

Irish Pool Association



New Tour structure for Men's Tour 2010-2011

- The basis of the new Tour structure is that a Plate competition is added to the Main Tour. All Pro and Main Tour players from last year will be entered into the one competition, but players that lose matches up to and including the round of 32 will be entered into a separate Plate event. This event will have its own prize money and Ranking Points;
- Each event will have 32 seeded players, with these players getting a bye to the round of 64;
- Basis of seedings: for the first event the rankings from the end of last year (Pro Tour first, and then main tour) will determine the 32 seeds. For the second event the 32 players that make the last 32 in the first event will be the seeded players. From then on it'll be a cumulative ranking system (second tour points added to first tour points, etc);
- Main Tour match lengths as follows:
 - Preliminary & round of 128 best of 9
 - Last 64 & last 32 best of 11
 - Last 16 & last 8 best of 13
 - Semi finals best of 15
 - Final best of 17
- Plate match lengths as follows:
 - All rounds to last 16 best of 5
 - Last 8 & semi finals best of 7
 - Final best of 9

Ranking Points

Main Tour	Points	Plate
Prelim	5	2 points per match won
Last 128	10	
Last 64	15	
Last 32	20	
Last 16	25	
Quarters	30	
Semi	35	
Runner-up	42	
Winner	50	

- Ranking points... if a seeded player loses in the last 64 (not 32) then they get half the ranking points (8 points rather than the 15). This is to avoid the scenario whereby a player doesn't win a match, yet gets the same points as someone that could have won 4 matches to get to that point.
- Plate Competition – 2 ranking points per match won