

Poll 2019

Player no. \_\_\_\_\_

**Your data:**

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Your classification?                          
                                  Rookie      Semi-Pro      Master      Elite

Gender?                              
                                  male      female

How often do you come to P4P tournaments?      0                      1                      2                      3  
                                                                                                      
                                  never                      1st time now                      1-2 /year                      more often

**Tournament mode and time schedule**

There is always a conflict between »finishing early« (esp. Sunday) and »play as many events as possible«. To which of the following statements would you agree?

	5	4	3	2	1	0
	agree totally	agree partly	neutral	tend to disagree	disagree totally	don't know / no opinion
1 I'd rather only play 4-5 events, but be finished on Sunday at 6pm (and don't have to play later than 11/12pm on Saturday)						
2 I prefer to play 6 or more events (including D.Y.P., Pro-Am, ...), even if this means it can become late on Sunday, or there are longer waiting times in <del>Active</del> Rookie it's important to me that I'm allowed to also play Semi-Pro events.						
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4 I would prefer a tournament mode with less events (e. g. only a Singles and a Doubles), but a guaranteed number of matches per event, like preliminary rounds plus a single elimination final round (like e. g. in the »swiss system«).						
5 I think the »Champions Mode«* like used for the Pro-Am last year was a good idea, this could be used for other events also, to save time. *The losers bracket stops at place 3, no final against the winner of the winners bracket.						
6 I'd like to have a lunch break of about an hour without matches being called during that time, even if that means it will take an hour longer in the evening.						
7 I'd like to have all finals played at an attractive time (e. g. Sunday not after 5pm), even if that requires some other restrictions (less events, single elimination, champions mode, ...)						
8 I wish to have less waiting times between matches, and be able to better plan when I have to play next – even if that means some restrictions in other places, like having less events to play, or having to play single elimination.						
9 An early finishing time on SATURDAY is important to me, even if that means restrictions in other places (like less events to play, single elimination, ...)						

10	An early finishing time on SUNDAY is important to me, even if that means restrictions in other places (like less events to play, single elimination, ...)								
11	I think the regular P4P tournament mode is OK; with the changes that were made in Sulzbach, everything was fine (Pro-Am Champions Mode, limit of events that you could play at the same time).								
12	I'd like to have D.Y.P. or other additional event for players who are out of everything else Saturday evening (even if it doesn't finish on Saturday).								
13	I like tournament modes where you are sorted in a group of matching players for your strength (like »Swiss System«, or the mode we tested in Bamberg and Allgäu 2019).								
14	The tournament mode from Bamberg / Allgäu 2019 is attractive for me.								
15	I'd like to have a Rookie event with a larger guaranteed number of matches (e. g. preliminary rounds plus single elimination final round).								
16	I would prefer a mode like in Bamberg / Allgäu 2019, but with some limit to the number of events for the top players (e. g. master/elite players have to choose 3 out of 4 from Open Doubles/Singles and Ranking Doubles/Singles).								
17	A »real« D.Y.P. is important for me (instead of a »last chance« D.Y.P.); I would rather live with some restrictions in other events, like single elimination of champions mode, e. g. in the Pro-Am.								

**Different ideas to save time**

Which of the following ideas do you think are a good way to save time, without destroying the fun in a tournament?

		very good	good	neutral	not so good	really bad	don't know / no opinion
18	Leaving out some events completely (D.Y.P., Pro-Am, Pro-D.Y.P.).						
19	Putting a restriction on the number of events you are allowed to concurrently participate in.						
20	Champions Mode, i. e. the winner of the losers bracket takes 3rd place, the finalists of the winners bracket take places 1 and 2.						
21	Single elimination instead of double elimination.						
22	A mode of play like that tested in Bamberg/Allgäu – i. e. everyone plays only in their own classification, plus the »Open« categories (so Rookies can't play the Semi-Pro events).						
23	Preliminary rounds plus final round in single elimination, less events running in parallel.						
24	Other suggestions:						

### General assessment of P4P tournament modes

How is your overall rating of the different tournament modes / variations we used in 2019, compared to the »classic P4P mode« used in 2018? (Considering the time schedule as well as price money, entry fees, fun factor, ...)

		very good	good	neutral	not so good	really bad	don't know / no opinion
25	concurrently.						
26	Sulzbach: »Classic Mode« + Last Chance D.Y.P. + limitation of concurrently allowed events (like in Bad Soden).						
27	Zürich: »Classic Mode« + Last Chance D.Y.P., no event limitations.						
28	Bamberg/Allgäu: Ranking Singles/Doubles without overlap; Master/Elite had more events to play, Rookies had less events to play, compared to »classic mode«. Also, price money was lesser then in classic mode.						
29	German Championship 2019: Last Chance D.Y.P.; no Pro-D.Y.P.; Pro-Am instead of Masters Doubles, no limitations on number of allowed events.						

### Entry fees / price money and time schedule

Having fewer events (to save time) and not allowing Rookies to play in Semi-Pro events, means less income and therefore less price money (or higher entry fees). To which of the following statements do you agree?

		agree totally	agree partly	neutral	tend to disagree	disagree totally	don't know / no opinion
30	Fewer blocking matches / shorter waiting times are more important to me than the amount of price money or entry fees.						
31	Having attractive payouts is more important to me than the waiting times.						
32	I would prefer a package system for entry fees, i. e. paying a fixed amount for all events instead of paying each event individually.						
33	80-100€ is an OK amount for the entry fees / package for a tournament.						
34	A cheaper entry fee for »first time tournament players« would be good.						

### Venues

		agree totally	agree partly	neutral	tend to disagree	disagree totally	don't know / no opinion
35	I prefer tournaments in hotels, even if costs are higher, because they offer more comfort.						
36	I prefer tournaments in simple venues like sports halls, with inexpensive accommodation nearby and more affordable prices for food and beverages.						
37	I'd like to have a P4P tournament in (city)						
38	I'd like to have a P4P tournament in (country)						
	Ranking of venues	great	good	OK	not so good	bad	don't know / no opinion
39	Bad Soden H-Hotel						

40	Kirchheim Seeblick								
41	Darmstadt Maritim								
42	Sulzbach								
43	Zürich								
44	Bonn Maritim								
45	Bamberg								
46	Allgäu								
47	Freiburg								

### Ranking system and classification of players

		agree totally	agree partly	neutral	tend to disagree	disagree totally	don't know / no opinion
48	A ranking list according to places and tournament participation («Race to Champions») is more exciting than the current Elo points list.						
49	The Elo list is good for player classifications, but the additional «Race to Champions» list should get more weight than currently.						
50	Classification Changes should be done after every tournament, instead of at year's end. This would avoid good Rookies blocking in many events.						
51	Good players should have the opportunity to earn the «German Champion» title in their classification, even if they were promoted to the next higher classification during the year.						

### Videos / Youtube

How important are the following features re. video recordings to you?

		very important	important	nice to have	not so important	unimportant	don't know / no opinion
52	Commented final matches						
53	Player interviews						
54	Portraits of top players						
55	Trailers for upcoming tournaments						