

Methods of Scoring

Law 78 section A, B and C define match point scoring, IMPs and total point scoring. These definitions incorporate point-a-board (board-a-match) scoring and cross-imps for teams or pairs.

Section D states that “If approved by the Regulating Authority other scoring methods (for example conversions to Victory Points) may be adopted. The EBU, as the Regulating Authority in England, has approved the following additional scoring methods. Details are published in the White Book for those used frequently (such as VP scales for teams of four) and in the conditions of contest for specific methods used only rarely.

Methods of Scoring Approved and Recommended by the EBU

“Original” Forms of scoring

- Total points, with honours counting (“Hubert Phillips Bowl” scoring)
- Point a Board, but with a difference of 10 points not counting
- “Pachabo” scoring (where total points scored in a match are divided by the aggregate swing)
- “Instant” scoring, where a score in IMPs or match points is calculated by comparison with a published scorecard rather than with the results from other competitors (e.g. “Play with the Experts”, “Instant match points”)
- Teams-of-8 IMPs IMPs, where all four table results are added up and the result converted to MIMPs (modified IMPs) using an adjusted conversion table (see Suggested Teams of 8 IMP table).

Conversion of the Original form of scoring to a final ranking

- Carry-forwards: multiple session events with a carry-forward counting towards the final ranking (with any original form of scoring).
- Victory Points, where the margin in any original form of scoring is converted into VPs using a defined scale, for matches with any number of boards from 5 upwards. (VP scales other than those published in the White Book may also be used, e.g. the WBF scale is used in the Premier League.)
- IMP scoring across multiple matches with a cap on the total winning margin.
- “Hybrid” scoring: a VP scale using a combination of multiple original forms of scoring such as both point-a-board and IMPs (e.g. Patton, Pachabo VP scale).
- “Play with the Experts” scoring: the winning score is the one with the highest positive deviation from the average score in the same direction.

Methods of Scoring Approved but not Recommended by the EBU

- “Add up & IMP”: teams of 8 scoring where all four table results are added together and the result converted to IMPs using the standard IMP conversion table. (Either cross-imps or a modified IMP table is preferable).
- Butler IMPS: a form of scoring for Pairs events where each result is IMPed against the average result for all tables, sometimes with one or more extreme results removed. (Cross imps is preferable).
- VP Scales for matches of four boards or fewer (total IMPs is preferable).
- Win-Loss scoring (a form of VPs where a win is scored as 1, a loss as 0 and a tie as ½)

Suggested Teams of 8 IMP Table

Tables for teams of 12, 16 etc may also be calculated

IMP table for Teams of Eight
scored by summing all results

0	0 - 10
1	20 - 60
2	70 - 110
3	120 - 170
4	180 - 230
5	240 - 300
6	310 - 370
7	380 - 440
8	450 - 510
9	520 - 590
10	600 - 690
11	700 - 830
12	840 - 1050
13	1060 - 1260
14	1270 - 1540
15	1550 - 1820
16	1830 - 2110
17	2120 - 2460
18	2470 - 2810
19	2820 - 3170
20	3180 - 3520
21	3530 - 4230
22	4240 - 4940
23	4950 - 5640
24	5650 - +

The table is created by taking the appropriate end point in the standard IMP table, multiplying by $\sqrt{2}$ and rounding to the nearest 10.

Eg In the standard IMP table the range for 3IMPs is 90 – 120. Multiplying the end point 120 by $\sqrt{2} = 169.7$ which rounds to 170, hence the end point in the To8 scale becomes 170. In turn the starting point for the To8 4IMPs then becomes 180.