

2012 KNOW the RULES – USTA Texas Adults, Seniors and Super Seniors

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Tournament or Ranking Search

To find tournaments, view draws, etc., for Adults, Seniors, or Super Seniors – start at: www.texas.usta.com

- .. Under "Adult Tennis;" "Tournaments / Rankings;" select option: "Searchable Schedule."
- .. If wanted, select the "All Tournaments" button. In the pull-down tabs, Select: "Texas" under National/Section/District; (month, if wanted); "2012" Year; and the appropriate "Division" – like NTRP Divisions. Click on "Find It!" That will lead to the link for that specific group of tournaments. The drop down month search will keep the selection criteria.
- .. Click on the tournament name to go to the tournament's homepage.

To find Rankings for Adults, Seniors, or Super Seniors – start at: www.texas.usta.com

- .. Under "Adult Tennis;" "Tournaments / Rankings" Select "Rankings." Then, under National/Section/District, select "Texas" - Year is "2012" (or other year); Division: scroll down until the division or group played is found. List Type is "All List Types."
 - o Select the most recent list – Year to Date – or – 12 Month Rolling list (or other list).
 - o Once you find the player's name on the list, click on the name to see that Player Record.
 - o (Note: There is also a place to change the order to "Name" order, for an alphabetical search.)

KNOW the RULES:

1. Players receive points in the main draw and consolations (if consolation is played). **Effective 1-1-2012**, in the main draw, a player or team that advances by default will receive credit and points for a win. In consolation matches, the player or team that advances by default will continue to receive credit and points for a win, as long as that player or team does not default their next match. Byes do not earn points in either draw.
2. A player who plays a tournament but does not win any matches will receive one point for that tournament.
3. In round robin matches, a player or team that plays a match(es), but then defaults, that defaulted match will count as a loss for the defaulting player / team and as a win for the player / team that advances. It is recorded with no score.
4. In a round robin draw, a player or team that defaults for any reason other than lateness shall not play in subsequent matches and may not be declared the winner of the Round Robin. A player who is defaulted, retires, or creates a Walkover shall finish lower than every player who has an identical match record.

Age division rules:

5. If only two players or two teams enter an age division and that division is played, the two players or teams will receive 1st and 2nd points for playing. [Counted in both 12 Month Rolling Rankings and in Year to Date Rankings.] This structure does not automatically trickle down to 3 or more players (3rd &/or 4th places, etc.).
6. A player or team whose age division does not make, but plays the next younger age division that makes is entitled to have their points counted in the original entered age division. If no younger age division makes, but plays in the Open division, they are entitled to have their points counted in the original entered age division [in Year to Date Rankings]. (Notification to the Texas Section Adult & Senior Ranking Coordinator is required. It is recommended that notification be done by e-mail at: NPerkins@texas.usta.com).
7. If only one player or team enters an age division, and plays in the next younger age division that makes (or the Open division if no younger age divisions make), then that player or team will receive 1st place points for that originally entered age division, no matter how they placed in the younger played division, even if they obtained no wins [counted in Year to Date Rankings]. (Notification to the Texas Section Adult & Senior Ranking Coordinator is required. It is recommended that notification be done by e-mail at: NPerkins@texas.usta.com).
8. If only two players or teams enter an age division and they are merged with a younger age division (or the Open division if no younger age divisions make) and plays in that division, 1st and 2nd place points will be granted in the originally entered division (no matter how they placed in the younger played division). If those two players or teams placed equally in that played division, 1st and 2nd place points will be averaged so that each player or team will receive equal points in the originally entered division [in Year to Date Rankings]. This structure will include all who enter one age and are merged (and play) a younger age division. (Notification to the Texas Section Adult & Senior Ranking Coordinator is required. It is recommended that be done by e-mail at: NPerkins@texas.usta.com).
9. For these points in the originally entered age division, the player or team must actually play a younger age (or Open) division to receive these points. Playing in a levels division, does not count as younger age division play.
10. One Category I National Tournament (i.e. Clay, Hard, Grass, and Indoor tournaments) may be counted in a player's USTA Texas section record. They are counted as a 600 Point Tournament category. Also, one out of Section Category II National Tournament may be counted in a player's USTA Texas section record. They are counted as a 400 Point Tournament category. Only one Cat. I and one Cat. II may be counted. (Note: The "in Section" Cat. II tournaments - Westwood & Lakeway - do not count as one of these Cat. II Tournaments). [Credited in both 12 Month Rolling Rankings and in Year to Date Rankings]. (Notification to the Texas section Adult & Senior Ranking Coordinator is required. It is recommended that notification be done by e-mail at: NPerkins@texas.usta.com).
11. In Senior and Super Senior Major Zones and Sectionals tournaments, some form of USTA sanctioned consolations must be offered in all singles and doubles divisions. This can be Voluntary Consolations, FMLC, Feed-In Consolations (FIC), etc. The consolation type will be published on the tournament's homepage. [Effective 1-1-2012]

Levels / Open division rules:

12. If only two players or teams enter any levels or open division, and that division is played, the two players or teams will receive 1st and 2nd place points for playing. No other credit or points will be available for players that are merged into another levels division. That is, credit [and points] will be given only in the played division, not in a different originally entered levels or open division.

Adults – 2012

(Singles & Doubles: Men's & Women's Open, Men's & Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, & 5.0 Levels,
Men's 25s, Men's & Women's 30s;
Mixed Open Doubles, Mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, & 5.0 Doubles, Husband-Wife Doubles)

Adult Divisions – 2012 Point System					
Main Draw Finish	600 Point	400 Point	200 Point	100 Point	50 Point
					Half/One Day Short Set events
1	600	400	200	100	50
2	450	300	150	75	40
3-4	375	250	125	60	30
5-8	300	200	100	50	25
9-16	225	150	75	35	20
17-32	150	100	50	25	
33-64	75	50	25	10	
Each Consolation Match Won	45	30	15	5	3

- ³ In Adult Divisions: Player's "best 5" tournament results in singles divisions and "best 4" tournament results in doubles divisions in a Ranking period are counted. A player can play as many events as he/she wants, but only the results from the "best 4 or 5" will be used in determining the rankings.

Playing additional tournaments cannot hurt your record.

Seniors – 2012

(Singles & Doubles: Men's & Women's 35s - 50s;
Mixed 35 & 45 Doubles; Father-Son Doubles; Mother-Daughter Doubles)

Super Seniors – 2012

(Singles & Doubles: Men's & Women's 55s - 80s, Men's 85s; Mixed 55 Doubles)

Senior and Super Senior Divisions – 2012 Point System				
Main Draw Finish	600 Point	400 Point	200 Point	100 Point
				Half/One Day Short Set events
1	600	400	200	100
2	450	300	150	75
3-4	375	250	125	60
5-8	300	200	100	50
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Men's 25s, Men's & Women's 30s;
Mixed Open Doubles, Mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, & 5.0 Doubles, Husband-Wife Doubles)

600 Point Tournaments

September 7-9 Texas Adult Sectionals, San Antonio – ID #800017012
November 2-4 Pok-e-Jo's Simply the BEST - 2012 Texas Adult Masters Championships,
Austin – ID # 809658312

400 Point Tournaments

February 17-19 SAPTA-H.E.B Adult Major Zone, San Antonio – ID #809663912
March 23-25 Buccaneer Days Adult Major Zone, Corpus Christi – ID #800030012
April 6-9 [Easter] 2012 HTA Houston Open-Adult MZ– ID #800034512
April 20-22 San Angelo Adult Major Zone – ID #800003112
June 15-17 East Texas Adult Major Zone, Tyler – ID #809661112
July 6-8 Bub Walthall Alamo City Adult Major Zone, San Antonio – ID #800010812
July 20-22 Fort Worth Adult Major Zone – ID #800012512
December 26-31 Cotton Bowl Classic- Adult Major Zone & Junior Open, Dallas – ID #800019812

200 Point Tournaments

January 20-22 Polar Brrrr Nothing but Doubles, Austin – ID #800002912
February 3-5 Mabry Adult Open and Senior & Super Senior MZ, San Antonio – ID #800030912
February 24-26 Lakes Tennis Academy Adult Levels, Frisco – ID #809600112
March 2-4 The Courtyard Classic, Austin – ID #809601512
May 11-13 Abilene Adult Open (Adult 200pt tournament) – ID #809601612
May 18-20 Charlie McCleary Waco Open-Adult and Junior Open – ID #800037012
Aug 31- Sept 3 93rd Annual Beaumont Labor Day Tennis Classic – ID #800015812
Aug 31- Sept 3 CHOCbite.com Labor Day Open, Austin – ID #800016012
October 5-8 2012 Houston Fall Festival Senior MZ and Adult Open – ID #800017412

100 Point Tournaments **All other regular Texas Section Adult Sanctioned tournaments**

50 Point Tournaments **New Pilot Program shortened format (Half Day &/or One Day Short Set)**
USTA Texas Adult Sanctioned tournaments (see info 3 pages over)

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Seniors – 2012

(Singles & Doubles: Men's & Women's 35s - 50s;
Mixed 35 & 45 Doubles; Father-Son Doubles; Mother-Daughter Doubles)

600 Point Tournament

May 25-28 Westwood Senior Championships (Cat. II), Austin – ID #800036512

400 Point Tournaments

February 3-5 Mabry Adult Open and Senior & Super Senior MZ, San Antonio – ID #800030912
March 16-18 The Courtyard Classic Senior & Super Senior MZ, Austin – ID #809680312
April 27-29 Arlington Tennis Center Senior & Super Senior MZ, Arlington – ID #800002512
September 14-16 T Bar M Racquet Club Senior & Super Senior MZ, Dallas – ID #809724912
October 5-7 2012 Houston Fall Festival Senior MZ and Adult Open – ID #800017412
November 9-11 Oasis Senior/Super Senior Major Zone, Rockwall – ID #800001912

200 Point Tournaments All other regular Texas Section Senior Sanctioned tournaments

100 Point Tournaments New Pilot Program shortened format (Half Day &/or One Day Short Set Events)

Super Seniors – 2012

(Singles & Doubles: Men's & Women's 55s - 80s, Men's 85s; Mixed 55 Doubles)

600 Point Tournament

October 25-28 World of Tennis Category II Championship, Austin (Lakeway) – ID #800018212

400 Point Tournaments

February 2-5 Mabry Adult Open and Senior & Super Senior MZ, San Antonio – ID #800030912
March 15-18 The Courtyard Classic Senior & Super Senior MZ, Austin – ID #809680312
April 26-29 Arlington Tennis Center Senior & Super Senior MZ, Arlington – ID #800002512
May 24-28 Westwood Senior Championships (Cat. II), Austin – ID #800036512
September 13-16 T Bar M Racquet Club Senior & Super Senior MZ, Dallas – ID #809724912
October 4-7 2012 Houston Fall Festival Super Senior MZ – ID #809644612
November 8-11 Oasis Senior/Super Senior Major Zone, Rockwall – ID #800001912

200 Point Tournaments All other regular Texas Section Super Senior Sanctioned tournaments

100 Point Tournaments New Pilot Program shortened format (Half Day &/or One Day Short Set Events)

³ In Senior & Super Senior Divisions: Player's "best 5" tournament results in singles divisions and "best 4" tournament results in doubles divisions in a Ranking period are counted. Players can play as many events as he/she wants, but only the results from the "best 4 or 5" will be used in determining the rankings.

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Pok-e-Jo's Simply the BEST - 2012 Texas Adult Masters Championships

hosted by

The USTA TEXAS SECTION and THE CAPITAL AREA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

November 2 - 4, 2012

Tournament ID # 809658312

The top 8 players in each Adult division will be "INVITED GUESTS" to compete in Austin, Texas, the Music Capital of the World, to battle for "THE BEST IN TEXAS"

You will want to be a part of this Best in Texas tournament event.

So get your tennis gear ready to hit the 2011-2012 Texas Section tournament circuit.

The Championships weekend will include player gifts, Saturday lunch, and a "Welcome to the Championships" party offering dinner, beverages, a FUN Texas Hold é m Tournament along with some Boot Scootin' Austin Music.

The Adult Masters Championship is a 600 point adult tournament.

2012 ADULT MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS: (42 divisions total)

Men's and Women's Open singles, doubles and Mixed Open doubles; Husband-Wife doubles;

Men's 25s singles and doubles; Men's and Women's 30s singles and doubles;

Men's and Women's singles, doubles, and mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

THIS TOURNAMENT WILL ACCEPT ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY!

ENTRY FEE: See tournament web site. SCHEDULE OF PLAY: 8:00am Friday.

EVENT LIMIT: 1 singles and 1 doubles OR 2 doubles. (So if you qualify in more divisions, you must pick only 2.)

HEADQUARTERS: Capital Area Tennis Association (will be played at multiple sites), Austin, TX.

2012 RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Top 8 ranked players from each division will be selected based on the **2012 Selection List** rankings. This list will include the prior 12 months calculated to include the adult sanctioned tournaments played Sept. 12, 2011 through Sept. 11, 2012; **excluding** the **Simply the BEST - 2011 Texas Adult Masters Championships tournament**; but will include the 2012 Texas Adult Sectionals scheduled for Sept. 7 - 9, 2012.
2. Players must enter online and must enter prior to the entry deadline to be eligible for this tournament. All players may enter, but only the top 8 eligible and selected applicants will be charged the entry fee.
3. If there is a tie in points, it will be broken first by head-to-head play, second, by the best win/loss ratio of matches actually played, third, by the highest point win in a single tournament.
The Tournament Committee shall then use a random drawing among the remaining tied players to determine their order of entry.
4. Doubles are ranked individually and the top 8 players (who enter) can pick and choose a partner. That chosen partner must have played in at least 1 Texas Section sanctioned tournament within the 12 month ranking year and played the level, or higher, in which they are entering/have entered. However, they are not required to have played with that partner in a Texas Section sanctioned tournament. (Self Rated rules will apply to both partners.)
5. Self Rated players will not be eligible to play and must have a Year End Rating to be eligible for this tournament. **THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS:** (a) **The 2.5 DIVISION**, who had to self-rate to begin playing. The Tournament Committee has the right to disqualify any that are playing outside that level. (b) If the player was rated as a "T" - Tournament Exclusive Year End Rating, or an "M" - Mixed Exclusive Year-end Rating at the end of the prior year, and then became an "S" Self-rated player in the current year, due to entering into League play. The player must send an email to request a **"History Verification Waiver Request"** to NPerkins@texas.usta.com, no later than the entry deadline. Requests are not accepted after the entry deadline due to player selections will have already begun. The historical rating (T or M) must be the same level as the current self rating.
6. The Open divisions will no longer have prize money.
7. Each division will be a round robin (pool/play). That is, each division will be divided by ranking position into two groups of four, to play a round robin. Winners of each pool, within each division, then compete for the Championship.
8. All matches, excluding FINALS, will consist of best 2 out of 3 sets with a match tie-break to determine the 3rd set. FINALS ONLY WILL BE PLAYED AS BEST OF 3 TIE-BREAK SETS.

Get ready for a GREAT TIME and GREAT TENNIS in the BEAUTIFUL HILL COUNTRY of AUSTIN, Texas!

Pilot Program - Half Day & One Day Short Set Tournaments

NEW Sanctioned tournament style / type:

This may be the best thing for Texas Tournaments, with today's fast-paced, no-time lifestyle. Those that have busy families, no time to take off from work, and want to save hotel costs, can enter a short, quick tournament.

The short of it:

- ⁴ **Half or one day** instead of Friday through Sunday – great for busy players
- ⁴ **Shortened format** – several short matches in a short time period - 1 set per match
- ⁴ **Non-Elimination** – everyone gets lots of play (3 or 4 matches)
- ⁴ **Predictable time-frame** with short matches - and - easier to finish during rain or heat
- ⁴ **Low fees** – normally no t-shirt, gift, or trophies for players will make for lower entry fees
- ⁴ **Proven results** – very popular in other Sections

The tricks of this tournament:

Scoring: 1 Set per Match (3½ hour event)

Entries: Limited to full draws (and possibly multiple draws) of:

- 4 Round Robin = 3 guaranteed matches
- 8 Compass Draw = 3 guaranteed matches
- 16 Compass Draw = 4 guaranteed matches

Players will have 3 or 4 matches in a short time period.

Draws need to be full.

Entries will be placed in draws by Rankings (current 12 month Rolling Rankings).

Any extra players [those at the bottom of the list by Rankings] can be put on an alternate list.

Yes, there will be a limit to the number of players in the tournament,
but with more players, there can be multiple draws.

Schedule: Only the start time for all players in a division will be scheduled. For example, all matches to begin at 10:00 am. The remainder of the rounds will be played on a "to be followed by" basis. Players are given 5 -10 minutes break between the short matches.

Ranking Points:

- ³ For the Adult divisions, these are 50 Point tournaments;
- ³ For Senior and Super Senior divisions, these are 100 Point tournaments.

<u>Tournament Points</u>	Adult Divisions	Senior & Super Sr Divisions
Main Draw Finish	50 Point	100 Point
1	50	100
2	40	75
3-4	30	60
5-8	25	50
9-16	20	35
Each Consolation Match Won	3	5

A Short, Fast Tournament!

Give it a try – it might be the best thing happening!