



## **Seeding/Selection for Adult and NTRP Tournaments**

**Number to be seeded:** The number of players seeded shall equal a power of two (for example, 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. Even the smallest tournament may have two seeds. The Seeding Committee should bear in mind that seedings merely represent a subjective rating of the various players' chances of winning the tournament. These ratings cannot be based on whim, caprice, or "hunches," but instead must be justified by a reasonable amount of factual evidence. The Committee should consider all available evidence, including, but not limited to, year end and current year tentative rankings (including other divisions), current records and current points race standing (seeding list), types of surface, and particularly head-to-head encounters. The point's race should not be the sole determining factor in seeding, and state tournament directors should consult with the ranking chair to review the seedings in advance of the draw.

**USTA Florida Seeding List:** Approximately once a month, the USTA Florida furnishes, a computer-based seeding list based on results from Florida tournaments played during the previous twelve months. This information is available on the Internet. This is part of your factual evidence. It should be noted that players with better records yet participating in fewer tournaments should still be considered for seeding purposes. Encourage players to submit their records, and study the information the player submits to the tournament, and use the Internet to confirm out of section or national records. Also attempt to obtain the results from recently played tournaments.

**Other Seeding Considerations:** You must consider the rankings and computer listings for all of the divisions in which the player may have played. These constitute "factual evidence" for seeding. A complete list of all players, ranked and unranked, in all divisions is available on the USTA Florida website. You may also call the Adult Ranking Chair for assistance; he or she can help you easily evaluate players with insufficient data.

**Consolation:** It is mandatory that a minimum 1st match consolation is offered at all adult tournaments with optional sign-up for the players.



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**NTRP Year-end Rating Player Selection:** The NTRP Year-end Rating comes out around late November. Once this year-end rating has come out, the players have the option of playing their prior division, or they have the option to play at the division that corresponds with their new year-end rating.

Example: A player has been playing at the 3.0 level. When the year-end ratings come out; they have been bumped to a 3.5 level. This player can finish the year as a 3.0, or they can choose to play at their new level of 3.5. The opposite is also true in that if they were a 3.5, and they were lowered in the year-end ratings to a 3.0, the player then has the option to play at that new rating of 3.0, prior to January 1.

As of January 1 of the new year, players may not play below their generated rating level, but does have the option to play up.

**NOTE TO TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY A PLAYER WHO DOES NOT MEET THE SPECIFIED AGE REQUIREMENT OF 19 YEARS OLD, PLAY IN AN NTRP EVENT!! IF USTA FLORIDA FINDS OUT THAT YOU HAVE ALLOWED UNDER-AGE PLAYERS TO PLAY AN NTRP TOURNAMENT, IT COULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR SANCTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR!!**