

**Ranking Committee Report**  
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The 2011 Ranking committee has two major thrusts. The first is the evaluation of the current method used for stratifying events. Our aim was to adopt a method for the best placing of our players in competitive groupings. We had received proposals from our membership ranging from our present method of masterpoint totals to a complete overhaul to a current performance rating system. In the beginning, we were confident we would come up with positive changes. A great deal of effort was put forth applying the various formulas to our membership database. In reviewing the different approaches, some trends became evident. The first realization was that each method evaluated had its own particular weakness. As adjustments were made in one area, new deficits appeared in other areas. We had heard of the major flaws in our present method. These reports were skewed by extreme cases and the actual percentage of improperly stratified players was very low. In the end, our committee came to the unanimous conclusion that as flawed as our present methods may appear; at this time, it remains the best way to serve our members. The committee's recommendation is that we continue the use of masterpoint based stratification. Our committee is now channeling its efforts towards our second concern, a review of the requirements needed for rank advancement for Life Master and higher ranks.

At this time, I would like to thank not only the committee but especially all those members who have made submissions to our committee. These efforts have not been in vane. It is through your efforts that we are affirmed that after a full investigation our present course is the best way of continuing.