

USTA HPS Junior Tournament Seeding Guidelines

Seeding

- Seeding for all Open Division singles events shall be based upon the Computerized List Method (CLM) (see USTA publication "Friend at Court" 2009, pg. 72) using the most current Hawaii Pacific Section Standings List available.
- Any deviation from the most current Hawaii Pacific Section Standings List shall be based upon extraordinary circumstances and requires prior approval from Hawaii Pacific Section Junior Tournament Subcommittee.

Commentary:

- *When a tournament receives entries from players who have a USTA national standing or other foreign country national standing as of the date entries close in the top 150 of any division, they shall be considered for seeding. In this case the USTA National Standings List (NSL) would be helpful.*
 - *The standard is extraordinary circumstances. The general rule is to follow the most current Hawaii Pacific Section Standings List. The exception is to deviate from the list and obtain prior approval from the Junior Tournament Subcommittee.*
- Seeding for all Open Division doubles events shall be based upon the CLM using the combined points total of both players from the most current Hawaii Pacific Section Standings List in the division entered (Girls' 14 doubles example: Player A Points Girls' 14 + Player B Points Girls' 14 = Combined Points Total for seeding).
 - The number of players seeded shall equal a power of two (2, 4, 8, 16, or 32). The maximum ratio of players seeded shall be one in three, except that any draw may have two seeds (3 – 11 players = 2 seeds; 12 – 23 players = 4 seeds; 24 – 47 players = 8 seeds).

Draws

- Every effort should be made to post the Competitors and Seeds for a tournament on TennisLink at least two days before the making of the draws.
- USTA Level 3, 4, and 5 tournaments shall have a Public draw (see USTA publication "Friend at Court" 2009, pg. 74). The draw, computer or manual, shall be made in public at the time and place specified by the Tournament Committee and posted on TennisLink.
- All draws shall be made by Referee or Deputy Referee (see USTA publication "Friend at Court" 2009, pg. 74). The Referee or an appointed Deputy Referee, assisted by at least one Tournament Committee member and preferably by two members, shall make the draw. The Referee and any appointed Deputy Referee shall be jointly responsible for the draw's compliance with applicable USTA Regulations.
- Once the seeded players and the Bys have been written in, the rest of the draw shall be filled in by drawing the names of the remaining players and putting them on the unoccupied lines in the order in which they are drawn, starting at the top and moving downward in sequence.
- Discretionary procedure for separating opponents from same area, family, school, country, club, or doubles team. When the drawing procedure operates to bring together for their first match opponents from the same area, family, school, country, club, or doubles team, the Referee has the discretion to place the second name drawn on the corresponding line of the next quarter of the draw. If this happens in the fourth quarter of the draw, the second name may be exchanged with the name on the corresponding line in one of the three preceding quarters, the specific one of these quarters being determined by drawing. If this system places the second-drawn player into a seed or Bye slot, the name shall be moved to successive quarters until it can be put on a vacant line or exchanged with that of an unseeded player (see USTA publication "Friend at Court" 2009, pg. 78).