USTA/Midwest Section Junior Standings List
and Ranking Requirements and Regulations
(as of December 2015)

1. Regulations for USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Standings and Ranking List

**USTA/Midwest Section Ranking Points Needed to Appear on the Standing List:**

The USTA/Midwest Section Standing List will include the previous 12 months of data based on the Points Per Round Ranking including Bonus Points. A player’s standings position will be comprised of the player’s best 6 results in the current 12 month period. Points earned in higher age divisions will count towards a player’s standing in one or more younger age divisions.

a. If a player defaults a scheduled match in a tournament FOR ANY REASON (including scheduled consolations or playoffs), that tournament will not count toward meeting the minimum tournament requirements for ranking consideration. Those points will count for the current standing list only.

b. All matches between players in the ranking population started or completed in any USTA sanctioned tournament in the age group for which a ranking is sought are counted in the ranking procedure, regardless of whether or not the tournament is counted toward the minimum tournament requirements. A default which occurs before the first serve of a match is not considered for ranking purposes.

c. A player must win a round to receive any points for the tournament.

d. Byes do not qualify as wins.

e. Withdrawals and walkovers qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn Points Per Round and if eligible, Bonus Points.

f. Retirements qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn Points Per Round and if eligible, Bonus Points.

g. A player who advances because of a default that takes place before the commencement of the first point in the match or because the opponent is disqualified shall receive Points Per Round for advancing.

h. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the USTA/Midwest Section Point Penalty System forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament for ranking and standing purposes. Players defaulted in singles only lose points accumulated for play in the singles main and feed-in championship draws.

i. The final rankings for a junior age division shall include all players who have been age eligible for play in the division at any time during the calendar year, and who have accumulated at least 200 points in the division. Only points earned in the division will count towards ranking in that division.

j. Players may be ranked in more than one age division if they have been age eligible in more than one division during the year and have met the minimum point requirement for each age division.

k. Events that are closed to “Member Only” specific facilities or clubs will not be used. Each District may only host two “Closed” District events besides the District Qualifier for the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Closed Outdoor Championships during the calendar year.

l. Only match results taking place in the “main” District Qualifier for the USTA/Midwest Section Junior Closed Outdoor Championships will be used.

m. Draws of four or more players must use a standard tournament format.
n. Draws of three players must use Round Robin formats. All draws with two players will not be included in the ranking or standing population.

o. Tournaments and match results held outside the United States and its territories do not count toward ranking.

p. All matches played in the USTA/Midwest Section District Team Cup BG12, 14, 18 and the USTA/Midwest Section Marian Wood Baird Cup will count toward a ranking in the appropriate titled age group (18, 14, 12). If two 16-year-old or two 10-year-old players compete against each other, those matches will also count for ranking in the appropriate age group. The events will continue to be sanctioned as 18, 14, 12 and under tournaments. Therefore, the tournaments will count toward meeting the minimum.

q. Matches using approved alternative scoring formats for the USTA/Midwest Section Points Per Round Level 5 tournaments and the USTA Jr. Team Tennis Sectional Championships will be considered for sectional ranking. All other matches using conventional scoring that are at least two-out-of-three sets in length, and matches which use a tiebreak in lieu of a third set will be considered for sectional ranking. Either format may use tie breaks and/or no-ad scoring. Please note: Matches that use a tiebreak in lieu of a third set will be considered for a national ranking. (For more information, please refer to the National Junior Tournament Schedule.) Please refer to the USTA Friend at Court for additional approved Match Formats.

r. Green Ball tournaments may use a single-day format with the following specifications:
   - Draw Limit: 16 players
   - Scoring Format: Best of three short sets with a 7-point tiebreak played in lieu of a third set.

2. Ranking Divisions and Minimum Requirements

Official USTA/Midwest Section rankings shall be made annually in both singles and doubles (Boys’ and Girls’ 18, 16, 14, 12 and 10 age divisions). Ranking data for all junior categories shall be obtained from all USTA sanctioned tournaments that begin play during the calendar year (January 1 through December 31). Results from all USTA sanctioned tournaments entered into a computerized ranking program will derive USTA/Midwest Section Junior Rankings.

**USTA/Midwest Section Singles Ranking**

Each player’s singles ranking will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds at sanctioned and if eligible, Bonus Points USTA/Midwest Section, USTA/Midwest Section District junior tournaments, USTA National and ITF Tournaments happening in the United States during the calendar year in the boys’ and girls’ 18, 16, 14, 12, 10 age divisions. Players must accumulate at least 200 ranking points during the calendar year in order to earn a USTA/Midwest Section year-end ranking. This ranking will be based on points a player earns at a player’s best six (6) tournaments during the calendar year.

**USTA/Midwest Section Doubles Ranking**

Each player’s doubles ranking will be individually based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds at USTA, USTA/Midwest Section, and USTA/Midwest Section District junior tournaments during the calendar year in the boys’ and girls’ 18, 16, 14, 12, 10 age divisions. This ranking will be based on points a player earns playing with various partners in the best three (3) tournaments during the calendar year.

**10 and Under Tennis**

Green ball tennis will be counted for ranking points. Orange and Red ball tennis do not count for ranking points and are covered under the USTA/Midwest Section Earned Advancement system. To find out more about Earned Advancement, please visit [www.midwest.usta.com/earnedadvancement](http://www.midwest.usta.com/earnedadvancement).
3. **Player Ranking Eligibility**

   a. Only players who are permanent residents of the USTA/Midwest Section shall be eligible for rankings. If one member of a doubles team is ineligible for ranking, the team cannot qualify for ranking. Players who change their legal residence from one section to another will only be considered for USTA/Midwest Section ranking if their legal residence is in the USTA/Midwest Section as of June 1 of the year under consideration.

   b. Only persons enrolled with the USTA and in good standing at the close of the ranking year shall be considered for a ranking.

   c. A player becomes ineligible for an age division on the first day of the month of their birthday that will exceed the age division. For example, a player will become ineligible for the 16 and under division on the first day of the month of their 17th birthday.

   d. A player or team may be ranked in more than one age group provided the individual or team qualified in each age group in which the individual or team is to be ranked.

4. **How to Verify your Final Ranking**

   Boys’ and Girls’ 18, 16, 14, 12, 10 Singles and Doubles: All junior players are responsible for verifying his/her player record online at [www.midwest.usta.com](http://www.midwest.usta.com). A player who is unable to access his/her player record online may receive a copy by submitting a written request to the USTA/Midwest Section. This request must be received at the Section office by January 3 of the following year.