

Introduction of Player Rankings

Since our inception, the goal of the World Series of Board Gaming has been to see boardgaming recognized as a mainstream sport and its most successful competitors celebrated across the globe.

Our annual tournament in Las Vegas provides a unique proving ground for board gamers from around the world to test their mettle against highly skilled players in some of the best and most popular modern board games.

We are also very proud that our team is refining and strengthening the foundation for live media coverage of board game tournaments, a critical component in moving the hobby forward.

The WSBG believes recognizing the best and brightest tournament players by developing a ranking system is the next logical step in achieving our goal.

Overview of International Player Rankings

WSBG International Rankings will utilize data from in-person board game tournaments only. While we love and recognize the importance of online gaming sites such as Board Game Arena, we feel that there are enough differences between online and tabletop gaming to warrant separate rankings. Miniatures Wargaming and Collectible Card Game results will also not be incorporated into our rankings at this time.

International Rankings will reward those players who achieve success in multiple games to a higher degree than those who tend to concentrate on one particular game. All factors being equal, a player who wins one tournament in ten different games would be ranked ahead of a player who won ten tournaments in one game.

Points from tournament wins will be weighted based upon the number of entrants, but all verified tournament results will be recognized. We hope to encourage players to compete in and support as many tournaments as possible, whether at your FLGS or at a national competition.

Our International Rankings will be based upon information collected from 2022 forward. With the influx of people into the hobby due to the global pandemic, and the difficulties created by the cancellation of so many events during 2019-21, we feel that these results will provide the most accurate compilation of today's best tournament players.

Data Collection

We will work diligently to provide a comprehensive tally of player achievements. By incorporating results from existing hobby resources such as Meeple League and submissions from tournament administrators worldwide, we feel confident that we will be able to recognize those most deserving.

The WSBG also believes that the competitors themselves will be one of the most reliable resources in creating a comprehensive and complete list of the best players in the world.

The World Series of Board Gaming tracks and records player achievements based upon the following factors:

- Total number of entrants in a Ring Event qualifier
- How many wins a player recorded in a Ring Event qualifier
- Number of players in each game won
- Ranking of opponents in each game won
- Playoff success

We realize that many tournaments simply do not keep such detailed information, and will therefore require that only the following information be submitted and verifiable:

- Host Publisher/Store/Convention
- Tournament Games and Player Finishing Positions
- Player Emails
- Number of Entrants for each Tournament Game submitted

All tournament results should be submitted to results@wsbgvegas.com

Player Profiles

The WSBG will post these International Rankings to our website, wsbgvegas.com. To protect identities, we will release our rankings with just an initial and one name. It will be possible for players to market themselves if desired by filling out a linked player profile. All WSBG Ring Event competitors may complete a profile at no charge, and any other ranked players may contact results@wsbgvegas.com to access a personalized profile for a one-time processing fee.

Final Thoughts

As a U.S. based company, we are very much aware that our first ranking will be heavily skewed toward North American competitors. We want to take the time right now to apologize to our gaming friends in other parts of the world.

We very much encourage tournament officials and competitors on other continents to spread the word and send us your tournament results. We will perform due diligence in reaching out overseas, but cannot include anyone in these Global Rankings if we are unaware of their prowess and accomplishments.

We also know that many people will find fault with our conclusions for a variety of reasons. We view this inevitable discussion and debate to be healthy. The WSBG will meet our obligations by using the data available to us in the most accurate and objective way possible, and administer a tournament where any prognostications might be settled at the table.

Our effort to compile these comprehensive rankings is an undertaking meant to celebrate both the individual players and the hobby as a whole. We are thankful to be part of this wonderful community, and hope to see you all in Las Vegas.

*Initial rankings reflect reported results between July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2024. Rankings will be updated annually, and will reflect results for the previous two years.

**The World Series of Board Gaming's International Player Rankings is an official database maintained by WSBG, LLC, Las Vegas Nevada USA.