
OFFICIAL RULES – High Five™ Tournament Ranking Manual

The Professional Domino Association provides a structured forum for domino players to compete for cash and prizes. Our most popular competitions are the PDA High Five™ tournaments. These tournaments are special events held in various cities around the US. Please see our current schedule for upcoming tournament locations, dates, and times.

PDA Membership Advantages

All PDA tournaments are open to everyone, however, membership in the PDA provides extra benefits in entry, eligibility, and starting position at all our High Five™ tournaments. PDA Membership provides a discount on entry fees and also gives each member an opportunity to be ranked for future High Five™ tournaments.

PDA Ranking Method

The PDA does NOT require a minimum or maximum number of games for each player. Therefore, ranking is based on the player's ability to advance during the PDA High Five™ tournaments. Each round of a tournament that a player wins will earn him/her points in the standings. Players who consistently participate and win will accumulate the most points and have the best opportunity to be ranked the highest. The high ranking players will receive the higher starting positions (or seeds) when the brackets are set in High Five™ tournaments. This ranking method will ensure that only members that play in the most tournaments and win the most games are at the top of the rankings at all times. The PDA Ranking Method allows for wins and losses to be measured but makes tournament advancement determine success.

Ranking Rules:

- 1) Players will earn points only by having an active PDA Membership and participating in PDA High Five™ tournaments.
- 2) Players will begin earning points by winning the first round of a High Five tournament or gaining a bye.
- 3) Players who receive a first round bye will earn 4 points for that round.
- 4) Upon recording a first round win or bye, players will accumulate more points through wins of any round or through losses of any round except round one in each tournament throughout the calendar year.
- 5) Players will be ranked from highest point total to lowest point total throughout the calendar year. The player with most points will be considered 1st Place and so on. In the event of a tie see tiebreaker rules.

Tie-Breaker Rules:

- 1) When multiple players have the same point total, the player with the most wins will earn the higher rank.
- 2) Then second tie-breaker will be the loss category. Ranking priority will be given to the player with the least number of losses when wins are equal.
- 3) Total game points scored and points scored against will be the third and fourth tie-breakers. In the event wins and losses are even, the PDA will review points scored, then points against to make a ranking determination.
- 4) If the PDA is unable to break a tie using rules 1-3 above, players will share their rank position.

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PDA High Five™ Tournament Point System:

- Round One winners will earn 4 pts., losers will earn 0 pts.
- Round Two winners will earn 5 pts., losers will earn 1 pt.
- Round Three winners will earn 6 pts., losers will earn 2 pts.
- Round Four winners will earn 7 pts., losers will earn 3 pts.
- Round Five winners will earn 8 pts., losers will earn 4 pts.
- Round Six winners will earn 9 pts., losers will earn 5 pts.
- Round Seven winner (champion) will earn 10 plus 1 bonus point, losers will earn 6 pts.

High Five™ Tournament Finalists:

Each tournament will provide different prize amounts for first through sixth place finishers – also known as “The Big Six”. First place will be the tournament champion and second place will be his/her opponent. There will be two semi-finalists placing either third or fourth. Both of these players will have the same number of points because they have advanced to the same semi-final round. To determine final ranking, third and fourth place finishers will compete in a single game “sudden death” match. This match is solely for determination of finishing place and prize amounts - neither games nor points will be added to overall tournament record in this match. There will be four quarter-finalists placing fifth through eighth place. Fifth and sixth place finishers will earn cash and prizes.

Good Luck!