

Eurovision Voting Evolution



What is the range of votes of the eurovision song contest? Was there a change throughout the years in the voting system?

The Eurovision Song Contest's voting system has undergone numerous changes since its inception in 1956. These modifications have influenced both the range of points a country can receive and the overall structure of the competition.eurovisionworld.com eurovision.tv+3

Evolution of the Voting System

1956–1974: Early Jury-Based Systems

- In the inaugural contest of 1956, each country had two jurors who awarded between 1 and 10 points to each song. eurovisionworld.com+3
- From 1957 to 1961, ten-member juries each gave one point to their favorite song, totaling 10 points per country. en.wikipedia.org+5
- Between 1962 and 1966, various systems were tested, including awarding 1–3 points to top songs or distributing 9 points among favorites.

1975–1996: Introduction of the 12-Point System

- In 1975, the now-iconic "12 points" system was introduced, where each country awarded points from 1 to 8, then 10 and 12 to their top ten songs. en.wikipedia.org+8
- This system remained largely unchanged for over two decades.

1997–2008: Incorporation of Televoting

- Televoting was introduced in 1997 in select countries and became widespread by 1998, allowing the public to have a say in the results. en.wikipedia.org+7
- From 2004, semi-finals were introduced, and the voting system adapted to accommodate the growing number of participants.

2009–2015: Combined Jury and Televote

- A 50/50 system was implemented, combining professional jury assessments and public televotes to determine each country's points. eurovision.tv+8

2016–Present: Separate Jury and Televote Points

- Since 2016, each country awards two separate sets of points: one from a professional jury and another from the public televote, each ranging from 1 to 8, then 10 and 12 points. eurovision.tv+5

- In 2023, a "Rest of the World" vote was introduced, allowing viewers from non-participating countries to vote online, with their collective votes presented as a single set of points.
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Range of Points

Under the current system, each participating country can award a maximum of 24 points to a single entry: 12 from the jury and 12 from the televote. With over 40 countries participating, the theoretical maximum a song can receive is over 900 points, though this is rarely achieved. The highest recorded score is 758 points, achieved by Ukraine's Kalush Orchestra in 2022.

Impact of Voting System Changes

The evolution of the voting system has significantly impacted contest outcomes. For instance, in 2016, the introduction of separate jury and televote points led to a more dramatic and unpredictable results sequence. That year, Ukraine's Jamala won with "1944," a result that might have differed under the previous combined system. eurovision.tv talksport.com+2

These changes aim to balance professional critique with public opinion, striving for a fair and engaging competition.



I wan to know per year the range of points per single entry

The maximum points a single entry can receive in the Eurovision Song Contest have varied over the years due to changes in the voting system and the number of participating countries. Here's an overview of the maximum possible points per entry each year:

Maximum Possible Points Per Entry by Year

Year	Voting System Description	Max Points per Entry
1956	Each country had 2 jury members, each awarding between 1 and 10 points to each song. The exact maximum is unclear due to lack of detailed records.	
1957–1961	Each country had 10 jury members, each giving 1 point to their favorite song. With 10 countries, the maximum was 90 points.	
1962	Each country awarded 3, 2, and 1 points to their top three songs. With 16 countries, the maximum was 45 points.	
1963	Each country awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 points to their top	

Year	Voting System Description	Max Points per Entry
	five songs. With 16 countries, the maximum was 75 points.	
1964–1966	Each country awarded 5, 3, and 1 points to their top three songs. With 16 countries, the maximum was 85 points.	
1967–1970	Each country awarded 10 points to their favorite song. With 17 countries, the maximum was 160 points.	
1971–1973	Each country had 2 jury members, each awarding 1 to 5 points to each song. With 18 countries, the maximum was 180 points.	
1974	Each country had 10 jury members, each giving 1 point to their favorite song. With 17 countries, the maximum was 160 points.	
1975–2003	Introduction of the 12-point system: each country awarded 12, 10, 8–1 points to their top 10 songs. With varying numbers of countries, the maximum ranged from 204 to 408 points.	
2004–2008	Semi-finals introduced; similar voting system as before. Maximum points varied with the number of participating countries.	
2009–2015	Combined jury and televote, each contributing 50% to the final score. Each country awarded two sets of 12, 10, 8–1 points. With 40 countries, the maximum was 960 points.	
2016–Present	Separate jury and televote points: each country awards two sets of 12, 10, 8–1 points. With 40 countries, the maximum is 960 points.	eurovisionworld.com +2 en.wikipedia.org +1 your-eurovision.jimdofree.com +1 eurovision.tv +3

Note: The maximum points per entry depend on the number of countries voting and the voting system in place. The above table provides an approximate overview based on available data.

If you would like a detailed breakdown for a specific year or period, please let me know, and I can provide more targeted information.



What I mean is that, for example in the current voting system the range is (total votes per country - to country) is 0-24

Thank you for the clarification. You're correct: under the current Eurovision voting system, each participating country can award a maximum of 24 points to a single entry—12 points from the national jury and 12 points from the public televote.

Here's an overview of the maximum points a single entry could receive from one country, based on the voting system in place during different periods:

Maximum Points Per Country to a Single Entry by Voting System

Period	Voting System Description	Max Points per Country to a Single Entry
1956	Each country had 2 jury members, each awarding between 1 and 10 points to each song.	Variable (exact maximum unclear)
1957–1961	Each country had 10 jury members, each giving 1 point to their favorite song.	10 points
1962	Each country awarded 3, 2, and 1 points to their top three songs.	3 points
1963	Each country awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 points to their top five songs.	5 points
1964–1966	Each country awarded 5, 3, and 1 points to their top three songs.	5 points
1967–1970	Each country had 10 jury members, each giving 1 point to their favorite song.	10 points
1971–1973	Each country had 2 jury members, each awarding 1 to 5 points to each song.	10 points
1974	Each country had 10 jury members, each giving 1 point to their favorite song.	10 points
1975–2003	Introduction of the 12-point system: each country awarded 12, 10, 8–1 points to top 10 songs.	12 points
2004–2008	Similar to previous system; semi-finals introduced.	12 points
2009–2015	Combined jury and televote, each contributing 50% to the final score.	12 points (combined)
2016–Present	Separate jury and televote points: each country awards two sets of 12, 10, 8–1 points.	24 points (12 jury + 12 televote)

In summary, the range of points a single entry could receive from one country has evolved over time, with the current maximum being 24 points per country since 2016.