

SECTION 14.2

THE INTERNATIONAL TIERING SYSTEM

ARTICLE I

INTRODUCTION

The motivation behind athlete tiering is to develop a system capable of ranking athletes according to their ability to perform at the international level. The utility of such a system is as follows:

- 1.1 To enhance the World and Olympic team selection process by identifying those athletes capable of performing consistently at the elite international level.
- 1.2 To establish a direct link between international performance and carding levels. For example a tiering index of 1.0 is considered equivalent to reaching the 'B' card standard.
- 1.3 To establish a graduated level of competitive opportunities and to match the athlete's current abilities to the corresponding level of competition.
- 1.4 To have a system capable of quantifying performance such that objective performance goals can be clearly stated and progress towards the stated goals can be effectively monitored and evaluated.
- 1.5 To provide athlete accountability.

ARTICLE II

METHOD

The ability to accurately measure international performance is essential in order for the tiering concept to be implemented effectively.

Tournament placement by itself, is at best, a poor indicator ... particularly for placements beyond 4th place. The randomness of the draw allows the element of chance to influence the tournament results in an unpredictable fashion. Moreover, the placement method tends to only evaluate an athlete when he performs well and gives no feedback when he performs poorly.

The win/loss record affords an opportunity to examine an athlete's performance capabilities in more detail. By classifying the opponent into one of five tiers, the athlete's overall win/loss record can be broken-down into five separate win/loss records.

STEP 1: The opponent's previous senior record is examined to determine if the opponent can be classified based on previous placement at the World, European, Asian, USA or Russian Championships.

Opponents are classified or tiered by applying Table 9.2, "Opponent's Previous Performance Criteria Grid". Previous performance criteria applies over the past two years at the weight class and style that the opponent is currently competing in.

TABLE 9.2: OPPONENT'S PREVIOUS PERFORMANCE CRITERIA GRID

TIER	V	IV	III	II	I
Sr. Worlds/ Olympic	1-3	4-5	6-7	8	other
Sr. European	1	2-3	4-5	6	other
Sr. USA / URS		1	2-3	4-5	other
Sr. Asian Games			1	2-3	other

STEP 2: If the opponent can not be classified according to STEP ONE then Table 9.3, "Within Tournament Criteria" is used. First, the tournament itself is ranked according to Table 9.4, then the opponent's tier is determined based on the opponent's final placement.

TABLE 9.3: WITHIN TOURNAMENT CRITERIA GRID

TIER	V	IV	III	II	I
Sr. World/ Olympic	1-3	4-5	6-7	8	other
Class E*	1	2-3	4-5	6-7	other
Class A*		1	2-3	4-5	other

* class defined in table 9.4

TABLE 9.4 - TOURNAMENT CLASSIFICATION

Class E	Goodwill Games, F.I.S.U. Games, Sr. World Cup, Tbilisi, Minsk, Yasar Dogu, Dan Kolov
Class A	Espoir Worlds (non Olympic), Category 'A' tournaments, Canada Cup, Sunkist Kids, Michigan Open, NYAC, Pan Ams,

ARTICLE III

CALCULATION OF THE INDEX

The tiering index more accurately reflects an athletes capabilities as the number of matches increases. Therefore, it is essential that carded athletes compete in a sufficient number of tournaments in order to accurately assess their performance capabilities. The minimum of 12 international consecutive matches has been established for carding and Olympic qualification standards - injury provision (the matches must be consecutive).

The tiering index is calculated as follows:

- Tier V wins are worth 5 pts.
- Tier III wins are worth 3 pts.
- Tier I wins are worth 1 pt.
- Tier IV wins are worth 4 pts.
- Tier II wins are worth 2 pts.

The points earned by the athlete in 12 consecutive matches are added together and divided by the total matches (12) wrestled to yield the index.

Calculation Example:

Tier V	Wins	$0 \times 5 = 0$	Number of matches	1	
Tier IV	Wins	$1 \times 4 = 4$		2	
Tier III	Wins	$2 \times 3 = 6$		3	
Tier II	Wins	$4 \times 2 = 8$		4	
Tier I	Wins	$2 \times 1 = 2$		2	
		total points	20	total matches	12

$$\text{Index} = 20/12 \text{ (total pts / 12 consecutive matches)}$$
$$= 1.67$$

Mathematics of the Index

- 3.1 To have a tiering index over 1.00, the athlete must win matches in tiers II - V.
- 3.2 For an index rating below 1.00 additional wins at tier I will move the index closer to 1.00.
- 3.3 For an index rating above 1.00 additional wins at tier I will move the index closer to 1.00.
- 3.4 Access to tier II - V opponents is gained by winning enough matches in order to advance and compete against athletes that reach the finals.

ARTICLE IV

RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL TIERING

- 4.1 **Athlete's Responsibility:** Each individual athlete has the responsibility to maintain a record of all international matches and to verify results produced by CAWA within one week of receiving a CAWA summary.
- 4.2 **Coaches' Responsibility:** Coaches have the responsibility to verify any results reported by CAWA with their individual athletes. Coaches and athletes will have one week after the tiering index cut-off date to report errors or omissions. After this date the athlete's results will not be adjusted. For carding, the cut off deadline coincides with the date of the High Performance Coaches Meeting held in May.
- 4.3 **CAWA's Responsibility:** The CAWA National Program Director has the responsibility to maintain an international competitive record for all carded athletes.
- 4.4 **Weight Class:** Opponents are classified according to the weight class that they are currently wrestling at.
- 4.5 **Style:** Opponents are classified according to the style that they are currently wrestling in.
- 4.6 **Previous Results:** Opponent's previous senior results are examined for the past two years as determined by the cut off date for index calculation.
- 4.7 **Injury:** No credit will be given if an opponent does not show up for a match or defaults the match due to injury regardless of the score at the time of the injury.
- 4.8 **Canadian Opponents:** Matches between Canadian athletes are not counted towards international tiering.
- 4.9 **Foreign opponents:** There will be no credit for wrestling a foreign opponent in any dual meet or domestic tournament that is not used for carding purposes.
- If a foreign opponent with an international ranking of tier II to V according to the "Previous Performance Criteria" in Table 9.2 is met within CAWA's four domestic carding tournaments or a recognized international tournament that CAWA has sanctioned a National Team (ie Pan American Championships or Commonwealth) the match (both wins and losses) will count towards the international tiering index.
- 4.10 **Carding:** A minimum of 12 consecutive international matches are required in the calculation of the tiering index for carding. If the athlete is short 12 matches as of the cut-off date that coincides with the High Performance Coaches Meeting held May, the index will still be calculated but the point total will be divided by 12.
- 4.11 **Espoirs:** Espoir points are accumulated for carding purposes only. Espoir tournament results are not counted towards Olympic qualifications standards unless the opponent can be ranked tier II or above according to senior "Previous Performance Criteria". (Article 4.9)