

Fifth Chair



Tournament Scoring: MP vs IMP

Matchpoints and IMPs are two types of tournament scoring. In matchpoints, your board results are compared to everyone else's results. You get one matchpoint for each pair you beat, and one-half matchpoint for each pair you tie. The size of the difference in scores does not matter. Here is an example. Let's say you and your partner are sitting East-West and score +420 on Board 1. Let's also say there are 9 other East-Wests in the field who will play the exact same board and get their own results.

Pair # Result Matchpoints

Pair 1 (you)	+420	n/a
Pair 2	+420	+0.5
Pair 3	-100	+1.0
Pair 4	-50	+1.0
Pair 5	+450	+0.0
Pair 6	+450	+0.0
Pair 7	-150	+1.0
Pair 8	+50	+1.0
Pair 9	+420	+0.5
Pair 10	+420	+0.5

		+5.5

So on this board, you would receive 5.5 matchpoints out of 10, or 55%. 50% is average, so 55% is a good score. Your objective is to get as many matchpoints as possible on each board.

At IMP pairs, your IMP score is dependent on the size of the score difference between you and the field. Here is the IMP scale, which you would use to calculate how many IMPs you win or lose on a board.

Diff. In Pts.	IMPs
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20-40	1
50-80	2
90-120	3
130-160	4
170-210	5
220-260	6
270-310	7
320-360	8
370-420	9
430-490	10
500-590	11
600-740	12
750-890	13
900-1090	14
1100-1290	15
1300-1490	16

1500-1740	17
1750-1990	18
2000-2240	19
2250-2490	20
2500-2990	21
3000-3490	22
3500-3990	23
4000 and up	24

On the above board, the field average (not including your score) is

- Pair 2 +420
- Pair 3 -100
- Pair 4 -50
- Pair 5 +450
- Pair 6 +450
- Pair 7 -150
- Pair 8 +50
- Pair 9 +420
- Pair 10 +420

+1510 divided by 9 = 212.22

420 (your score) - 212.22 = 207.78

207.78 converts to 5 IMPs. You win 5 IMPs.