

Rating News 2017 Period 1

It's a case of one up, one down for the top six places of the standard ratings list. IM Anthony Ker has displaced FM Ben Hague at the top, FM Alexei Kulashko moves ahead of IM Russell Dive into 3rd and FM Bruce Watson replaces FM Scott Wastney in 5th. New WIM Layla Timergazi is the biggest mover, up sixteen places to 29th after her victory in the Oceania Women's Zonal. Ewen Green is the highest new entry in 19th.

There is essentially no change in the top seven positions on the rapid ratings list, although IM Alexei Kulashko is now in 5th equal with FM Scott Wastney. Ahead of these two are IM Puchen Wang, IM Russell Dive, IM Anthony Ker and FM Ben Hague. Mario Krstev is the highest new entry of four in 29th. The biggest climbers are Kirill Polishchuk and Allen Fan who are up six places to 30th and 35th respectively.

WIM Layla Timergazi takes over the top spot on the women's standard rating list. CM Helen Milligan drops to 2nd ahead of Sherry Li. No change in the top seven places on the rapid rating list, led by WIM Sue Maroroa, WIM Layla Timergazi and Sherry Li.

IM Anthony Ker has joined the senior ranks and immediately takes over in 1st, pushing IM Russell Dive and FM Bruce Watson down one place each. IM Russell Dive remains top of the rapid rankings. IM Anthony Ker goes straight into 2nd place with FM Mark Noble unchanged in 3rd. IM Paul Garbett goes straight into 1st place on both the veterans' lists.

New FM Daniel Gong has moved up two places to replace Hans Gao in 1st on the junior standard list. Hans Gao remains top of the junior rapid list, well clear of FM Daniel Gong and CM Alphaeus Ang who swap places for the third period in a row.

Top Open Standard

1 (+ 1) 3383SM Ker, Anthony F	WE	2474
2 (- 1) 8070AM Hague, Ben	AC	2453
3 (+ 1) 4989AM Kulashko, Alexei	AC	2428
4 (- 1) 3459SM Dive, Russell J	WE	2426
5 (+ 1) 3206SM Watson, Bruce R	AC	2414
6 (- 1) 3830AM Wastney, Scott	WE	2391
7 (unc) 5083AM Croad, Nicholas	WE	2375
8 (+ 4) 3088SM Smith, Robert W	MC	2348
(unc) 3314SM McLaren, Leonard J	HP	2348
10 (- 1) 3696AM Lukey, Stephen G	CA	2347
11 (- 1) 3002VM Garbett, Paul A	NS	2330
12 (+ 5) 7934JM Gong, Daniel Hanwen	HP	2325
13 (- 2) 3201SM Steadman, Michael V R	AC	2309
14 (- 1) 3255SM Noble, Mark F	MK	2306
15 (- 1) 7004JM Gao, Hans	AC	2304
16 (- 1) 8002JM Ang, Alphaeus Wei Ern	WT	2280
17 (- 1) 5620AM Thornton, Giovanni A	NS	2260
18 (unc) 8570AM Russell, M K Athula		2249
19 (+ 1) 3507SM Hart, Ralph	NS	2242
(new) 3007VM Green, Ewen M	HP	2242
21 (+ 2) 5349AM Han, Daniel	HA	2232
22 (- 3) 8833AM Polishchuk, Kirill	MM	2225
23 (+ 1) 3987AM McNabb, Matthew D	CA	2217
24 (+ 1) 8636AM Cilia Vincenti, David	CA	2209
25 (+ 1) 3386SM Wheeler, Bruce	AC	2202
26 (+ 1) 3148SM Dowden, R Anthony	OT	2195
27 (+ 3) 8789SM Morrell, Gordon	AC	2178
28 (+ 4) 5599VM Thomas, Ben	UH	2175
29 (+ 6) 7853JM Fan, Allen Chi Zhou	AC	2174
(+16) 8095JF Timergazi, Layla	WE	2174
31 (- 2) 7039AM Duneas, John	AC	2164
32 (+ 9) 7299AM Rains, Edward	CA	2162
(+ 1) 7931JM Zhang, Leo	AC	2162
34 (unc) 5776AM Krstev, Mario	NS	2161
35 (- 7) 3394SM Nijman, Brian	WE	2153
36 (+ 4) 7486JM James, Jack	MK	2145
37 (unc) 3632AM Johnson, Quentin J F	OT	2136
(unc) 4045SM Lamont, Iain	OT	2136
39 (unc) 5645AM Browne, Jeremy A	HA	2127
40 (+ 6) 4830SM Perry, Roger L	WE	2125
41 (+ 1) 4300AM Burns, Christopher J	PN	2121
42 (+ 1) 7032UM Qi, Chao	CA	2120
43 (new) 5713AM Stone, Andrew	WE	2118
44 (-13) 6468SF Milligan, Helen	NS	2116
45 (- 2) 6203JM Li, Xiang Wei William	AC	2108
46 (+ 2) 3005VM Stuart, Peter W	NS	2103
47 (+ 2) 9110TF Li, Shenyue (Sherry)		2099
48 (new) 3089SM Bennett, Hilton P	HA	2098
49 (+ 1) 8167AM Kumar, Vinod	AC	2096
50 (new) 3927SM Forster, William	WE	2094

Top Open Rapid

1 (unc) 5268AM Wang, Puchen	AC	2457
2 (unc) 3459SM Dive, Russell J	WE	2387
3 (unc) 3383SM Ker, Anthony F	WE	2379
4 (unc) 8070AM Hague, Ben	AC	2371
5 (+ 1) 4989AM Kulashko, Alexei	AC	2351
(unc) 3830AM Wastney, Scott	WE	2351
7 (unc) 5083AM Croad, Nicholas	WE	2322
8 (+ 2) 8824TM Capel, Evan T		2297
(+ 3) 7004JM Gao, Hans	AC	2297
10 (- 1) 3255SM Noble, Mark F	MK	2296
11 (- 3) 3002VM Garbett, Paul A	NS	2292
12 (+ 1) 3206SM Watson, Bruce R	AC	2270
13 (- 1) 3088SM Smith, Robert W	MC	2264
14 (+ 1) 3696AM Lukey, Stephen G	CA	2234
15 (+ 1) 3201SM Steadman, Michael V R	AC	2220
16 (+ 1) 3148SM Dowden, R Anthony	OT	2218
17 (- 3) 7311AM Pinic, Noel	MM	2215
18 (unc) 3507SM Hart, Ralph	NS	2211
19 (unc) 3007VM Green, Ewen M	HP	2193
20 (+ 2) 7934JM Gong, Daniel Hanwen	HP	2191
21 (- 1) 8002JM Ang, Alphaeus Wei Ern	WT	2184
22 (- 1) 5620AM Thornton, Giovanni A	NS	2166
23 (unc) 3025SM Carpinter, Anthony L	NS	2152
24 (unc) 7486JM James, Jack	MK	2150
25 (+ 5) 7299AM Rains, Edward	CA	2136
26 (- 1) 3394SM Nijman, Brian	WE	2117
27 (- 1) 5816AM McCrone, Jeffrey	NS	2116
28 (+ 3) 7459AM Knowles, Jeremy	UH	2113
29 (new) 5776AM Krstev, Mario	NS	2105
30 (+ 6) 8833AM Polishchuk, Kirill	MM	2103
31 (- 4) 6360JM Ansell, Alan	NP	2096
32 (- 4) 3386SM Wheeler, Bruce	AC	2084
33 (- 4) 5648AF Maroroa, Sue Y	HP	2082
34 (- 2) 5104SM Krstev, Antonio	NS	2076
35 (+ 6) 7853JM Fan, Allen Chi Zhou	AC	2073
36 (+ 3) 4300AM Burns, Christopher J	PN	2069
37 (- 4) 3632AM Johnson, Quentin J F	OT	2063
38 (- 3) 3987AM McNabb, Matthew D	CA	2060
39 (- 1) 7039AM Duneas, John	AC	2058
40 (- 3) 6203JM Li, Xiang Wei William	AC	2050
41 (- 8) 3005VM Stuart, Peter W	NS	2048
42 (- 2) 4451AM Nyberg, Michael	WE	2025
43 (new) 7931JM Zhang, Leo	AC	2018
44 (unc) 6349SM Sellen, Ian	WE	2016
45 (+ 1) 3927SM Forster, William	WE	2003
46 (- 1) 3037VM Gibbons, Robert E	PT	2000
47 (- 5) 3665SM Goodhue, Nathan	AC	1998
48 (new) 8095JF Timergazi, Layla	WE	1993
49 (new) 3648SM McDonald, John A	PN	1991
50 (- 3) 7221JM Zhang, William Jiewen	NS	1989

Standard Rated Tournaments

In **period 1**, the **open** tournaments are: New Zealand Open incorporating the 124th New Zealand Championship, New Zealand Junior Open, Oceania Zonal, Oceania Women's Zonal and Auckland Anniversary. The **club** tournaments are: Howick-Pakuranga Booth Shield, Wellington Championships (A -D) and Otago's Richard Sutton Trophy.

Rapid Rated Tournaments

In **period 1**, the **open** tournaments are: New Zealand Championship, Auckland Junior (November and December 2016, January and February 2017), Papatoetoe Open (A - D, Junior), Bay of Plenty (A, B, Junior) and Hawkes Bay (A, B). The **club** tournaments are: Mount Maunganui Championship.