

NEW USTA Southern Section Junior Ranking System for 2005

The USTA Southern Section has adopted the Points Per Round (PPR) ranking system similar to the system adopted by the USTA for 2004. The Star System will no longer be used to determine standings/rankings. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE SOUTHERN REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDINGS, RANKINGS AND ENDORSEMENT UNDER THIS NEW SYSTEM.

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Following are some general Q&A along with the details on the new ranking program for the USTA Southern Section:

1. How will standings/rankings be determined?

- o A player must accrue 100 points in an age division in order to be included in the USTA Southern Section standings. A player's best eight tournaments will be considered.
- o A player's final ranking will be based on his/her best eight tournaments. A player must have earned a minimum of 200 points in an age division to earn a final ranking.

2. Are bonus points counted?

- o With the exception of bonus points earned at ITF events, bonus points are attached to the tournament in which they are earned. To be included, the tournament must be among the player's best eight.

3. Are team events counted?

- o Yes

4. Will byes qualify as wins in tournaments?

- o Not until the players wins a subsequent round

5. How will withdrawals, defaults or walkovers by an opponent affect the points that I earn in a tournament?

- o The player advancing will earn the points for that round

6. How many wins does a player need in order to be included in the standings or rankings?

- o The determining factor is the number of points earned not the number of wins

7. Will match play between Southern players in tournaments outside the Southern Section count towards USTA Southern Section standings/rankings?

- o National Schedule tournaments outside of the Southern Section may be counted as one of a player's best eight for standing and ranking purposes

8. Can a player be ranked in more than one age division?

- o Yes, as long as he/she has earned the required number of points to in each age division

9. Are tournaments weighted?

- o The point levels per round are the "weighting" of a tournament. See the charts included

10. Do losses count?

- o With the exception, to some degree, of bonus points earned, losses will no longer count. The round reached will determine how many points a player earns.

11. Will there still be endorsement requirements?

Yes. Play in a minimum of two Bullfrog designated tournaments or Southern Championships will be required for endorsement to the Winter and Spring Super Nationals. Play in a minimum of one Bullfrog designated and the Southern Closed shall be required for endorsement to the Clay and Hard Court Super Nationals.

12. Will there still be ranking requirements?

Yes. Play in a minimum of one Southern Championship and two other tournaments will be required to qualify for a Southern ranking.

13. From what date will points be counted to begin the new system?

The 2003 State Qualifiers will be included in the first point standing in January of 2004 along with other tournaments from April of 2003 to the present.

Primary Goals of the USTA Southern Section PPR Ranking Program

- o Does not count losses.
- o Encourages play.
- o Is easy to understand.
- o Will promote play at the State and Local levels.
- o For ranking purposes, reward performance at National Schedule tournaments.