



**WESPA Summit Cup
Year-to-Date (YTD) Points System**

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1. Introduction – What is the Summit Cup?

The WESPA Summit Cup is a tournament for the best 24 WESPA players who have performed well throughout the Scrabble calendar year by taking part in WESPA-rated events. The Scrabble Calendar Year will be from October 1 of the previous year to September 30 of the current year. The starting date of events are used as reference.

It has the following objectives:

- (a) to showcase the best 24 players of the current year regardless of previous history;
- (b) use qualification for this tournament to encourage top players to play more tournaments; and
- (c) to position our game for corporate sponsorship/partnership visibility and attract more players to competitive Scrabble.

Each WESPA-rated tournament beginning from 1 October 2025 will automatically be accorded a tier ranging from Platinum to Bronze (or “Others”), depending on the criteria that the events fit into. The tournament tier adds a level of prestige by providing an indication of the prize pool, tournament difficulty and its level of recognition.

Players score ‘Year-to-Date (YTD) Points’ for each tournament they play. Across the Scrabble year, their 5 best attempts will be added, and the total will be used as qualification for the WESPA Summit Cup.

The WESPA Summit Cup shall be held on the first weekend of every December, alongside a separate international tournament, the WESPA Open, running concurrently to attract Scrabble players from all over the world. There will be an award gala dinner to wrap up the championship and end the year on a high note.

2. Tournament Tiers Definition

2.1. Tournament Inclusion Criteria

- For a tournament division to be eligible, there must be at least 8 players in the division from start to end.
- YTD points will only be awarded for a tournament division if there are at least two players rated ≥ 1800 (at the start of the tournament) who played in it.
- YTD points will only be awarded to tournaments that are open to all participants. There are specified exceptions like the World Youth Scrabble Championship and World Seniors Championship. Other exceptions can be evaluated by the WESPA Tournaments & Rating Committee if requested (e.g. invitational tournaments between nations).
- For tournaments with multiple divisions, each division will be considered separately for their tier and YTD points, based on the criteria that the division is able to meet below.

2.2. Tournament Division Classification

Each WESPA-rated tournament division is classified into one of the following tiers:

- a. **Platinum** - All tournament divisions with 22 or more games AND a top prize \geq USD \$10,000. WESPAC Main Event and the WESPA Summit Cup would also automatically count as Platinum tournament divisions.
- b. **Gold** - All tournament divisions with 22 or more games AND a top prize \geq USD \$2000. World Youth Scrabble Championship and World Seniors Championship automatically count as Gold tournament divisions.
- c. **Silver** - All tournament divisions with 17 or more games AND a top prize \geq USD \$1000 qualify as Silver.
- d. **Bronze** - All tournament divisions with 12 or more games AND a top prize \geq USD \$200 qualify as Bronze.
- e. **Others** – All other tournament divisions are unranked (i.e. 0 point) for the purpose of YTD Points. Ratings and titles/norms earned through these divisions are not affected.

Note: The **maximum number of games** played in the division is used to determine the number of games. Quarterfinals, semifinals and final rounds are excluded.

Tournaments can be considered on case-by-case basis by the Tournaments & Rating Committee and adjusted to a different classification by WESPA if deemed appropriate.

All determinations of tournament classifications will be made and announced to the organiser well before the tournament. The WESPA calendar on the website will clearly indicate classification of each tournament and show the top prize for each tourney.

3. Calculation of YTD points

The Year-to-Date (YTD) points that a player earns from each WESPA tournament depends on 3 factors:

- the player's finishing percentile, ranked by wins and spread.
- the titles of other players in the division (GM/IM/M)
- the tournament tier.

From a player's finishing rank, percentile can be determined using the formula:

$$Percentile = 100 \left(1 - \frac{Finishing Rank}{Number of players} \right) \text{ (nearest integer)}$$

As the goal of the YTD points is to seek out top performers, every decrease of 10 percentile results in a compounded 20% decrease in YTD points.

A player finishing at the p^{th} percentile will get:

$$YTD\ Point = Winner's\ YTD\ Points \times 0.8^{\frac{100-p}{10}}$$

The value obtained is rounded to the nearest integer.

For ease of reference, Table 1 shows the YTD points calculated at intervals of 10 percentiles.

Table 1 YTD Points

Percentile	YTD Points			
	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Winner	9000	6000	3000	1500
90	7200	4800	2400	1200
80	5760	3840	1920	960
70	4608	3072	1536	768
60	3686	2458	1229	614
50	2949	1966	983	492
40	2359	1573	787	393
30	1887	1259	629	315
20	1510	1007	503	252
10	1208	806	403	201
0	966	644	322	161

Player with byes may appeal for their spreads against bye (but not wins) to be included for calculating their percentile. Other players will not be affected by the movement of the bye player's or the bye's rank.

After determining the base YTD Points scored by each player, a Difficulty Bonus is applied to the YTD Points for all players in that division. The additional points obtained from this is **capped at a cumulative total of +25%** of the base YTD Points of each player.

3.1. Difficulty Bonus

The bonuses are:

- +6% per Grandmaster in the division
- +3% per International Master in the division
- +2% per Master in the division

These exclude the player's own title.

These percentage-point bonuses are added up linearly and multiplied to YTD Points. The next page shows 2 examples demonstrating the use of Table 1 and the application of the Difficulty Bonus.

3.2. Examples of YTD Calculations (with Difficulty Bonus)

Example 1:

Player A, a Grandmaster, plays in a division with 6 GMs (no IM, no M) in total and wins a Gold-tier event, getting the maximum 6000 YTD points.

Excluding Player A, 5 other GMs are in the division.

$$\text{Multiplier} = \min(100\% + 5 \times 6\%, 125\%)$$

Player A obtains the maximum of $125\% \times 6000 = 7500$ YTD Points for the Gold-tier event. The bonus amount was capped at +25%.

Example 2:

Player B, who is untitled, plays in a division with 5 IM and 2 M. Player B finishes 3rd out of 22 players in a Silver-tier event.

$$\text{Percentile} = 100 \left(1 - \frac{3}{22} \right) = 86$$

Referring to Table 1, 3000 YTD Points is the maximum for the 'Silver' tier.

$$3000 \times 0.8^{\frac{100-86}{10}} = 2195 \text{ (nearest integer)}$$

$$\text{Bonus} = 5 \times 3\% + 2 \times 2\% = +19\%$$

Player B obtains $119\% \times 2195 = 2612$ YTD points from this Silver-tier event.

4. Qualification System – WESPA Summit Cup

Each player's 5 highest YTD Points are considered when ranking players on the annual YTD Points table.

If a player has played fewer than 5 tournaments, the player accumulates YTD points for the ones they have played so far. The top 24 players at the end of the Scrabble Year, 30th September, will qualify for the Summit Cup.

Points reset at the start of the next Scrabble Year (1st October).