

# 2012 USTA Mid-Atlantic Section Points Per Round Ranking and Standings System

## Points Per Round Ranking System

The USTA Mid-Atlantic Section (MAS) has adopted the Points Per Round ranking and standings system in an effort to increase participation in Mid-Atlantic tournaments and conform with the ranking system used at the USTA National level. The key features of the system are awarding points based on how far a player or team advances in a tournament, the value of the tournament, and calculating rankings and standings from the best four results of a player or team.

Points will be awarded for each tournament played based on the applicable points table (See Table 1 below for the point values assigned to the four tournament levels).

A player's point total for each tournament is derived from either:

1. Points won in the main draw; or
2. Points earned for each consolation win.

A player must win a match in the main draw to obtain main draw points. Completed match wins, retirement wins, and walkover wins, all count as matches won. Defaults do not qualify for points unless after an actual win. Byes do not count as matches won.

In consolation matches, the player or team that advances by default will receive credit for a win, as long as that player or team does not default their next match. In round robin matches, a player or team that plays a match, but then withdraws/defaults, will have the defaulted match count as a loss for the defaulting player or team and as a win for the player or team that advances. It is recorded with no score.

In those cases where sufficient events were not held for a division, rankings will be at the discretion of the Ranking Committee.

Year-end rankings are based on participation in the 2012 calendar year. Standings and Year-End Rankings will be based on a player's best results in four tournaments including a minimum of one MAS Sectional Championship. In order to receive a year-end ranking, a player must have a minimum of 25 points. This will encourage players to play more than the minimum number of tournaments required in an attempt to increase their point totals and thus improve their ranking. Players who are unable to play more than the minimum will be able to increase their point total by concentrating on the tournaments with higher point values. Because the Points Per Round system limits the number of tournaments considered when calculating a ranking, it will prevent a relatively weak player from achieving a high ranking simply by playing more tournaments than his/her competitors over the course of the season. It will also encourage players who have a successful early season record to continue to participate. Most importantly, the overall accuracy of the final rankings will be much improved.

## **USTA Mid-Atlantic Standing Lists**

The MAS Standing List for adults and seniors will be published monthly and may be found on the USTA MAS website at [www.midatlantic.usta.com](http://www.midatlantic.usta.com). Click on Competitive Tennis, then Adults/Seniors, and then Rankings/Standings. These lists will be calculated using all match results beginning on January 1, 2012 that have been entered into the ranking database at the time the respective division is being published.

The Standing List is NOT a Ranking List. The requirement for being included on a Standing List is less rigorous than to be on a Ranking List as a player or team need only to complete one tournament to be included on a Standing List. Corrections or inquiries regarding the Standing List must be submitted by email only to (to be determined). Corrections will be researched and changes will be made when appropriate.

### **Results Considered for Standing and Final Ranking Lists**

Year-end Rankings are based on the tournament performances from January 1 through December 31, 2012.

Only USTA sanctioned tournaments played within the USTA/MAS will be considered for section Standing and Ranking Lists. In order for tournament results to count, tournament directors must have entered complete results into the tournament management database. For doubles, both individual and team results will be calculated.

Each adult and senior player who participated in a USTA/MAS tournament is responsible for verifying his/her player record on the MAS website or by mail. Players submitting inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible data (omission of losses, no names of opponents, defaults reported as wins, etc.) may suffer ranking penalties (including ranking denial) at the discretion of the Ranking Committee.

### **Minimum Requirements**

In order to be eligible for a USTA/MAS ranking in singles and/or doubles, a player or team must play in at least one MAS Sectional Championship to receive a final ranking.

# Table 1

## 2012 USTA/MAS Points-Per-Round Table – Point Values

Player Result	Shootouts	Local	State/Designated*	Sectional/National**
<b>Champion</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>250</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place#</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Quarterfinalist</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Round of 16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Round of 32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Round of 64</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Consolation##</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>

\* Designated tournaments will be determined by the Ranking Committee based on the recent popularity of the event, prize money, and/or consideration of a request by the tournament director.

\*\* MAS Championships and any National Super or other Category II events played within the Section.

# If there is no playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, the semi-final losers will receive the same points as reflected in this row.

## Point value for each consolation win.

This table applies to single elimination tournaments, first match loser consolation tournaments, NTRP events, and round robin tournaments. In a round robin event a player must win a match in order to receive points.