in the League Table earned by each player (i.e. 3 points for a win and 1 point for a draw). This is applicable for both the Premier League (i.e. equivalent to Open category) and the Junior League (i.e. equivalent to Junior category).

Participating players in the Premier League shall be awarded ranking points in the 'SGR (Open)'; while participating players in the Junior League shall be awarded ranking points in the 'SGR (Jnr)'.

For the SGTFCL, as it consists of both adults and Junior players, the ranking points shall be awarded in the 'SGR (Open)'. In order to reflect the relative strength of the SGTFCL compared to the SGTFPL, the ranking points awarded for the SGTFCL shall be pro-rated 50% (i.e. 1.5 points for a win and 0.5 point for a draw).

4.3. SG Ranking Tabulation and Update

Each player's overall ranking points shall then be tabulated based on the summation of all the ranking points awarded to the player in all the tournaments that the player has participated in to-date. All players shall then be ranked in accordance to their overall ranking points awarded to-date; with players with more ranking points ranked higher than players with less ranking points.

In the event of a tie in overall ranking points, each tied player shall be accorded the same ranking i.e. joint-ranking. Subsequent rankings that follow shall shift down accordingly. For example, if there are 3 players tied on 2nd rank, there shall be no 3rd and 4th ranked player. The next highest ranked player that follow shall be ranked 5th.

The SG Ranking shall be tabulated and updated; and then officially announced and published on the TFAS website (www.tfas.sg) on a quarterly basis each year as follows:

- By 2nd week of January – updated to include the Merlion Cup, the SGTFPL / SGTFCL / SGTFJL and any sanctioned Mini-Tournaments / Satellite Leagues (with end dates) in the months of October, November and December
- By 2nd week of April – updated to include the TFAS Cup and any sanctioned Mini-Tournaments / Satellite Leagues (with end dates) in the months of January, February and March
- By 2nd week of July – updated to include the National Championships and any sanctioned Mini-Tournaments / Satellite Leagues (with end dates) in the months of April, May and June
- By 2nd week of October – updated to include any sanctioned Mini-Tournaments / Satellite Leagues (with end dates) in the months of July, August and September

4.4. SG Ranking Graduation

When a Junior player comes of age and no longer satisfies the requirements of the Junior category, he/she shall be deemed to have 'graduated' from the 'SGR (Jnr)' rankings to the 'SGR (Open)' rankings.

When this occurs, the Junior player shall be removed from the 'SGR (Jnr)' rankings and be added into the 'SGR (Open)' rankings. The player's 'SGR (Jnr)' ranking points shall also be converted into his/her 'SGR (Open)' ranking points.

In the event that the player already exists in the 'SGR (Open)' rankings, the converted 'SGR (Jnr)' ranking points shall then be added to his/her existing 'SGR (Open)' ranking points.

Graduation may potentially increase a player's overall ranking points and boost his/her 'SGR (Open)' ranking. However, there is no anomaly here. In fact, this is intentionally designed to further encourage and motivate our young players to continue playing the game well into their adult years.

4.5. SG Ranking Usage

The SG Ranking provides the most representative and indicative benchmark of players who are active in the Singapore Table Football scene. It identifies and provides due recognition to players for regular participation and good performance in TFAS-approved tournaments. Hence, it is the most definitive ranking of all active players in the Singapore context. On this note, SG Ranking points are only awarded for participation in Tournaments and Leagues played in Singapore.

The SG Ranking can be useful in a number of ways as follows:

- For selection purposes to represent Singapore in regional and international tournaments.
- For promotional and marketing purposes to create awareness of the game in Singapore. Ranked players create a buzz; attract new players (both young and old) and are role-models to players learning the game.
- For identifying a group of committed young players to nurture and form the core of the next generation of Singapore players.

5. CONCLUSION

With the implementation of the SG Ranking System, TFAS hopes to bring Sports Table Football in Singapore to the next level. Having a well-administered and regularly updated Ranking System specific to the Singapore context augurs well for Sports Table Football in Singapore. It is proof that the game is properly governed, organized and managed by TFAS in Singapore. For the love of the game!!

ANNEX A – Pre-Requisites for Mini-Tournaments

The following is the list of pre-requisites for Mini-Tournaments to be eligible for submission to TFAS for consideration to be included in the SG Ranking and for its participating players to be awarded SG Ranking points. The final decision for any Mini-Tournaments to be sanctioned rests solely with TFAS.

1. Tournament (without rank restriction) shall be open to all and shall not be closed, restricted or limited to a select group of participating players.
2. Tournament (with rank restriction) shall be open to all within the respective rank restricted category of Satellite, Challenger or Future as defined by FISTF. Such tournament shall be organized in accordance to FISTF guidelines with the exception of 'wild card participants'. This is to ensure such tournaments really cater to the target group of players.
3. Organizers of the tournament shall inform TFAS (via tfasingapore@gmail.com) of their intentions at least 3 days before the announcement of the tournament.
4. Announcement of the tournament shall be made by the organizers at least 7 days in advance before the tournament date (if not rank restricted) or in accordance to FISTF guidelines (if rank restricted). Registrations shall be opened at the time of announcement.
5. The tournament shall have a minimum of 8 participating players.
6. Organizers of the tournament shall submit to TFAS (via tfasingapore@gmail.com) the full tournament results and a tournament write-up (including at least a group photo of all the players at the tournament venue) not later than 7 days after the tournament date.

ANNEX B – Pre-Requisites for Satellite Leagues

The following is the list of pre-requisites for Satellite Leagues to be eligible for submission to TFAS for consideration to be included in the SG Ranking and for its participating players to be awarded SG Ranking points. The final decision for any Satellite Leagues to be sanctioned rests solely with TFAS.

1. The league shall be open to all and shall not be closed, restricted or limited to a select group of participating players.
2. Organizers of the league shall inform TFAS (via tfasingapore@gmail.com) of their intentions and the start date (1st match-day) and end date (final match-day) of the league at least 3 days before the announcement of the league.
3. Announcement of the league shall be made by the organizers at least 7 days in advance before the start date (1st match-day). Registrations shall be opened at the time of announcement.
4. The league shall have a minimum of 8 participating players.
5. The league shall run for at least 5 months. For each month, league table showing the players' league position shall be captured for record purposes.
6. Organizers of the league shall submit to TFAS (via tfasingapore@gmail.com) all the monthly league tables (including at least a group photo of all the players at the venue) not later than 7 days after the end date (final match-day).
7. Ranking points are awarded after the final match day based on the final league position.
8. A player can only be awarded ranking points for a maximum of 2 leagues per calendar year. This is based on the end date of the league. Should a player participate in more than 2 leagues, then only the first 2 shall be awarded ranking points.