



Seeding Process

Every year we get questions on how we seed divisions. This is a challenging task and we strive to do our best with the information we have available. But we do take it seriously, and implement a consistent process.

Reclassifying Players

The USAR has published guidelines on the range of ranking that is allowed to play certain divisions. We don't use it as a hard fast rule, but we do use it as a strong guideline. Here's what we look at to determine reclassification:

- USAR skill rank range
- Last year's performance at the Longhorn Open
- Performance at previous year's larger events

Seeding Skill Divisions

IRT

The IRT draw is seeded by the IRT based on current IRT rankings. The top 8 ranked IRT players are precluded from playing Open divisions. While a participant may be seeded in our draw higher than 8, they still are allowed to play Open divisions if they are officially listed below 8 on the IRT rankings. This is an IRT rule.

Singles

We start by sorting all players by USAR rank. USAR rank generally determines overall seed. We look at the previous year's Longhorn Open to determine if anybody placed, and then may adjust the order of that player to give them credit for the previous year's results. We also look at all unranked players to determine if they have any USAR match history (typically older than 13 months). We may adjust these players to a more suitable position in the draw based on their last held rank (if any).

Doubles

We seed doubles similar to that of singles. We start by sorting by USAR doubles rankings. In addition, we look at each player's singles ranking and come up with an average for the team (excluding 0 ranks). We use the two ranking options in combination to determine seed.