

PL Ranking – Demystified!

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Premier League What & Why

- Provide season-long competition among athletes across the full range of abilities
- Provide a selection tool for international age group competitions
- Promote competition at ITU Standard Distances
- Promote larger races to cater for increased entrant numbers

Race Distances

	Swim	Cycle	Run
• Sprint	750m	20km	5km
• Standard*	1500m	40km	10km
• Long	4 km	130km	30km
• Ironman	3800	180km	42km

* Standard Distance = Olympic Distance

Race Tiers

Race Distance	Swim	Min. TI Quota
• Tier 1 - ITU Standard	Open Water	250
• Tier 2 - ITU Sprint (or longer)	Open Water	200
• Tier 3 - Other	Open Water/Pool	120

Other considerations - New Race or Course etc

Some % variations on distance allowed

Race Tiers

Race Points

- **Tier 1 - 100**

Scores to Count Toward Total (Note 1) (Note2)

max. 3 best if => 5 races in Tier 1
max. 2 best if 2 to 4 races in Tier 1
max. 1 best if 1 to 2 races in Tier 1

- **Tier 2 - 90**

Any scores may count

- **Tier 3 - 75**

Any scores may count

TI are aiming to get athletes competitive at International level and particularly the Olympics – these races are solely done at the standard distance so our league should be weighted towards this distance

Race Tiers

Races

Tier 1

5 Races

Kilkee

Chonamara

Mourne

Lough Neagh

Dublin City

Tier 2

8 Races

Camlough

Mullaghmore

Carrick-on-Suir Tri

TriAthlone

King of the Hill

Carlingford

Blessington

Lost Sheep

Tier 3

8 Races

Joey Hannon

Roe Valley

Fingal

Blackrock

Waterford

Ballina

Carrick-on-Suir Try

Youghal

Race Scoring

- Calculation of an athlete's points score from a race

Athlete's Score = Race Points * (Winner's Time) / (Athlete's Time)

- **Example - T1 Race Max - 100 points**
 - Winner's Time = 88 minutes
 - A.n. Other's Time = 95 minutes
 - A.n. Other's Score = $100 * 88/95 = 92.63$ points

Race Scoring

- Calculation of an Athlete's total Premier League Total Score

An athlete's total score will be made up of their **FIVE** highest qualifying points scores in the PL

- Athlete's maximum possible score
 - “Tier 1” X 3 + “Tier 2” X 2 = 100+100+100+90+90 = 480

Race Scoring

Case Study on scoring

Mark McManus PL 2006 ranking 99

Tier	2	2	1	1	3
Max score	90	90	100	100	75
Race	Kilkee	Carrick on Suir	Mourne	Dublin City	Fingal
Winners time	131.25	62	125	118.5	62.75
Mark's Time	170.15	78.75	158.5	148.5	79
Percentage	77%	79%	79%	79%	79%
Mark's Score	69.42	70.86	78.86	79.80	59.

Mark's PL total Score 358.77

Mark's Score calculation $131.25 / 170.15 * 90$ for Kilkee

(All time in shown in minutes)

Race Scoring

- What races should I do for best score ?

If you're an elite and wish to maximise PL scores

3 Tier 1 races and 2 Tier 2

BUT

IS THIS REALISTIC ?

Only 5 T1 events - Total 1500 places

Over 2000 T1 members

All the top athletes will be fighting for the T1 places and lesser athletes will probably score better in the T2 races.

Race Scoring

- What races should I do for best score ?

Recommended

2 x Tier 1 Races, 3 x Tier 2 Races.

- Do the Trilogy priority races.

Tier 1 - Mourne 4/8/07

Tier 2 - TriAthlone 14/07/07

Tier 2 - Carlingford 11/08/07

Tier 2 - Lost Sheep 01/09/07

1 other Tier 1

and possibly 1 other Tier 2