

Rankings Policy

Australian Fencing Federation Limited ACN 161 544 752 (**AFF**)

1. Background

The Australian Fencing Federation Limited (**AFF**) is the National Sporting Organisation (**NSO**) for the Olympic Sport of Fencing.

This Rankings Policy (the **Policy**) governs the ranking of athletes in Australia.

2. Application

2.1 The Policy applies to all athletes.

This Policy was adopted by resolution of the AFF Board on 14 March 2021 and amended by the AFF Board on 20 September, 2021, and again on 21 May 2022 and again on 19 February 2025 and comes into effect, replacing the previous Policy on January 1, 2023 and until such time the previous Policy remains in force. The Policy will operate until amended, repealed or replaced in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Other AFF policies may be necessary to read in connection with this Policy. AFF policies are published on the AFF's website: www.ausfencing.org

3. AFF Rankings List

The Board must ensure that, within one month of the completion of each AFC Event, an updated ranking list of athletes' in each affected age category is published on the AFF website. The ranking list may be prepared by the Board or such other persons as are authorised to do so by the Board.

The Board will ensure that AFF Age Ranking Lists are maintained for the following age categories:

- (a) Youth;
- (b) Cadet;
- (c) Junior;
- (d) Senior;
- (e) Veteran
- (f) Australian Youth Circuit (AYC).

Points will be awarded for the competitions listed in Appendix A, on the basis set out therein.

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The points are specific to each age category, and cannot be combined.

The points awarded for AFC Events and Oceania Events expire on a rolling basis immediately after the corresponding competition in the next calendar year, provided that:

if any of the AFC Events is not held in a particular calendar year, then the points accrued for that competition in the previous calendar year will expire 12 months after the event was last held;

- (g) if any of the Oceania Events is not held in a particular calendar year (or if the corresponding event is held in Australia), then the points accrued in that event in the previous calendar year will expire 12 months after the event was last held (or immediately after the corresponding event is held in Australia).

The points awarded for the World Championships expire immediately after the next World Championships or Olympic Games (regardless of whether or not this occurs within the following 12 months). The points awarded for the Olympic Games expire immediately after the next World Championships (regardless of whether or not this occurs within the following 12 months).

3.2 Points awarded for all competitions other than AFC Events, Oceania Events, World Championships and Olympic Games expire on the earlier of:

- (a) the date which is 12 months after the competition; or

if a corresponding competition is held within the next 12 months, immediately after that competition is held.

An Age Point Aggregate will be calculated for each athlete in each weapon in each age category, comprising the sum of the highest points earned in the competitions specified in the relevant competitions listed the Rankings Points Table in Appendix A for the relevant age category limited to:

- (b) for Youth, Cadet, and Junior, four events made up of:
 - (1) a minimum of one Domestic Event (can be more), and
 - (2) a maximum of three events from any of an International Championship Event or HPC Designated Events;
- (c) Senior, three events made up of:
 - (1) a minimum of one Domestic Event (can be more),
 - (2) a maximum of one International Event (non-Designated), and
 - (3) a maximum of two events from any of an International Championship or HPC Designated Events; and
- (d) for Veteran, three events, provided that no more than two non-Veteran events can be included.

3.3 An Athlete's Australian Ranking in an age category will be compiled using on the Age Point Aggregate for each athlete for the relevant age category.

4. Definitions

AFC Events means the Australian Fencing Circuit events as published by the AFF from time to time and includes the Australian National Championships.

AYC Events means the Australian Youth Circuit events as published by the AFF from time to time and includes the AYC Final.

AFF means the Australian Fencing Federation Ltd.

Age Point Aggregate means the age point aggregates as determined by this Policy.

Australian Ranking means an athlete's ranking as compared to other fencers in their age group based on their Age point Aggregate as determined by this Policy.

Australian Ranking Points means the number of points as per their relevant Age Point Aggregate as determined by this Policy.

Board means the board of directors of the AFF.

Cadet means the 'Cadet' age category as defined by the FIE, except with a minimum age of at least 12 years of age on the first day of the event.

Constitution means the constitution of the AFF (as amended from time to time).

Domestic Events means all events nominated by AFF as National events.

FIE means the Federation Internationale d'Escrime.

HPC means the AFF's High-Performance Commission.

HPC Designated Event means an event that is designated by the High Performance Commission for participation in by National Squad Members.

International Championship means any one of the Asian Championships, World Championships, Commonwealth Fencing Championships, Asian Games, or any other event the AFF nominates as an International Championship.

International non-Designated Event means an FIE World Cup or Grand Prix (FIE A Grade) that has not been nominated by the HPC as an HPC Designated Event or nominated by the AFF as an International Championship, and is usually an FIE Grand Prix or similar. An International Event (non-Designated) can also be known as International Event (non-HPC Designated) and the terms are interchangeable. Where there is any uncertainty whether an event is to be classified as an International Event (non-Designated), this will be determined at the discretion of the AFF.

International Event (Other) means any International Event as determined by the AFF, and any other event outside the scope of this policy..

International Tour (Youth) means any International Event nominated by the HPC as the International Tour (Youth) for that year. There may be more than one event in a calendar year.

Junior means the 'Junior' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

Oceania Event – any of the following events, but only when held outside Australia:

- (a) Oceania Senior Championships;
- (b) Oceania Junior Championships;
- (c) Oceania Cadet Championships;
- (d) Oceania Under-15 Championships; and
- (e) Oceania Veteran Championships.

Senior means the 'Senior' age category as defined by the FIE. Eligibility will be pursuant to the FIE eligibility requirements.

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Youth means the Under-15 age category. In order to be eligible for this age category an athlete must be under the age of 15 years on December 31 of the previous year of the competition, and at least ten years of age on the first day of the Event.

Veteran means attained the age of 40 years or older on December 31 of the year of the Event.

Appendix A – Ranking Points Tables

Rankings Table Notes

The following notes apply to all ranking points tables in this Appendix A.

- Points are only awarded for a competition if the fencer is promoted to a DE tableau.
- No scaling factor will be applied based on the number of fencers for AFF sanctioned Domestic events.
- No scaling factors will be applied to the following events: Zonal Championships, Commonwealths Championships, World championships and any other event designated as a non scaling event by AFF, of which to be published on the AFF website.
- For FIE sanctioned Senior and Veteran events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event: >260 (118%); 170-260 (110%); 110-169 (100%); 80-109 (80%); 50-79 (45%); 32-49 (25%); 1-32 (10%)
- For FIE sanctioned Junior and Cadet events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event : >260 (118%); 170-260 (108%); 110-169 (100%); 80-109 (80%); 50-79 (45%); 32-49 (25%); 1-32 (10%)
- For non-FIE sanctioned events, the following scaling factors will be applied based on the number of fencers in the event: >48 (100%); 33-48 (75%); 17-32 (50%); 5-16 (25%); 1-5 (0%)
- For International Tour (Youth) points as follows: for U15 and Y14 Events 100% of the Points allocation; for U14 or Y13 Events 75% of the Points allocation.

Senior Rankings Points

| | Senior Australian Champs | Senior AFC Events (AFC1,2,3,4, 5) | Senior World Champs | Senior Asian Champs / Asian Games | Senior HPC Des Events | Senior C'wealth Champs | Intl Non- Des Events | Intl Events (Other) | Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Place | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 32 | 28.8 | 658 | 180 | 470 | 48 | 320 | 0 | 32 |
| 2 | 26 | 23.4 | 532 | 146 | 380 | 39 | 224 | 0 | 26 |
| 3= | 20 | 18 | 406 | 112 | 290 | 30 | 160 | 0 | 20 |
| 5-8 | 14 | 12.6 | 280 | 78.5 | 200 | 21 | 120 | 0 | 14 |
| 9-16 | 8 | 7.2 | 180 | 45 | 128 | 12 | 80 | 0 | 8 |
| 17-32 | 4 | 3.6 | 112 | 22.5 | 80 | 6 | 60 | 0 | 4 |
| 33-64 | 2 | 1.8 | 63 | 11.25 | 45 | 3 | 32 | 0 | 2 |
| 65-96 | 1 | 0.9 | 30 | 5.6 | 21 | 1.5 | 12 | 0 | 1 |
| 97-128 | | | 21 | | 15 | | 6 | | |
| 129-160 | | | 11 | | 8 | | 0 | | |
| 161-256 | 0.5 | 0.45 | | 2.8 | | 0 | | 0 | 0.5 |
| 257-288 | | | | | | | | | |
| > 288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

H.O.A. = Held Outside Australia

Please refer to Raking Points Table Notes.

Junior Rankings Points

| Place | Junior Australian Champs | Junior World Champs | Junior Asian Champs | Junior HPC Des Events | Junior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Senior Australian Champs | Senior AFC Events (AFC 1,2,3,4,5) | Senior World Champs |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 32 | 658 | 180 | 470 | 32 | 38.4 | 34.6 | 790 |
| 2 | 26 | 532 | 146 | 380 | 26 | 31.2 | 28.1 | 638.5 |
| 3= | 20 | 460 | 112 | 290 | 20 | 24 | 21.6 | 478.2 |
| 5-8 | 14 | 280 | 78.5 | 200 | 14 | 16.8 | 15.1 | 336 |
| 9-16 | 8 | 180 | 45 | 128 | 8 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 216 |
| 17-32 | 4 | 112 | 22.5 | 80 | 4 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 134.4 |
| 33-64 | 2 | 56 | 11.25 | 40 | 2 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 75.6 |
| 65-96 | 1 | 25 | 5.64 | 18 | 1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 36 |
| 97-128 | | | | | | | | 25.2 |
| 129-160 | 0.5 | 11 | 2.8 | 8 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 13.2 |
| 161-256 | | | | | | | | |
| 257-288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| > 288 | | | | | | | | |

| Place | Junior Intl Events (Other) | Senior Asian Champs / Asian Games | Senior HPC Des Events | Senior C'wealth Champs | Senior Intl Non-Des Events | Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Junior C'wealth Champs | Senior Intl Events (Other) |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 0 | 216 | 564 | 57.6 | 384 | 38.4 | 48 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 175.2 | 456 | 46.8 | 268.8 | 31.2 | 39 | 0 |
| 3= | 0 | 134.4 | 348 | 36 | 192 | 24 | 30 | 0 |
| 5-8 | 0 | 94.2 | 240 | 25.2 | 144 | 16.8 | 21 | 0 |
| 9-16 | 0 | 54 | 153.6 | 14.4 | 96 | 9.6 | 12 | 0 |
| 17-32 | 0 | 27 | 96 | 7.2 | 72 | 4.8 | 6 | 0 |
| 33-64 | 0 | 13.5 | 54 | 3.6 | 38.4 | 2.4 | 3 | 0 |
| 65-96 | 0 | 6.7 | 25.2 | 1.8 | 14.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0 |
| 97-128 | | | 18 | | 6 | | | |
| 129-160 | 0 | 3.4 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 161-256 | | | | | | | | |
| 257-288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| > 288 | | | | | | | | |

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Cadet Rankings Points

| Place | Cadet Aust. Champs | Cadet World Champs | Cadet Asian Champs | Cadet Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Cadet HPC Des Events | Senior Aust. Champs | Senior AFC Circuit (AFC 1,2,3,4,5) | Senior World Champs | Senior Asian Champs/ Asian Games | Senior HPC Des Events | Junior C'wealth Champs | Senior Intl Events (Other) |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 32 | 658 | 180 | 32 | 470 | 48 | 43.2 | 948 | 259.2 | 676.8 | 57.6 | 0 |
| 2 | 26 | 532 | 146 | 26 | 380 | 39 | 35.1 | 766.2 | 210.2 | 547.2 | 46.8 | 0 |
| 3= | 20 | 460 | 112 | 20 | 290 | 30 | 27 | 584.6 | 161.3 | 417 | 36 | 0 |
| 5-8 | 14 | 280 | 78.5 | 14 | 200 | 21 | 18.9 | 403.2 | 113 | 288 | 25.2 | 0 |
| 9-16 | 8 | 180 | 45 | 8 | 128 | 12 | 10.8 | 259.2 | 64.8 | 184.3 | 14.4 | 0 |
| 17-32 | 4 | 112 | 22.5 | 5 | 80 | 6 | 5.4 | 161.3 | 32.4 | 115.2 | 7.2 | 0 |
| 33-64 | 2 | 56 | 11.25 | 2 | 40 | 3 | 2.7 | 90.7 | 16.2 | 64.8 | 3.6 | 0 |
| 65-96 | 1 | 25 | 5.64 | 1 | 18 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 43.2 | 8 | 30.2 | 1.8 | 0 |
| 97-128 | | | | | | | | 30.2 | | 21.6 | | |
| 129-160 | | | | | | | | 15.8 | 4 | 11.5 | 0 | 0 |
| 161-256 | 0.5 | 11 | 2.8 | 0.5 | 8 | 0.75 | 0.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 257-288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| > 288 | | | | | | | | 0 | | 0 | | |

| Place | Senior Non-Des Intl Events | Senior C'wealth Champs | Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Junior Aust. Champs | Junior World Champs | Junior Asian Champs | Junior HPC Des Events | Junior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Cadet C'wealth Champs | Junior Intl Events (Other) | Cadet Intl Events (Other) |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 384 | 72 | 48 | 38.4 | 789.6 | 216 | 564 | 38.4 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 268.8 | 58.5 | 39 | 31.2 | 628.4 | 175.2 | 456 | 31.2 | 39 | 0 | 0 |
| 3= | 192 | 45 | 30 | 24 | 552 | 134.4 | 348 | 24.0 | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-8 | 144 | 31.5 | 21 | 16.8 | 336 | 94.2 | 240 | 16.8 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 9-16 | 95 | 18 | 12 | 9.6 | 216 | 54 | 153.6 | 9.6 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 17-32 | 72 | 9 | 6 | 4.8 | 134.4 | 27 | 96 | 4.8 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 33-64 | 38.4 | 4.5 | 3 | 2.4 | 67 | 13.5 | 48 | 2.4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 65-96 | 14.4 | 2.25 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 30 | 6.7 | 21.6 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0 | 0 |
| 97-128 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 129-160 | 0 | 0 | 0.75 | 0 | 13.2 | 3.4 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 161-256 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 257-288 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| > 288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Youth Rankings Points

| Place | AYC #1, 2, 3 | AYC Final | Aust. Youth Champs | Intl Tour (Youth) | Aust. Cadet Champs | Cadet World Champs | Cadet Asian Champs | Cadet Oceania Champs (H.O.A.) | Aust. Senior Champs | Senior AFC Circuit (AFC 1,2,3,4,5) | Senior World Champs | Senior Asian Zone Champs / Asian Games | Senior Intl Events (Other) | Junior Intl Events (Other) |
|---------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 28.8 | 60 | 32 | 300 | 38.4 | 789.6 | 216 | 38.4 | 60 | 51.84 | 1137.6 | 311 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 23.4 | 40 | 26 | 250 | 31.2 | 638.4 | 175.2 | 31.2 | 48.75 | 43.75 | 920 | 252.4 | 0 | 0 |
| 3= | 18 | 30 | 20 | 200 | 24 | 552 | 134.4 | 24 | 37.5 | 33.75 | 701.5 | 193.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-8 | 12.6 | 15 | 14 | 100 | 16.8 | 336 | 94.2 | 16.8 | 26.25 | 23.62 | 438.4 | 135.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 9-16 | 7.2 | 6 | 8 | 50 | 9.6 | 216 | 54 | 9.6 | 15 | 13.5 | 311 | 77.8 | 0 | 0 |
| 17-32 | 3.6 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 4.8 | 134.4 | 27 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 6.75 | 193.5 | 38.9 | 0 | 0 |
| 33-64 | 1.8 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 2.4 | 67.2 | 13.5 | 2.4 | 3.75 | 3.37 | 108.8 | 19.4 | 0 | 0 |
| 65-96 | 0.9 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 1.2 | 30 | 6.7 | 1.2 | 1.87 | 1.68 | 51.8 | 9.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 97-128 | | | | | | | | | | | 36.2 | | | |
| 129-160 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 8.5 | 0.6 | 13.2 | 3.4 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 4.8 | 0 | 0 |
| 161-256 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | |
| 257-288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| > 288 | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | | | |

| Place | Senior HPC Des. Events | Senior C'wealth Champs | Senior Intl (non-HPC Des) | Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Aust. Junior Champs | Junior World Champs | Junior Asian Champs | Junior C'wealth Champs | Junior HPC Des. Events | Junior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Cadet C'wealth Champs | Cadet Intl Events (Other) | Youth Intl Events (Other) |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 812.2 | TBA | 384 | 57.6 | 48 | 947.5 | 259.2 | 72 | 676.8 | 46.08 | 57.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 656.6 | TBA | 268.8 | 46.8 | 39 | 766.1 | 210.5 | 58.5 | 547.2 | 37.44 | 46.8 | 0 | 0 |
| 3= | 501.1 | TBA | 192 | 36 | 30 | 662.4 | 161.5 | 45 | 417.6 | 28.8 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| 5-8 | 345.6 | TBA | 144 | 25.2 | 21 | 403.2 | 113 | 31.5 | 288 | 20.16 | 25.2 | 0 | 0 |
| 9-16 | 221.2 | TBA | 96 | 14.4 | 12 | 259.2 | 64.8 | 18 | 184.3 | 11.52 | 14.4 | 0 | 0 |
| 17-32 | 138.2 | TBA | 72 | 7.2 | 6 | 161.1 | 32.4 | 9 | 115.2 | 5.76 | 7.2 | 0 | 0 |
| 33-64 | 77.8 | TBA | 38.4 | 3.6 | 3 | 80.6 | 16.2 | 4.5 | 57.6 | 2.88 | 3.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 65-96 | 36.2 | TBA | 14.4 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 36 | 8 | 2.25 | 24 | 1.44 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 |
| 97-128 | 25.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 129-160 | 13.8 | TBA | 6 | 0.9 | 0.75 | 15.8 | 4 | 0 | 11.5 | 0.72 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 161-256 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 257-288 | 0 | TBA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| > 288 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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AYC Rankings Points

| Place | AYC #1, 2, 3 |
|---------|-----------------|
| 1 | 28.8 |
| 2 | 23.4 |
| 3= | 18 |
| 5-8 | 12.6 |
| 9-16 | 7.2 |
| 17-32 | 3.6 |
| 33-64 | 1.8 |
| 65-96 | 0.9 |
| 97-128 | |
| 129-160 | 0 |
| 161-256 | |
| 257-288 | 0 |
| > 288 | |

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Veteran Rankings Points

| Place | Veteran Australian Champs | Veteran AFC Circuit (AFC1,2,3,4) | Veteran World Champs | Veteran Asian Champs | Veteran Oceania Champs (H.O.A) | Veteran C'wealth Champs | Senior Australian Champs | Senior AFC Circuit (AFC1,2,3,4) | Senior C'wealth Champs | Senior Oceania Champs (H.O.A) |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 32 | 28.8 | 658 | 180 | 32 | 80 | 80 | 72 | TBA | 80 |
| 2 | 26 | 23.4 | 532 | 146 | 26 | 65 | 65 | 58.5 | TBA | 65 |
| 3= | 20 | 18 | 406 | 112 | 20 | 50 | 50 | 45 | TBA | 50 |
| 5-8 | 14 | 12.6 | 280 | 78.5 | 14 | 35 | 35 | 31.5 | TBA | 35 |
| 9-16 | 80 | 7.2 | 180 | 45 | 8 | 20 | 20 | 18 | TBA | 20 |
| 17-32 | 4 | 3.6 | 112 | 22.5 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 9 | TBA | 10 |
| 33-64 | 2 | 1.8 | 63 | 11.25 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4.5 | TBA | 5 |
| 65-96 | 1 | 0.9 | 30 | 5.6 | 1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | TBA | 2.5 |
| 97-128 | | | 21 | | | | | | | |
| 129-160 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 11 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.25 | 1.1 | TBA | 1.25 |
| 161-256 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 257-288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | TBA | 0 |
| > 288 | | | | | | | | | | |

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