



EASTERN

RANKING INFORMATION

Excerpt from the Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders of USTA Eastern, Inc.

Junior Standing & Ranking Year 2012:

A player needs to retire and/or play a match in order for the tournament to count for ranking requirements. In other words, a player who has not hit or received a single ball cannot be viewed as having participated in the tournament.

A.) REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY:

All junior players must hold a current USTA membership card. All junior players must maintain a permanent residence within the boundaries of the Eastern section. A player must play and win a round to receive any points for the tournament.

All junior age divisions will receive bonus points only in Eastern tournaments in addition to points earned for the rounds won. Bonus points are based on the starting date of the tournament and the previous months published standing list. For example a published December standings list will be used to determine bonus points for tournaments with a start date between Jan. 1-31.

What defines a win? Byes **do not** qualify as wins. Defaults, withdrawals and walkovers **do** qualify as wins for the advancing player; players will **not** receive bonus points. Retirements **do** qualify as wins for the advancing player and **will** earn points per round and bonus points for significant wins. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System for misconduct, forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament. Players defaulted in singles or doubles will lose points accumulated in both singles and doubles.

B.) SECTIONAL COMBINED STANDINGS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS:

Seeding and Selection for all Section and Region tournaments are based upon the most current rolling 12- month Sectional Combined Standing List. These lists are posted on www.eastern.usta.com. All age divisions (BG10-18) singles and doubles will be based on the best six (6) tournaments played in the last twelve (12) months in which a maximum of two (2) national events count. The singles standing list will include results from singles matches and doubles matches in all tournaments that are now included in the calculations for the Eastern standings list. The points earned in singles competition will be combined with the points earned in doubles competition to form one final point total that will be used for the Eastern Standing List. Players will receive credit for 100% of their singles points from their best six (6) events along with 15% of their doubles points from their best six (6) events. All players who have won at least one match in a USTA sanctioned tournament are eligible for a sectional standing.

Points earned in a higher age division count towards a player's **standing** in the player's natural age division, as well as in the age division of the tournament itself.

Results from L2R and L20 events count for a Sectional standing.

- C.) REGIONAL SINGLES STANDINGS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS:
These lists are posted on www.eastern.usta.com every 2 months and are not used for seeding and selection purposes. All age divisions (BG10-18) will be based on the best six (6) tournaments played in the last twelve (12) months. All players who have won at least one match in an USTA Eastern L2 tournament are eligible for a regional standing.
- D.) SECTIONAL COMBINED FINAL RANKINGS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS:
The Junior ranking year for 2012: JAN. 1, 2012 - DEC. 31, 2012. Only players who are legal residents and are USTA members at the close of the ranking period will be eligible for ranking. Sectional Combined Final Rankings for all age divisions (BG10-18) will be based on the best six (6) tournaments played and completed, in the age division they are seeking a ranking, during the calendar year. Only a player's best two (2) national results will count in the final rankings. In addition, points earned in doubles competition during the ranking year will form one final point. Players must accumulate at least 100 ranking points during the calendar year and have played at least four (4) Level 1 (L1) and/or Level 1B (L1B) and or (+L1) Eastern tournaments in order to earn a year end singles section ranking. Results from regional events count for both a regional and sectional ranking. Participation in regional events, however, cannot be counted in the minimum number of tournaments required for sectional ranking.
- E.) REGIONAL SINGLES FINAL RANKINGS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS:
Regional tournaments (L2R) are open only to legal residents of the region. L2O tournaments are open to everyone.
- Long Island** will be based on the best Six (6) regional tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Long Island Region, who have won at least one match and played at least four (4) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 4 tournaments can be any combination of Long Island Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).
- Metro** will be based on the best Six (6) regional tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Metro Region, who have won at least one match and played at least three (3) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 3 tournaments can be any combination of Metro Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).
- Southern** will be based on the best Six (6) regional tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Southern Region, who have won at least one match and played at least four (4) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 4 tournaments can be any combination of Long Island Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).
- New Jersey** will be based on the best Six (6) regional tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the New Jersey Region, who have won at least one match and played at least four (4) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 4 tournaments can be any combination of Long Island Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).
- Northern** will be based on the best Six (6) regional tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Northern Region, who have won at least one match and played at least three (3) Level 2 tournaments, which includes L2 Regional (L2R) or L2 Open (LO), will have a Ranking.
- Western** will be based on the best Six (6) regional tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Western Region, who have

won at least one match and played at least three (3) Level 2 tournaments at least one (1) of which must be a Level 2 Regional (L2R) , will have a Ranking.

F.) UNRANKED TOURNAMENTS:

BG12-18 Level 3 tournament winners' names will be published on the Eastern website. There will be an alphabetical Honor Roll for the boys' and girls' 12-18 in L3 events. To be eligible for this listing a player must win two tournaments in this age division during the ranking year.

G.) TENTATIVE SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL RANKINGS

Player records will be posted on the USTA Eastern website at www.eastern.usta.com in early January. Players will have 15 days from the release date of the tentative ranking lists to make corrections to the player record and submit ranking protests to the appropriate ranking chairperson.

All tournament records and results will be kept on file in the Eastern office, available for inspection by any player who has participated in the minimum number of tournaments so as to qualify for a ranking. In addition, player records are also available for review at www.eastern.usta.com.

Players should keep detailed records of regional, sectional and national results for the entire year in order to accurately double check USTA Eastern's records, if necessary. Player record corrections should be submitted to the appropriate sectional or national office.

H.) TIEBREAK RULES for Standings and Final Rankings are as follows:

a) A player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through six events.

b) Total significant win points earned in all events played during the computation period.

Results for exhibitions, interscholastic and intercollegiate matches shall not be considered for ranking purposes.

I.) BONUS POINTS are calculated based on the start date of the tournament and the previous months published Standings list. Bonus points are calculated in Eastern Section, singles events only.

Please review the table below, "Eastern and National Ranking Tournaments and Tournament Levels" for the list of tournaments that will provide the sole data for ranking.

Level	2012 National Ranking Tournament
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USTA National Championships • USTA Boys' 18 National Team Championships • USTA Girls' 18 National Team Championships • USTA Boys' & Girls Intersectional Team Championships • USTA International Spring Championships: BG18 ITF Grade 1 Event; BG16 USTA International Tournament • Easter Bowl ITF Tennis Championships: BG18 ITF Grade B1 Event • US Open Junior Tennis Championships: BG18 ITF Grade A Event • Eddie Herr International Junior Tennis Championships: BG18 ITF Grade 1 Event • Dunlop Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships: BG18 ITF Grade A Event; BG16 USTA International Tournament
Level 1A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky International Junior Tennis Derby: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • Arthur E. Tucker ITF Pan American Championships: BG18 ITF Grade B1 Event • Eddie Herr International Junior Tennis Championships: BG16/14/12 USTA International Tournament • Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships: BG14/12 USTA International Tournament
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USTA National Opens • USTA Boys' & Girls' 16, 14, and 12 Zone Team Championships • Nike Junior Tour USTA National Masters: BG 14/12 USTA International Tournament
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Junior International Grass Court Championships: BG18 ITF Grade 3 Event • US Junior International Hard Court Championships: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • Kentucky International Junior Tennis Derby: BG16/14/12 USTA Regional Tournament • USTA Claremont ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • Naples ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • Plantation ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • Daytona Beach ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • USTA Atlanta ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • USTA Waco ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 5 Event • Wichita Falls ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • South Carolina ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • Evert American ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event • American Cup: BG18/16/14/12 USTA International Tournament • USTA National Doubles Tournament: BG16/14 USTA Divisions • USTA Regional Tournaments • +L1 Eastern Designated Closed: 1 designated by each Sectional Association
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • +L1 Eastern Designated Closed: 3 designated by each Sectional Association
Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • +L1 Eastern Designated Closed: 8 designated by each Sectional Association • USTA Jr. Team Tennis Advanced Division National Championships