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APTA Men's Ranking Committee

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The Ranking Committee's main objective is to provide accurate and fair rankings for all men's teams which enables us to properly weight tournaments. In addition, we provide all NRT Directors with all seeded and placed teams and specific rules on how we pull their draw. Tournament Directors are invited to join the conference call we have to pull the draw. The draw call usually consists of myself, Ann Sheedy, Isabel Cabanne and Shannon Vinson if that tournament is a Grand Prix. While it has taken a few years to get to a point now where we feel like we are on point, we still strive to improve each year by listening to player's suggestions and taking them into consideration.

The 2017-18 season was another successful one for our committee. For the second year in a row we did not need to make any changes to our rating table and point thresholds. This means that we are where we need to be. This is a fluid system that we will monitor each and every year and make the necessary adjustments if needed.

Looking back on the 2017-18 season, the Men's Ranking Committee decided to make one significant change. One issue that we have received complaints about is that fact that the points awarded at Nationals don't accurately reflect the difficulty of achieving certain levels. For example, finishing 17<sup>th</sup> at Nationals only rewarded 38.25 points last year with a rating of 4.5. The 17<sup>th</sup> ranked team in the country has an average of 48.27 points. We struggle with this issue from year to year whether we should have a separate point system only for Nationals to more accurately reflect the severity of the tournament. This year we implemented a Nationals ONLY point scale. We looked at the 3 tourney points averages going into nationals and the scale reflected those averages with a significant increase to properly reflect the importance of Nationals. This year finishing 17<sup>th</sup> at Nationals rewarded 50 points. We received a lot of positive feedback on the decision and you'll now see that most of the teams that participated in Nationals are using their Nationals result in their 3 tourney average. We will continue to tweak the scale each year if needed based on the averages heading into Nationals.

Sincerely,

Ray Crosta