

ITU World Cup Ranking:

1. **Maximum Scoring Events** : An athletes 9 best scores will be used to determine the ITU World Cup Ranking
2. **World Cup Points**: Athletes earn points in every World Cup event according to the World Cup Points Table:

Position	Points
1	50
2	44
3	39
4	35
5	31
6	27
7	24
8	21
9	18
10	15
11	13
12	11
13	9
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

3. **Bonus Pool** There will be a bonus pool in 2005. The minimum amount will be \$100,000us. The amount and depth, as well as a final grand slam event will be announced pending final negotiations with the event and a global sponsor.

Continental Rankings

1. There are 5 Continental Cups (one per continent: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania). Only athletes in good standing with a national federation affiliated to the continental confederation are eligible for the continental ranking.
2. The Continental Cup events may be categorised into two levels, according to criteria established by the continental confederation, i.e., prize money, television, spectators, etc. The upper level Continental event will be call “Continental Premium Cup” and the lower level “Continental Cup”
3. The title of the event will have the name of the continent replacing the word, “continent”, i.e., ITU Loch Neigh European Cup Triathlon.
4. Continental Rankings Points Table: The base points are the points for the winner. The maximum depth indicates the maximum number of athletes gaining points

	Points	Depth
Continental Championships	750	40
Continental Cup Premium	400	20
Continental Cup	250	20
U 23 Continental Championships	250	20
Continental prestige races	100	10
National Championships	100	5

5. Continental Ranking Rules:
 - The athletes earn points provided they finish within the cut off limit. This limit is fixe d by adding 5% to the winner time for men and 8% for women.
 - The points gained by the winner of the race will be the “base points” modified by the quality of field factor (QF). Athletes with the top 20 ITU points before the race, increase the base points by 2%. The QF can never be more than 20%.
 - Athletes finishing in the next position will receive 7.5% points less than the preceding one. (i.e., if the Continental Championships winner gets 750 points, the second will get 693.75, the third 641.72 , the fourth 593.59, etc.)
 - The total points acquired by every athlete is the result of the addition of the six best scores in the current year races plus 1/3 (*) of the points gained in the preceding year.

(*) *Exceptionally on 2005 Jan 1st the reduction is 1/5 of the points in PATCO Rankings on 2004 Dec 31st and 1/3 of the points in ETU rankings on 2004 Dec 31st Africa, Asia and Oceania begin their rankings now.*

C. ITU Points

1. **Purpose** : ITU Points will be used to determine athletes' eligibility to enter World Cup and World Championship events. Continental confederations may also use the ITU Points to determine national federation quotas for Continental Championships. The ITU Points will not be published as a "ranking".
2. **ITU Points Scoring Events** : Athletes will earn the points according to the table below. The base points are the points for the winner. The maximum depth indicates the maximum number of athletes earning points.

ITU Event	Base Points	Depth
World Championships	1000	50
World Cup	500	50
Continental Championships	400	50
U23 World Championships	200	20
Continental Cup	200	20

The athletes placing in the next position will receive 7.5% points less than the preceding one. (i.e., if the World Championship winner gets 1000 points, the second will get 925, the third 855.62, the fourth 791.45, the fifth 732.09, etc.)

3. The total number of points acquired by an athlete in a given year is the result of the addition of the six best scores in the current year races plus 1/3 (*) of the points earned in the preceding year. ITU Points are earned from the following competitions:
 - Triathlon World Championships
 - Triathlon World Cups
 - Continental Championships
 - U 23 Triathlon World Championships
 - Continental Cups (the two best)
 - Continental Cups premium. These Cups would be considered as an International triathlon in terms of points.

(*) *Exceptionally on 2005 Jan 1st the reduction is 1/10 of the points in World Rankings on 2004 Dec 31st.*