

**Wouldn't it be great to see hundreds of Pros, 0's & 1's who have worked very hard to become great players, back again participating in our Tournaments?**

## **Bowers Rating System (Rankings)**

Just as with most handicap sports the Bowers Rating System offers each player's rating status expressed as a ranking or a list of favorites in each rating category (division). The major difference is other sports assign each player's ranking (nationalized and/or localized) in each division by using whole numbers (seed) in lieu of mixed numbers.

When expressed by using mixed numbers they should become the most valuable asset Directors can use to generate favorable formats. Using this information wisely may help increase participation at major tournaments, as it appears to work very well within other great sports.

## **Theory of Median Formats**

Median formats allow players the opportunity to select another player of their liking to compete against other close tolerance teams (allowance made for deviation).

### **Advantages**

- 1) These formats would allow all players to selectively pair up into tighter ranges leaning forward towards balanced competition.
- 2) Mathematically and as they so well deserve, the best ranked players would still have the opportunity to select a favorable partner without losing their top ranking status in any event.
- 3) Theoretically, 50% of the players, paired up, could potentially add to exactly the same. In reality over 75% of the players could pair up to add within a tight range or allowance made for deviation.
- 4) A simply stated example; Based on a 100 player list, the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked player can choose from 50 % of the list of players, while the 25<sup>th</sup> ranked player can choose from 73% of the list of players, 24<sup>th</sup> ranked player can choose from 72% of the field, etc.

### **Current Disadvantage**

- 1) For players to obtain partners in an easy fashion is currently unavailable. A Tournament or an Association Website could easily remedy this.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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