



## 2012 USTA Pacific Northwest NTRP Division Regulations

### New for 2012

- 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.
- Many tournaments have been upgraded to award you more points for playing.
- Mixed events will now receive the same points as other NTRP events.
- Everyone who plays at least one tournament and earns 50 points will receive a ranking.
- Any draw with 3 or 4 players will play a round robin.

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Sanctioned Men's and Women's NTRP tournaments are open to all players. Players who do not have a current NTRP rating may self-rate by completing the self-rate questionnaire on [USTA.com](http://USTA.com).

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

Computer rated players may not play at a level that is below their USTA year-end rating.

Self-rated players who are determined to be playing below their true playing ability may be denied participation by the Tournament Director. A self-rated player who is denied participation may appeal to the NTRP Review Committee by contacting [sheilab@pnw.usta.com](mailto:sheilab@pnw.usta.com).

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. In determining the points per round ranking of any division, only results from that division will be considered.
- e. Events that are straight NTRP levels (2.5-5.0) as well as Combined Ratings and Mixed Events will be considered for Standing and Ranking Points. The suggested rating spread for Combined and Mixed rating tournaments is 1.5 or less. Age group NTRP levels will not be considered for Standing or Ranking points.
- f. Doubles players will be ranked individually dependent on where the Doubles team finishes.
- 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 five (5) tournaments 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 a minimum of 50 points will receive a year-end ranking.
- j. The Year-End Ranking Period for all players is based on tournament results during the calendar year, January-December.
- k. 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.
- l. 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.

#### NTRP Divisions

Level I: 100> players or more or may be part of a larger Age Division or Open Tournament.

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.

Singles - 3 Players; Doubles - 3 Teams

- e. A draw with 3 or 4 players must play a round robin.
- f. A player should not be required to play more than three matches in one day in the same NTRP division (including consolation and doubles). No more than two matches 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).