Preserve monthly voting history before changing leaderboard tracking

A monthly leaderboard reset and permanent all-time history are different records. If you want previous months available later, decide how that history will be retained before the next reset. An empty historical leaderboard cannot necessarily be reconstructed from the current month alone.

Before you change settings

Record the installed build, database type, timezone and current month totals. Take a consistent backup of plugin data and its database before changing tracking behaviour. On a network, include the proxy and backend configuration so their understanding of shared data remains consistent.

Follow the request through the plugin

1. Check the maintainer’s Month Date Totals reference against the installed release. It describes an optional date-labelled storage system, including features marked experimental; do not assume a development option is stable in every release.
2. Distinguish storing dated monthly history from making it the primary active total tracker. The documented primary-tracker option depends on dated storage being enabled and represents a separate behaviour change.
3. Choose the smallest supported change needed for your history requirement. Keep all-time totals and reward thresholds unchanged, and align corresponding proxy settings if the documentation requires shared configuration.
4. Test on an isolated copy using the same build and data. Compare current totals and the documented previous-month display before planning a production change; do not alter the live system clock to simulate month end.

Confirm the intended result

The current leaderboard should retain its values, and supported historical views should expose the months actually stored. Record the first month from which history is available. Enabling storage today does not promise recovery of months already overwritten under the former policy.

If the test fails

If proxy and backend results disagree, inspect their shared-data configuration and plugin versions before resetting anything. A top-voter award also needs its own enabled period and reward settings; a displayed leaderboard does not prove award delivery.

If the trial changes totals unexpectedly, restore the isolated copy and review the option with the maintainer before touching production. Any production rollback must use a consistent data and database pair and account for votes accepted since the backup.

Sources and related help

- VotingPlugin maintainer reference 1
- VotingPlugin maintainer reference 2
- Create and test Minecraft vote rewards with VotingPlugin

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