

Rating System Commission Report

This commission has been decided in Taipei 2002, it is composed of 4 members:

- [Sean O'Neil](#) (USA), coach of US paralympic team and developer of a rating system for the US able-bodied TT federation.
- [Rolf Erik Paulsen](#) (Norway), high level class 5 player and developer of a rating system for the Norwegian able-bodied TT federation.
- [Dr. Wu, Chi-Shih](#) (Taipei), class 4 player, former IPTTC ranking officer and developer of the current system.
- [Gaël Marziou](#), class 3 player, current IPTTC ranking officer and webmaster.

And as a consultant, [David Marcus](#), a US mathematician who invented the current US rating system.

The objective of this commission is to evolve our current ranking system into a rating system that better measures the players performance. In the current system, it does not matter who you beat in a match. In the new system, if you beat the world champion then you will get more points than if you beat a beginner. The system will also allow new good players to progress faster in the hierarchy.

Such a change can only be voted in the sport assembly during the Paralympic Games. IPC has granted us some funds for sport development projects, and this is one of the projects.

These last months, the commission has started to work on the adaptation of existing able-bodied systems to our specifications:

- Our classification system
- Our tournament system
- World wide distribution of players

To achieve these goals, we are basing our work on all the results for all matches that have been played in IPTTC tournaments since 1999.

As soon as possible, we will publish some preliminary results on the IPTTC web site and will open a discussion on the forum. We will publish an unofficial parallel ranking list so that people can compare with the current system. Before Athens 2004, the commission will publish a report with a motion that will be voted on in the table tennis assembly, we will translate it into several languages.

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Gaël Marziou

IPTTC Ranking Officer

Ranking System History and Roadmap

1996	Creation of the ranking system
1997	First ranking list published by Alfred Bogner
1998	First software developed by Dr Wu, Chi-Shih
1999	First standard result forms Highest number of tournaments
2000	Limitation of the number of tournaments (6) taken into account Reduction of the bonus points for the open event
2002	Ranking points for doubles Creation of rating commission
2003	Experiment with ratings Collect feedback
2004	New system proposed for voting