1. Notional ranking for seeding

1.1. Explanation:

1.1.1. When a pair is newly-formed (e.g. because of injury or a change in partnership), the new pair may be composed of two strong Players who would in all likelihood achieve a high World Ranking once they have played together for some time.

1.1.2. Notional ranking is a method to estimate the strength of such newly-formed pairs, and to seed them when appropriate.

1.1.3. The pre-requisite for having notional ranking is that at least one Player in the pair must have played with different partners during the 52 weeks period prior to the seeding date.

1.2. The process of computation of Notional Ranking points as stated in GCR Regulation 11.6.1 is illustrated as below.

A and X never played before:

- A's highest ranking is with B = 400 points in 4 Tournaments
  = 100 points/Tournament
- X's highest ranking is with Y = 300 points in 6 Tournaments
  = 50 points/Tournament

$$\frac{\frac{400}{4}+\frac{300}{6}}{2} = \frac{100+50}{2} = 75$$

75 (points, as above) x 100 (Tournaments) = 750
750 x 80% = 600

The flow chart explains the process used to calculate the ranking to be used to seed Players