

Player “Removal / Transfer / Participation” Policy For WPA Rankings

NOTE: This policy applies to specific guideline points for “removal, transfer, and participation” of players as follows:

Guidelines Point #1 (Retirement Factor):

- A player will be removed from the “active ranking list” based on his or her decision to RETIRE from approved APD events with WPA World Ranking attachment.
- A player making this decision **MUST** send a written “statement of retirement” to the WPA APD via Mark Dimick (dimickmark@aol.com). In addition, the player must request that his or her name be removed from the current WPA World Rankings. The WPA APD will send a reply email to the requesting player confirming the player’s retirement statement and specific removal status of the player’s name. A “date of retirement” will be noted in this reply.
- Player "statement of retirement" must also grant permission for WPA APD to release player's retirement decision (without liability) to all database contacts, including, but not limited to players, fans, media, forum, sponsor, and other social media network sources.
- Player "statement of retirement" will also note agreement by the player to **NOT PLAY** in any WPA APD approved event with WPA World ranking attachment for a period of 5 years from the date of retirement on record. The WPA APD will deny any entry attempt during this 5-year period.
- After the "retired player's" 5 year hiatus from WPA APD competition has expired, he or she will be allowed to play in future WPA APD approved events per event entry guidelines. A “retired” player returning to approved competition will automatically be placed on the official WPA World Ranking list again after playing in 3 WPA APD approved and consecutive events, using the points earned from the 3 applicable events
- Any retiring player that is “removed” from the ranking list **WILL BE TRANSFERRED** to a "special honor / sport support" list (without rankings) until said time he or she may decide to compete again (and garner ranking points) based on the APD guidelines in place for doing so.

Guideline Point #2 (Participation Factor):

- Players **WILL BE REMOVED AUTOMATICALLY** from the “active ranking list” and will be transferred to a "special honor / sport support list" (without rankings), if the following participation factor applies to their competitive history:

**HAVE NOT PLAYED IN ANY WPA APD APPROVED MAJOR EVENT
(Based on a 4 year time frame immediately before a current event end date)**

Special Note: Cup V not included in “major” “events due to a modified ranking process used.

NOTES:

- Players under this factor that are “removed” from the ranking list **WILL BE TRANSFERRED** to a "special honor / sport support" list (without rankings), but will be allowed to play in future WPA APD approved events per event entry guidelines. A player removed under this factor will automatically be placed on the official rankings list again after playing in 3 WPA APD approved and consecutive events, using the points earned from the 3 applicable events.

GENERAL NOTES:

- Players removed from the rankings list due do either the “retirement” factor or the “participation” factor listed above WILL NOT be “removed” from the “history of our sport”, but rather they will be transferred to a “special honor / sport support” list following the official rankings list. **NO RANKINGS will be shown on this “honor” list.**
- Former” WPA ranked players not on the current ranking list are invited to request inclusion on this special list by email to the WPA Artistic Pool Division via Mark Dimick – dimickmark@aol.com.
- Players on this list will have their "past titles" for Artistic Pool (as documented and approved by the WPA APD) shown after their respective names in a “concise and summarized format” as a form of historical record of accomplishments for promotional usage and "legacy" registration.
- With the creation of this unique list, players, fans, media, and sponsors will continue to see “players of the past” (now unranked) that have given valued support to Artistic Pool over the years via their magnetic personalities, professional participation skills, and the unique talents presented so essential to our sport foundation and future growth.
- Any player on the "special honor / sport support" list that is eventually placed on the official rankings will be removed from the “special honor / sport support” list.
- Players participating in “WPA APD approved major events” for the first time that have not been placed on the official WPA rankings list before will be shown on the “special honor / sport support” list with “NEW” player designation and any earned titles until such a time they are listed on the official rankings.
- Players returning to Artistic Pool after being removed from the ranking list, and / or sport players “in WPA APD approved major events” for the first time will be ranked AUTOMATICALLY after playing in 3 WPA APD approved and consecutive events”; however, players in either of these situations will be given the option of being placed on the WPA World Ranking list after their 1st or 2nd completed event.

SPECIAL NOTE: For “retiring” players re-ranking consideration will only apply after their mandatory 5 – year hiatus from approved competitions.

FINAL NOTE: In essence, all players on the “rankings page” will be placed in one of two sections: 1) officially ranked players, or 2) special honor / sport support players (without rankings). This benefits our sport image and shows a focused effort to honor our players. Players will obviously receive promotional value from these lists.

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