



## 2012 USTA Pacific Northwest Age & Open Division Regulations

### New for 2012

- We've changed our name. The "Senior" title has become confusing. We now are referred to as "Age Division" which more accurately describes our tournaments.
  - The requirement that you must live in the Section a minimum of 7 months out of the year to receive a ranking has been removed.
  - Points per Round chart has received a major upgrade, enabling more points to be awarded when you play locally.
  - Whether you win or lose, you will receive points for participating.
  - Consolation Round points have been increased and applied equally for men and women.
  - Qualifying points have been added.
  - Many tournaments have been upgraded to award you more points for playing.
  - Mixed events will now receive the same points as other events.
  - Everyone who plays at least one tournament and earns 50 points will receive a ranking.
  - Rankings will be calculated on your results in up to four (4) tournaments for all age groups and men and women.
  - Your results in any National Category I or II will earn Section points for both men and women.
  - Any draw with 3 or 4 players will play a round robin.
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Sanctioned Men's and Women's events age 30 and over are open to players who have reached or will reach the minimum age limit of the division on or before the last day of the ranking period (December 31st).

To receive a Pacific Northwest Section ranking the player must hold an active USTA membership which designates the Pacific Northwest as their member section.

Only USTA Sanction tournaments played within the Pacific Northwest Section will be used for calculating rankings and standings.

### Ranking Point Information

- a. Points are calculated by where the player finishes in the main draw, plus consolation points for each consolation match won, plus qualifying points for each qualifying match won based on the designated level of the tournament. (See [2012 PNW Tournament Category List](#) for the levels awarded to this year's tournaments.)

- b. Byes do not count as wins. Defaults, retirements and completed matches count as wins.
- c. A tournament will count toward minimum qualifying requirements if a player or team starts a match.
- d. If a player or team enters a division that is cancelled for lack of entries and a tournament director enters the player or team into another age division, **the player will only earn points for the division actually played.** The player(s) affected may receive credit towards minimum tournament requirements in the original division entered by contacting [ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com](mailto:ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com) by November 15th of the ranking year to receive the credit. **IMPORTANT:** It is the player's responsibility to initiate the contact.
- e. Doubles players may be ranked as a team as well as individually.
- f. If there is no playoff for 3rd/4th place, both semifinalists will be awarded points equal to a 4th place finisher.
- g. 10 points will be awarded for participation to each player who completes one match, regardless of their finish.
- h. Standings and Year-End Rankings will be calculated based on a player's best results in up to four (4) tournaments for all age divisions and for both men and women. Only sanctioned events will be considered.
- i. All players' who win one (1) match during the tournament calendar year and have a minimum of 50 points will receive a year-end ranking.
- j. Results of National Category I and II Tournaments played within the PNW will be included towards a ranking in both the Senior Women's and Men's divisions.
- k. The Year-End Ranking Period for all players is based on tournament results during the calendar year, January-December.
- l. The Rolling Standings List is a rolling calendar which calculates standings based on results in the previous twelve (12) months and is not a ranking list.
- m. Tournament categories (place point values) are reviewed annually by the Adult Tournament Committee and the Sanctioning Committee.

#### Tournament Director Guidelines

- a. The Category assigned to a tournament is based on participation numbers. Numbers are reviewed annually for the following year's category level. The Category Level is assigned to the Tournament itself, and is not restricted to certain age divisions or NTRP levels.

#### Age Division and Open Division Tournaments

Level I: 100> players in either the Men's or Women's Age Division or Open or may be part of a larger NTRP tournament. All PNW Circuit events are Level I.

Level II: <100 players.

- b. Only those approved methods of scoring as outlined in the ITF Rules of Tennis will be used in any Sanctioned tournament.
- c. Tournaments must use TDM to record entries, draws and results.
- d. Each draw must have a minimum number of players.

30's thru 60's Age Divisions: Singles - 3 Players; Doubles - 3 Teams

65's thru 90's Age Divisions: Singles 2 Players; Doubles 2 Teams

Open Divisions: Singles - 3 Players; Doubles - 3 Teams

- e. A draw with 3 or 4 players must play a round robin.

f. Scheduling Matches

25 through 60 Divisions: A player should not be required to play more than three (3) matches in one day in the same division (including consolation and doubles). No more than two (2) matches should be singles.

65 through 80 Divisions: A player should not be required to play more than two (2) matches in one day in the same division (including consolation, doubles and singles).

85 and 90 Divisions: A player should not be required to play more than two (2) matches in one day in the same division (including consolation and doubles). No more than one (1) match should be singles.

Corrections

- a. Corrections to or inquires regarding **tournament results** must be resolved by contacting the tournament director.
- b. Corrections to or inquires regarding **ranking or standings** can be submitted by email to [ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com](mailto:ahutchinson@pnw.usta.com).