

Adult Regulations

USTA South Carolina 2018 Event Levels

The USTA South Carolina Adult Competition Council shall evaluate annually the appropriate levels and relative weights of the events considered for South Carolina adult standings and rankings. Following are the levels of events for 2018:

South Carolina Level	Tournament	How will this appear in my Southern Ranking?
Level 1	National Championships (Category 1)	Point Tournament
	Southern 400 Point Tournaments	400 Point Tournament
	Southern 300 Point Tournaments	300 Point Tournament
	Southern 250 Point Tournaments	250 Point Tournament
	South Carolina State Closed/Open Tournament	100 Point tournament
Level 2	National Category Tournaments	300 Point Tournament
	Southern 200 Point Tournaments	200 Point Tournament
	Southern 150 Point Tournaments	150 Point Tournament
	Southern 100 Point Tournaments	100 Point Tournament
Level 3	Selected Tournaments (see schedule)	n/a
Level 4	All remaining SC Tournaments	n/a

***Adult NTRP events consisting of 4 or fewer singles players or 4 or fewer doubles teams will use the points table one level below that tournaments' overall level in the South Carolina standings and rankings.

USTA of South Carolina Ranking Regulations

Ranking Year: January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

1. A player must hold a valid USTA membership and be a South Carolina resident to receive a state ranking.
2. Matches using conventional scoring (which may include the use of tiebreak) or a third set tiebreak in lieu of a third set will be considered for rankings.
3. Only those matches played in a given age category or against another player eligible in the same category in the current ranking year will be considered.

Player Responsibilities

Players are responsible for familiarizing themselves with any changes applicable to their age division. Players anticipating a ranking in any category must accept the following responsibilities:

1. VERIFY that the name on the tournament draw sheet is spelled correctly and is identical to the name on your USTA card.
2. NOTIFY the USTA National Membership Office at 1-800-990-USTA or email them at memberservices@usta.com. South Carolina's records come directly from the National database. We will not have correct information until the change has been made in the National database first.
3. MEET the deadlines as listed in the notes section of the standings/rankings reports.

Age Division Requirements

Men's and Women's: Open through 70's, Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles

In order to receive a final ranking a player must have a minimum of 10 points in a division. A player's total points are calculated by considering the player's best **6** results.

Men's and Women's 75's and Above, Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles

In order to receive a final ranking a player must have a minimum of 10 points in a division. A player's total points are calculated by considering the player's best **3** results.

Family Doubles (Mother/Daughter, Mother/Son, Father/Daughter, Father/Son, Husband/Wife)

In order to receive a final ranking a player must have a minimum of 10 points in a division. A player's total points are calculated by considering the player's best **3** results.

NTRP Requirements

Men's and Women's: Singles, Doubles; NTRP Mixed and Combo Mixed.

In order to receive a final ranking a player must have a minimum of 10 points in a division. A player's total points are calculated by considering the player's best **6** results.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Players must be at least 19 years of age or turning 19 this year.
2. A player may participate at a higher level than his/her current NTRP rating, but NEVER at a LOWER level. For doubles, the team must play at the level of the HIGHEST rated player.
3. Tournament Directors may verify a player's rating through the USTA South Carolina office (800-644-7282) or on the USTA South Carolina web site – www.sctennis.com.
4. Ratings received from USTA League Tennis are valid for NTRP tournaments. A self-rating or a rating received from a certified professional is also valid for NTRP tournaments. Self-rated players must have permission from the Tournament Director to play at their desired level. For assistance in determining your self rating, please refer to the general characteristics of the NTRP Guidelines found on our web site under Adults/Leagues.
5. Rating levels of partners for combo doubles teams vary. Tournament Directors must follow USTA League tennis regulations that clearly state; **players NTRP ratings may not be separated by more than 1.0 to participate in a combo (including NTRP Combined Mixed, NTRP Combined Men's and NTRP Combined Women's) doubles event.** (Ex. 2.5 + 3.5 or 4.0 + 5.0)
6. DNTRP (Dynamic National Tennis Rating Program) ratings system is in place that will adjust a player's self-rating if the computer system deems it to be inaccurate. Any player disqualified from the adult or senior division of USTA Adult League Tennis, may not play at the disqualified NTRP level of play in NTRP Tournaments.

Standings are now posted throughout the year on the Internet, and the data is updated often. A player should monitor the posted results at frequent intervals. Errors should be reported to James Tart (tart@sctennis.com) immediately.

PENALTY: Any player who claims to meet the SC ranking requirements under false pretenses shall not be ranked in the state of South Carolina for a period of three years from the date of discovery; further, that player will not be allowed to enter a State Closed tournament in South Carolina for the same period.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:

James Tart (tart@sctennis.com) or any member of the Adult Competition Committee.

Note: The Adult Competition Committee has the right to modify the Points Per Round Ranking System during the year as it reviews the results obtained through the course of the year. Any such changes will be posted on the USTA South Carolina website as adopted.