

2013 WORLD BOOM RUNNING RANKING SYSTEM

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The ILRA believes it is imperative to have a system that boom runners can readily comprehend and that encourages them to structure their competitive schedules to address the key elements of competitive development.

After considerable research, the Ranking Committee has concluded that a points-based ranking system best addresses the specific objectives identified above and the overall goal of helping boom runners reach their potential. The simple concept of having a boom runner capable of categorizing an event, determining its level, and understanding the ranking impact of success in that event, allows the athlete to understand what needs to be done. This is an invaluable asset in developing tangible and measurable goals that also help the athlete's preparation and motivation. The details of the WBRS are outlined below, including ranking tables and point assignments.

Annual rankings will provide athletes, coaches and parents a clear vision to evaluate their development as well as progress toward meeting performance and outcome goals. We also use the points-based ranking logic to generate a World Ranking List(WRL) for invitational tournaments.

Each boom runner's annual ranking will be based on the accumulation of points at their 3 best world ranking tournaments during the previous calendar year (Jan.1-Dec.31).

A list of the World Ranking Tournaments is in the table under "World Ranking Tournaments and Tournament Levels" below. Because regional events are designated Ranking Tournaments, it is possible for a boom runner to earn a national ranking by competing only in regional events.

General Information:

* Tiebreak Rule for World Standings Lists:

1. The competitor who has placed the highest at the sanctioned World Championships.
2. The competitor who places the highest at a level 2, and if there are none, then a level 3 with the highest number of competitors in the top 12.

* There must be a minimum of 4 competitors at a particular tournament to award points.

* A boom runner must have an official time recorded to be eligible for points at the tournament. DNF or DQ will not result in a time or points earned.

* World Ranking Lists are calculated using the 3 Best World Ranking Tournaments for each boom runner during the previous calendar year (Jan.1-Dec. 31).

* In invitational and/or single elimination tournaments in a head-to-head format, places 5-8 will be determined by times in the quarter-final rounds.

• Definition of an open boom tournament: Available for anyone to enter at 16 years of age (as of January 1st of that year) and a full USLRA elite competitive member

* Invitational tournaments will not be awarded points.

* It is recommended that the current world champion be invited to an invitational tournament.

* Seeding for the Invitational will be based on the ranking system, which is figured on an athlete's top 3 results during the previous season.

· When an athlete does not compete in a season they will receive 70% of their points upon returning the next season. If a shift in points has occurred (change in major tournaments or points allocations compared to the competitors year off), their points will be pro-rated before the 70% allocation is applied. If they choose not to compete for more than one season, their ranking points will return to zero.

World cup boom format will not be included in ranking points. World cup boom events will be tracked separately. If there are 3 or more world cup format events in one year, world cup will have its own ranking.

World Ranking Tournaments and Tournament Levels.

Tournaments considered for world rankings will use the following criteria:

Level 3: (Must meet the following criteria)

- Registration must be open to all boom runners. A minimum of 4 boom runners must attend.
- No cash, prize, or award purse is required, but up to \$4999(USD) is accepted.
- Information must be sent out and posted on a website 30 days prior to the first day of the tournament.

Level 2: (Must meet one of the following criteria)

- The tournament must be open to all boom runners. A minimum of 4 boom runners must attend.
- The cash, prize (50% of retail value on new, non-bulk items), and award purse must total a minimum of \$5000(USD) per tournament or \$2500(USD) if separate men's and women's divisions.
- Information must be sent out and posted on a web-site 30 days prior to the first day of the tournament.

Level 1: (Must meet the following criteria)

- Registration must be open to all boom runners **OR** if it is an invitational tournament, a minimum of 8 boom runners must be invited in ranking order from 1 on down.
- A minimum of 6 boom runners must attend.
- Cash, prize (50% of retail value on new, non-bulk items), and award purse must total a minimum of \$10,000 (USD) per tournament or \$5,000(USD) if separate men's and women's divisions.
- The purse must pay out 8 places with 8th place earning a minimum of 5% of the total purse value.
- Information must be sent out and posted on a web-site 60 days prior to the first day of the tournament.

Placing	Level 1 Points	Level 2 Points	Level 3 Points
1	300	200	100
2	285	190	95
3	270	180	90
4	255	170	85
5	240	160	80
6	225	150	75
7	210	140	70
8	195	130	65
9	180	120	60
10	165	110	55
11	150	100	50
12	135	90	45
13	120	80	40
14	105	70	35
15	90	60	30
16	75	50	25
17	60	40	20
18	45	30	15
19	30	20	10
20	15	10	5