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## USTA National Junior Ranking System Point Table Change

In 2004, the United States Tennis Association adopted a Point Per Round Ranking System (PPR) to rank American juniors. Ranking Point Tables contain the points earned for wins at National Ranking Tournaments, which include all tournaments on the National Junior Tournament Schedule (NJTS) as well as 12 Section tournaments designated by each USTA Section. While minor adjustments have been made to the Point Tables periodically since 2004, effective January 1, 2012 the Tables will be substantively changed.

The new Tables, which were unanimously approved by the USTA Junior Competition Committee in September with the support of the USTA Player Development Staff, have been revised in two significant ways:

- The point distribution has changed so that ranking points are awarded in a more progressive manner. Players who advance to the later rounds of a tournament will receive substantially more points than players who lose in the earlier rounds.
- The total points earned for winning a Level 1 National Ranking tournament, such as a USTA National Championship, have been significantly increased. The points earned for winning Level 4 and Level 5 tournaments have been reduced slightly, but remain higher than when the PPR system was introduced in 2004.

### **Why has the USTA adjusted the Point Tables?**

A goal of the USTA is to promote and reward earned advancement. The progressive nature of the new Ranking Point Tables does this in two ways. Within a Level, the distribution of points among each round's finishers ensures that players who advance to the later rounds will earn the majority of the points available in a tournament. Across Levels (1-5), the distribution of points for reaching equivalent rounds ensures that players who win at higher levels earn a proportionately greater number of points. By rewarding advancement in these ways, which is supported by American college coaches, it is anticipated that the accuracy of the USTA rankings will be enhanced. In addition, because the new Tables award fewer points for winning fewer rounds, the incentive to travel outside one's Section or region will be reduced and will encourage play closer to home.

### **Will there still be a combined ranking of singles and doubles?**

There will be no changes to the combined ranking. Under the new Point Tables, players who compete in both singles and doubles and advance to the later rounds of events will earn progressively more ranking points reflecting their competitive success.

### **Who will this change affect?**

The change will affect every player who competes in tournaments that count for national ranking. This is a very positive change for players and will reward players who advance to the later rounds of these tournaments.

### **How will Section tournaments that count for national ranking be affected?**

The ranking points earned at the 12 tournaments each Section designates as Levels 3, 4 and 5 will be reduced. This change is an acknowledgment of the inherent flaw in having 17 Sections of different sizes and strengths feeding into one national ranking system. Although reduced, the adjusted ranking points remain higher than the points earned at these tournaments when the PPR system was introduced in 2004.

## Proposed National Ranking Point Tables - Effective 1/1/2012

### Feed-In Championship through Quarterfinals: Proposed Change to All Levels

Description	Finish	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	1	1250	350	200	100	50
2nd Place	2	950	263	150	75	38
3rd Place	3	750	175	100	50	25
4th Place/SF	4	600	123	70	35	18
FIC Winner	5	450	105	60	30	15
FIC Runner-up	6	400	88	50	25	13
FIC Semifinalist		350	74	42	21	11
FIC Quarterfinalist		300	65	37	19	9
FIC Quarterfinal Qualifying		250	56	32	16	8
Reached FIC R16		200	49	28	14	7
Reached FIC R16 Qual		150	42	24	12	6
Reached FIC R32		100	35	20	10	5
Reached FIC R32 Qual		80	28	16	8	4
Reached FIC R64		65	21	12	6	3
Reached FIC 64 qualifier		50	0	8	4	2
Reached FIC 128		35	0	4	2	1
Reached FIC Round 128 Qualifier		0	0	0	0	0

### Feed-In Championship through Semifinals: Proposed Change to All Levels

Description	Finish	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	1	200	100	50
2nd Place	2	150	75	38
FIC Winner	3	100	50	25
FIC Runner-Up	4	70	35	18
FIC Semifinalist		50	25	13
FIC SF Qualifying		42	21	11
FIC Quarterfinalist		37	19	9
FIC Quarterfinal Qualifying		32	16	8
Reached FIC R16		28	14	7
Reached FIC R16 Qual		24	12	6
Reached FIC R32		20	10	5
Reached FIC R32 Qual		16	8	4
Reached FIC R64		12	6	3

**Modified FIC, Compass Draw and Single Elimination: Proposed Change to All Levels**

Description	Finish	Level 1 (Compass)	Level 1A (ITFs)	Level 2 (NO DB)	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Champion	1	1250	750	350	200	100	50
2nd Place	2	950	500	263	150	75	38
3rd Place	3	750	350	175	100	50	25
4th Place/SF	4	600	250	123	70	35	18
Quarterfinalist		350	175	65	37	19	10
Reached R16		250	100	49	28	14	7
Reached R32		150	75	n/a	20	10	5
Reached R64		75	50	n/a	17	7	3
Reached R128		n/a	n/a	n/a	10	2	1
Reached R256 (Sectional Ranking Tournaments Only)		n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0
Points Earned for Each Consolation Round Won		25	15	n/a	8	3	1

**Team Tournaments - Proposed Change to Level 1 Only (Intersectionals & National Team)**

Description	Level 1 CURRENT	Level 1 PROPOSED	Zonals: Level 2	Level 4	Level 5
Position #1: points per win	60	85	50	20	5
Position #2: points per win	55	75	45	16	4
Position #3: points per win	50	65	40	12	3
Position #4: points per win	45	55	35	8	21
Position #5: points per win	40	45	30	4	1
Position #6: points earned per win (National Team Only)	35	35	n/a	n/a	n/a
Maximum number of points that can be earned at event (points earned by winning up to 5 rounds plus Bonus Points)	300+ Bonus Points	425+ Bonus Points	250+ Bonus Points	100+ Bonus Points	25+ Bonus Points

**Bonus Points - No proposed Change to Table**

Top 10	75
#11 through #20	50
#21 through #50	25
#51 through #75	10
#76 through #100	5