

# WWPD Rankings Instruction Guide



## A Tournament Organizer's Guide for Reporting Flames of War and Team Yankee Tournament Results

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## WWPD Rankings Mission statement:

Promote the "Flames of War," hobby by providing clear and useful information of the community's results of organized play.

## Background:

In 2014, Eric Riha, Jack Dunn and their crew at What Would Patton Do (WWPD) got together and put a plan for a Flames of War (FOW) tournaments results. The product of their plan is [WWPD Rankings](#). It has been asked, "Do we really need a rankings systems for Flames of War?," The honest answer is no, but we do not need to play games or paint miniatures too. Rankings are an aspect of the hobby.

For the 2015–2016 Tournament Season, 775 people played in 121 recorded tournaments in North America. With all those tournaments, it seemed like that no two Tournament Organizers (TO) reported the results the same way. It became obvious that WWPD Rankings never clearly communicated the expectation on what and how data needed to be reported. It currently takes between 15 to 60 minutes (depending on the number of players) to check and format a single tournament for uploading into the database. On top of that, missing data causes delays because of time it takes for the emails to go back and forth.

## Goal of this Guide:

To provide clear instructions for TO on how to report their event to WWPD Rankings.

- Setting expectations for Tournament Organizers on how and what to report.
- Explaining the role of the WWPD Rankings Administrator.
- Increase data accuracy while speeding up the reporting process.
- Raise player awareness so they can help support their TO.

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## Suggestions for Players to make the TO's life easier

- On the score sheets, use your name as it's listed in Rankings.
- Print clearly, so the TO can read your hand writing.
- Check your opponent's score sheets so both are in agreement.
- When submitting your round results, you and your opponent should hand in your score sheets at the same time and verbally confirm the results with the TO.
- Between rounds check your total score and that you were matched up with a player with a similar score. (Example: Going into the third round, a player with a total score of 5 should not be matched up with someone with a score of 11.)

## Tournament Organizers Expectations

- Verify the data being submitted is correct. Pay attention to the details.
  - Correct spelling of player names. Make sure it matches the name in the WWPD Rankings.
- Keep documentation of the tournament for at least three months in case of questions by a player
- Email results to the WWPD Rankings Admin in the a timely manner.
- Once the results are posted on WWPD Rankings, double check the posted results for accuracy.

## The role of the WWPD Rankings Administrator

- Double check the spelling of player names and armies that have been submitted.
- Send the sheets for processing (uploading) in the a timely matter.
- Communicate with the community on the direction/change points of WWPD Rankings.
- Answer questions regarding WWPD Rankings
- Provide advice and suggestions for a better tournament experience.

## What WWPD Rankings is not...

This has never been an issue, but just in case. WWPD Rankings will not act as an arbitrator between players and TOs. Please try to work out any disagreements between yourselves.

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## Important Items

Tournament Worksheet Link  
(What to submit)

Instruction Guide Link  
(How to report)

Instruction Guide Link  
(Where to submit)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	<b>Tournament Name</b>	<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	<b>Num Rounds</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Game System</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>TO Name</b>	<b>TO Email</b>	<b>BF Event</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Best Sports</b>	<b>Best Presentation</b>	<b>Doubles</b>
2	Gettysburg 1863	7/3/2016	3	USA	Flames of War	Mid War	Gettysburg	PA	Ab Lincoln	lincoln@whitehouse.gov	FALSE	1500	J.E.B. Stuart	Daniel Sickles	FALSE
3	<b>Player Name</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>Position</b>												
4	George Meade	American	1												
5	Robert E. Lee	German	2												
6	Winfield Scott Hancock	Canadian	3												
7	Daniel Sickles	British	4												
8	George Sykes	Soviet	5												
9	James Longstreet	Italian	6												
10	Richard Ewell	Hungarian	7												
11	John Sedgwick	New Zealand	8												
12	John Reynolds	Italian	9												
13	J.E.B. Stuart	Romanian	10												
14	A. P. Hill	British	11												
15	George E. Pickett														
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Tournament Worksheet Example:  
Use this worksheet to submit your results.

The placement of data on this sheet needs to be exact. This form is used to directly load the results into the WWPD Rankings database.



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## Tournament Sheet Entry: Part 1 of 2

The header information is where critical information is entered like where, when and general tournament background.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
1	Tournament Name	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Num Rounds	Region	Game System	Time Period	City	State
2	Gettysburg 1863	7/3/2016	3	USA	Flames of War	Mid War	Gettysburg	PA

  

I	J	K	L	M	N	O	
1	TO Name	TO Email	BF Event	Points	Best Sports	Best Presentation	Doubles
2	Ab Lincoln	b.lincoln@whitehouse.gov	FALSE	1500	J.E.B. Stuart	Daniel Sickles	FALSE

  

L	M	N	O
Points	Best Sports	Best Presentation	Doubles
1500	J.E.B. Stuart	Daniel Sickles	FALSE

**1** The entry here is how it will be listed on WWPD Ranking results. Great place to promote your club, store and/or convention.

**2** Date the event took place. For a multiple date event, use the first day.

**3** Normally 3 for a one day event, 5 to 6 for a two day

**4** Dropdown: USA, Canada

**5** FOW is the currently the only option

**6** Dropdown: Early, Mid, Late, Team Yankee

**7** Where the event take place

**8** Give credit where credit is due. List who ran the event

**9** The point of contact. Email address is for WWPD Rankings internal use only.

**10** True is used only for Battlefront-run events like Nationals.

**11** The points will be listed on the WWPD Rankings

**12** List the Best Sport or your equivalent \*

**13** List the Best Painted or your equivalent \*

**14** Was this a Doubles Event?

\* Best Sport and Presentation can be left blank if not awarded

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## Tournament Sheet Entry: Part 2 of 2

1 List the players in the order they placed in the tournament. The correct spelling of the name is important.

3 This were the player placed in the tournament. Placement is used in the calculation the number of points awarded to the player.

	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Game System	Time Period	City	State	TO Name						
2	Gettysburg 1863	7/3/2010	3	USA	Flames of War	Mid War	Gettysburg	PA	Ab Lincoln	Ab Lincoln	Ab Lincoln
3	Player Name	Army	Position								
4	George Meade	American									
5	Robert E. Lee	German									
6	Winfield Scott Hancock	Canadian									
7	Daniel Sickles	British									
8	George Sykes	Soviet									
9	James Longstreet	Italian									
10	Richard Ewell	Hungarian									
11	John Sedgwick	New Zealand									
12	John Reynolds	Italian									
13	J.E.B. Stuart	Romanian									
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Player Name	Army	Position								
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Winfield Scott Hancock	Canadian									
Daniel Sickles	British									
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James Longstreet	Italian									
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John Sedgwick	New Zealand									
John Reynolds	Italian									
J.E.B. Stuart	Romanian									
A. P. Hill	British									
George E. Pickett	Soviet									

List of valid armies	
EW/MW/LW	Team Yankee
American	United States
Australian	United Kingdom
British	USSR
Canadian	Warsaw Pact
Dutch	West German
Finnish	
French	
German	
Greek	
Hungarian	
Indian	
Italian	
Japanese	
New Zealand	
Polish	
Romanian	
Slovak	
Soviet	

2 List the play's army nationality. This is used by WWPD Rankings when calculating Army Rankings. Use only the valid army names. A list is provide on the sheet. If left blank, the player will still get credit for the placement in the tournament, but will not receive credit in the Army Rankings portion.

It is important that data is entered in the appropriate column/row.  
Example: Player Names start in cell 'A4' and continue down the column 'A.'

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## Q and A

Q: Why do I need to use the excel sheet provided by the WWPD Rankings site?

A: By filling in the fields on the provided Excel sheet, you are guaranteed to send in all the data WWPD Rankings needs to process your tournament. Also, since the provided sheet is the tool we use to upload data in the database, it will speed up the process.

Q: Why does it matter how the player's name is spelled?

A: A couple of reasons; first, on many different levels, people like to see their name used correctly. Second, the database is based on the name. We do not use numbers to ID players. To link different tournament scores together, the names need to match exactly. For example, as far as the system is concerned, 'Bill Smith' is not the same 'William Smith.'

Q: My name in the database is not correct, or not how my friends address me. Can I change my name?

A: The short answer is yes, but only a one time change. Email the WWPD Admin at [WWPDRankings@gmail.com](mailto:WWPDRankings@gmail.com) that you want a change. We will need to validate who you are before the change will be processed.

Q: There's like over 1,000 players list on the WWPD Rankings site, how do I find a specific player name?

A: After loading the WWPD Rankings site in your favorite browser, use CTRL-F to bring up the 'Find on Page:' box. Type the name you are looking for and press enter to search. You might have to get clever in searching.

Q: I understand the importance of using the Excel sheet to report tournament results, but I don't know how to use Excel, nor I own Excel. What should I do to submit results?

A: If you have Excel but are not sure how to use it, no worries. After you download the Excel file, double click the file to open. Once open, just fill the cells by clicking each one at a time and type. The sheet will guide you. If you don't own Excel, no worries. There are free alternatives that will achieve the same results. You can find some suggestions at <http://articles.bplans.com/4-free-alternatives-to-microsoft-excel/> . If nether of these are an option for you, get help from a friend.

Tournament Organizers send your results to [WWPDRankings@gmail.com](mailto:WWPDRankings@gmail.com)

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