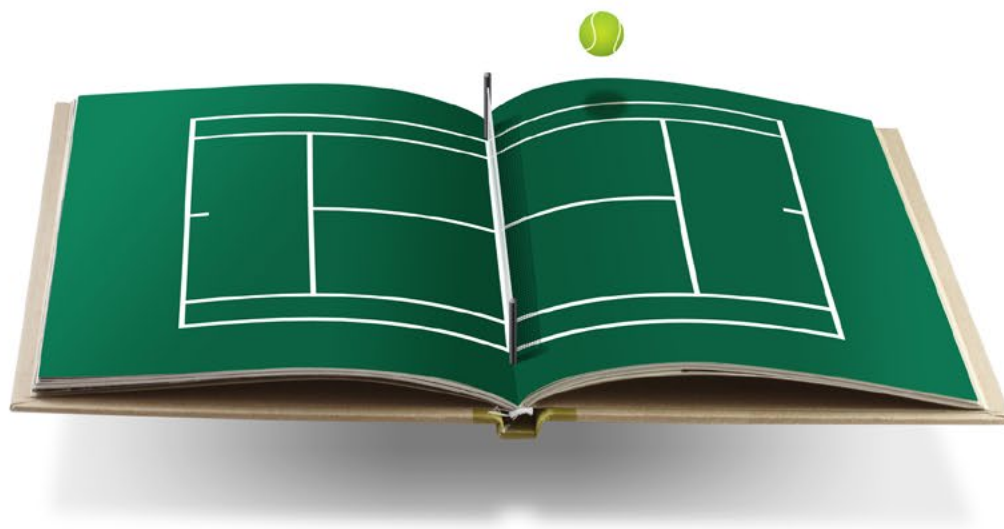


junior development

GUIDEBOOK

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HAWAII PACIFIC

the guidebook

In an effort to improve the experience for thousands of young players throughout the USTA Hawaii Pacific Section, this new booklet has been designed to maximize a player's competitive experiences, whether that be at Play Days, Junior Team Tennis events or tournaments.

Players will advance to higher levels as they earn their way through the pathway. This booklet gives an overview of the entire competitive structure which include District, Sectional and National levels of play.

Hawaii Pacific

The USTA is organized geographically into 17 sections. The USTA Hawaii Pacific Section encompasses Hawaii, Guam, Northern Mariana and American Samoa.

A volunteer-based, not-for-profit organization, USTA Hawaii Pacific Section is dedicated to carrying out the goals of the national association within its region, particularly with respect to promoting tennis opportunities for junior and adults of all abilities and cultural backgrounds.

To better serve local needs, USTA Hawaii Pacific Section is further subdivided into six districts: Oahu, Maui, East Hawaii, West Hawaii, Kauai, and Guam.



ENTRY LEVEL

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

ROGY PROGRESSION | The Junior Pathway promotes play in Red, Orange, Green and Yellow ball events. This level of competition is structured in a way that will allow young players to remain at the appropriate level until they are granted advancement by way of age or participation.

TENNIS FESTIVAL & OPEN HOUSE EVENTS | Community events at various locations to promote tennis. Visit www.hawaii.usta.com for upcoming events. Contact dreith@hawaii.usta.com for more information or assistance.

PLAY TO LEARN TENNIS LESSONS PROGRAM | Affordable group lessons for all ages, youth and adult, at all skill levels. 22+ park sites across Oahu. Racquets and balls provided.

PLAY DAYS | Players are introduced to competition in a low-pressure setting where the emphasis is on fun. Play Days allow players to play quick matches with players of similar age and skill so they can transition to team tennis and tournaments

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS | This is a co-ed team tennis program for players 11 and under to have friendly and fun competition using red, orange and green balls.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS | Team tennis program for kids ages 18 and under to play friendly and fun competition. The program is designed for developing players to bring them together as teammates to play other teams and gain valuable experience playing singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches. The USTA Jr. Team Tennis play levels are defined as Beginner (NTRP 2.0 & below), Intermediate (NTRP 3.0 & below) and Advanced (NTRP 3.5 & above). Players cannot have a rating higher than the team tennis level at which they are playing.

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PLAY DAYS

- Half day play event with a non-single elimination format using timed, round-robin, or compass draws.
- Visit www.hawaii.usta.com for upcoming play days.
- Contact dreith@hawaii.usta.com for more information or assistance and to enter.

PLAY TO LEARN TENNIS LESSONS PROGRAM

Available at 22+ sites across Oahu | Racquets and balls provided | All skill levels | All ages
Register at trytennishawaii.com | Questions? Contact playtolearntennis@hawaii.usta.com

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS - Red Ball Division

- For players ages 5-8.
- Three seasons a year - spring (Mar-May), summer (Jul-Aug), and fall (Oct - Nov) season
- Each season is 4-6 weeks long.
- Minimum age to participate in this division is 5 years old.
- Contact program coach in your area or email kennell@hawaii.usta.com for assistance.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS - Orange Ball & Green Ball Division

- Three seasons a year - spring (Feb-May), summer (Jun-Aug), and fall (Sep - Dec) season
- Each season is 8-10 weeks long.
- Minimum age to participate in this division is 7 years old.
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JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) - Beginner - 2.5 NTRP Skill Division

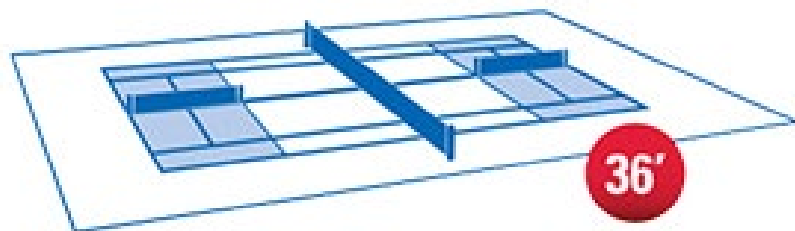
- Age Divisions are: 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), and 18 and under (18U).
- JTT 2.5(12U) division is a green ball division. All the other age divisions use yellow balls.
- Minimum age requirements: 9 years old for 12U divisions; 13 years old for 18U divisions
- A player is eligible to compete in the age division determined by their age the cutoff date of March 1st for Spring season and August 31st for Fall season. A player with a birthday during the season may continue to compete in the age division in which he/she started the season.
- More details available at www.hawaii.usta.com/play_tennis/junior_team_tennis/
- Two seasons a year: spring & winter season. Each season is 10-12 weeks long.
- Eligible teams are advanced to section championships. There are two section championships: Spring Section Championships (held in May) and Winter Section Championships (held in December)
- Contact program coach in your area or email kennell@hawaii.usta.com for assistance.

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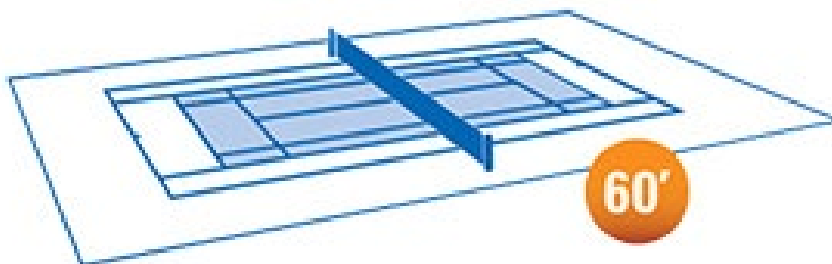
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Court Breakdown - ROGY Progression

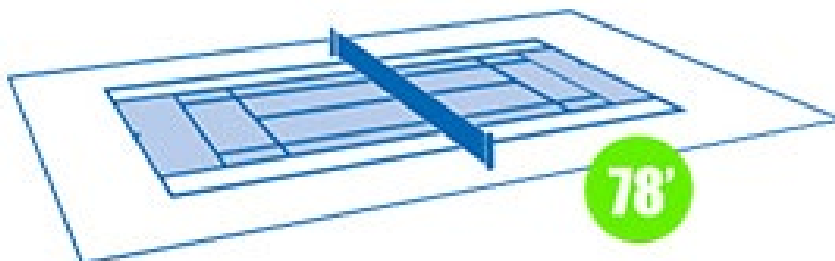
Red-ball: 36' Court | 19-23 inch racquet



Orange-ball: 60' Court | 23-25 inch racquet



Green- and Yellow-Ball 78' Court | 25-27 inch racquet



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS

This is a co-ed team tennis program for players ages 7 to 11 to have friendly and fun competition using orange and green balls.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT)

Team tennis program for kids ages 18 and under to play friendly and fun competition. The program is designed for developing players to bring them together as teammates to play other teams and gain valuable experience playing singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches.

The USTA Jr. Team Tennis play levels are defined as Beginner (NTRP 2.5 & below), Intermediate (NTRP 3.0) and Advanced (NTRP 3.5 & above). Players cannot have a rating higher than the team tennis level at which they are playing.

-Age Divisions are: 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), and 18 and under (18U).

-There are two tracks in JTT program:

Track 1 - Junior Team Tennis (JTT) : 3.0 (12U)

Non-advancing; USTA membership optional

Age cutoff dates: March 1st (spring season) & August 31st (Fall season)

Minimum age to participate: 9 years old

Track 2 - Championships Jr Team Tennis (CJTT): 3.0 (14U & 18U)

National advancing; USTA membership required; spring season only.

Age cutoff dates: August 31st of the championship year. (i.e. A player may participate in 14-and under division if he/she remains 14 through August 31 of the championship year).

Minimum age to participate in the 18U division: 13 years old

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Enable kids to learn strategy and tactics through organized match play.

Divisions: 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U age divisions

Age Eligibility: a player may play in the division if he/she has not exceeded the division's maximum age limit by the last day of the month in which the tournament starts.

For section junior tournament rules and regulations, go to:

www.hawaii.usta.com/Juniors/rules_and_regulations

Players competing are expected to know the rules of tennis and comply with the code of conducts of the USTA (www.usta.com).



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

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ENTRY

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS - Orange Ball Division & Green Ball Division*

Three seasons a year - spring (Feb-May), summer (Jun-Aug), and fall (Sep - Dec) season

Each season is 8-10 weeks long.

Minimum age to participate in this division is 7 years old.

Contact program coach in your area or email kennell@hawaii.usta.com for assistance.

*Green Ball Division is also available for *Beginner Level* players ages 11 or 12

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) - JTT Track - 3.0(12U)

-This is a non-national championship advancing division.

-minimum age to participate in this division: 9 years old.

-Age cut-off dates: March 1st (Spring season) and August 31st (Fall season) of the championship year. Players with a birthday during the season may continue to compete in the age division in which he/she started in.

-More details available at: www.hawaii.usta.com/play_tennis/junior_team_tennis/

-Two season a year: spring & winter season. Each season is 10-12 weeks long.

-Eligible teams are advanced to section championships. There are two section championships: Spring Section Championships (held in May) and Winter Section Championships (held in December).

-Contact program coach in your area or email kennell@hawaii.usta.com for assistance.

Orange Ball & Green Ball Tournaments

-Contact dreith@hawaii.usta.com for more information or assistance.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS - Challenger Division

-Challenger division is an entry-level. These are non-ranking events open to players ages 18 and under.

-Players ranked 1-5 in the 12s, by the most recent standings list available as of one week before the tournament entry deadline, are not eligible for challenger tournament play in any age group.

-Players ranked 1-8 in the 14s, 16s, or 18s, by the most recent standings list available as of one week before the tournament entry deadline, are not eligible for challenger tournament play in any age group.

-a Player winning two challenger tournaments in the same age division in a calendar year is no longer eligible to play in Challenger division for the rest of the year. However, the same player may be eligible to play in challenger tournaments the following year depending on the most current standings.

-For section junior tournament rules and regulations, go to:

www.hawaii.usta.com/Juniors/rules_and_regulations

-Sign up for USTA membership at: usta.com/membership

-Players competing are expected to know the rules of tennis and comply with the code of conducts of the USTA (www.usta.com)

To search and enter tournaments, go to: www.tennislink.usta.com/tournaments

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (CJTT) - Championships Track - 3.0 (14U) and 3.0(18U)

-This is for Spring season only. A player is eligible to compete in the age division determined by their age the cutoff date of August 31st. Minimum age to participate in 18U division is 13 years old.

- Winning teams in the 14 and under and 18 and under divisions from the Spring Section Championships in May will be eligible to advance to the national championships in October.

Eligibility Requirements to Advance to District/Section/National Championships: A player is eligible to progress if:

- 1) The player has met all Hawaii Pacific Section benchmark requirements for intermediate levels of play
- 2) Participated on a team that is from an age validated advancing program within TennisLink Team Tennis
- 3) Played on an advancing team (Championship Track) in at least 2 team matches over 2 separate days during the local USTA Jr. Team Tennis Season.
- 4) The results of the 2 minimum matches must be recorded in TennisLink Team Tennis. A retired match can count towards the two-match requirement, but not defaults.

-For national 2015 JTT Regulations, go to https://s3.amazonaws.com/ustaassets/assets/1/15/2015_jtt_regulations_book11_20_14.pdf.

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JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS

This is a co-ed team tennis program for players ages 7 to 11 to have friendly and fun competition using orange and green balls.

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT)

Team tennis program for kids ages 18 and under to play friendly and fun competition. The program is designed for developing players to bring them together as teammates to play other teams and gain valuable experience playing singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches.

The USTA Jr. Team Tennis play levels are defined as Beginner (NTRP 2.5 & below), Intermediate (NTRP 3.0) and Advanced (NTRP 3.5 & above). Players cannot have a rating higher than the team tennis level at which they are playing.

-Age Divisions are: 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), and 18 and under (18U).

-There are two tracks in JTT program:

Track 1 - Junior Team Tennis (JTT) : 3.5 (12/14U/18U) & 4.0 (12U/14U/18U)

Non-advancing; USTA membership optional

Age cutoff dates: March 1st (spring season) & August 31st (Fall season)

Minimum age to participate: 9 years old

Track 2 - Championships Jr Team Tennis (CJTT): Open (14U & 18U)

National advancing; USTA membership required; spring season only

Age cutoff dates: August 31st of the championship year. (i.e. A player may participate in 14-and-under division if he/she remains 14 through August 31 of the championship year).

Minimum age to participate in the 18U division: 13 years old

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS - Open Division

-Players may be ranked in the following divisions: 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, and 18 and under.

-The USTA HPS standings are based upon an accumulation of points for winning rounds at USTA HPS sanctioned events.

-Rankings will be based upon the combined results for singles and doubles.

-Rankings will be based upon the highest five (5) points per round results for singles and 15% of the highest three (3) points per round results for doubles for a single combined ranking.

-Points earned in higher age divisions will count down towards a player's standing in one or more younger age divisions.

-Points values are awarded based on a player's final position in the draw. A player earns points by winning a round. Please find the point table in the Junior Rules & Regulations.

-Age Eligibility: a player may play in the division if he/she has not exceeded the division's maximum age limit by the last day of -the month in which the tournament starts.

-For junior tournament rules and regulations, go to: www.hawaii.usta.com/Juniors/rules_and_regulations

-Players competing are expected to know the rules of tennis and comply with the code of conducts of the USTA (www.usta.com) and USTA HPS (http://s3.amazonaws.com/ustaassets/assets/648/15/suspension_point_system2015.pdf).

Sectional Level 5 & 6 (L5 & L6) | These events count toward section ranking. The primary purpose is to provide competition among the outstanding USTA HPS players who are pursuing a high sectional ranking.

Sectional Level 3 & 4 (L3 & L4) | These events count toward section ranking. The primary purpose is to provide competition among the outstanding USTA HPS players who are pursuing a high sectional ranking and USTA national tournament eligibility.

To search and enter tournaments, go to: www.tennislink.usta.com/tournaments

ADVANCED LEVEL

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ENTRY

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) FOR KIDS - Orange Ball Advanced Division & Green Ball Division

-Three seasons a year - spring (Feb-May), summer (Jun-Aug), and fall (Sep - Dec) season

Each season is 8-10 weeks long.

Minimum age to participate in this division is 7 years old.

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JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (JTT) - Skill Division 3.5 / 4.0 / Open

Age Divisions are: 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), and 18 and under (18U).

There are two tracks in JTT program:

Track 1 - Junior Team Tennis (JTT) : 3.5(12U/14U/18U) and 4.0(12U/14U/18U)

non-advancing; USTA membership optional

Age cutoff dates: March 1st (spring season) & August 31st (Fall season)

Minimum age to participate: 9 years old

Track 2 - Championships Jr Team Tennis (CJTT): Open (14U & 18U)

National advancing; USTA membership required; spring season only

Age cutoff dates: August 31st. A player is eligible to compete in the age division determined by their age the cutoff date of March 1st for Spring season and August 31st for Fall season. Players with a birthday during the season may continue to compete in the age division in which they started the season.

Minimum age to participate in the 18U division: 13 years old

More details available at: www.hawaii.usta.com/play_tennis/junior_team_tennis/

Two season a year: spring & winter season. Each season is 10-12 weeks long.

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JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS - Open Division

Sectional Level 5 & 6 (L5 & L6)

-No residency requirement.

-To search and enter in a tournament, go to:

tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/schedule/search.aspx?Section=20&Division=G8&intloc=headernavsub2

CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS (CJTT) - Championships Track - Open (14U) and Open (18U)

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JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS - Open Division

Sectional Level 3 & 4 (L3 & L4)

-These are Designated Tournaments (DT). Players will also receive national ranking points for Designated Tournaments.

-Residency requirements applied. A player must be a resident of the geographic area comprising the USTA HPS. Residency may include a player who is temporarily residing outside the section (e.g., players who may be attending school or serving in the military). The permanent residence of juniors shall be the residence of a parent(s) with legal custody or their legal guardians. The parent(s) or legal guardians who have custody of the player must reside within the USTA HPS nine (9) months out of the calendar year. In addition, the parent(s) or legal guardian must have filed State of Hawaii income tax or registered to vote in the State of Hawaii. A player can also be considered a resident if he or she has been enrolled full time in a school in the USTA HPS since the beginning of the school year. The burden shall be upon the player to establish his or her residence.

-90 days wait period. Players who have played in a residency restricted sectional and national level 3 or 4 tournament for a section other than USTA HPS with a tournament end date within 90 days of a HPS section and national level 3 or 4 tournament are not eligible to participate in the event.

L3 Tournaments: Wailuku Winter Jr. Sectional (January) & USTA Summer Jr. Section Championships (June)

L4 Tournaments: USTA President's Day Jr. Section Championships (February), USTA Spring Jr. Section Championships (March), Hawaii State Junior Championships (August), and Labor Day Jr. Championships (September).

-To search and enter in a tournament, go to:

tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/schedule/search.aspx?Section=20&Division=G8&intloc=headernavsub2

NATIONAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS | Access to the USTA National Championships will be primarily through the Section Endorsement which places much importance on achieving excellence at the Sectional level before advancing to regional and national competition. The USTA Hawaii Pacific Section endorses to the following National Championships, Team Championships, and Closed Regionals.

TEAM EVENTS

- USTA Zone Team Championships: Held in July for the BG12, BG 14, and BG 16 divisions.
- USTA Intersectional Team Championships: Held in July for the BG 14 division and BG16 divisions.
- USTA National Team Championships: Consists of 17 teams (one per section) for BG18, Held in July. These are national level team tournaments where players get to compete alongside fellow Hawaii Pacific players against players from other sections.

TOURNAMENT EVENTS

- “Closed” Regionals (Region 1): Held in February and October for the BG12-18 divisions.
- USTA National Clay Championships: Consist of 128 players for BG12-14, and 192 players for BG16-18, held in July.
- USTA National Championships: Consist of 128 players for BG12-14, and 192 players for BG16-18, held in August.
- USTA National Winter Championships: Consist of 128 players for BG12-18, held in December.

To obtain a Section Endorsement Application Form or for more information on Section Endorsement, visit:

s3.amazonaws.com/ustaassets/assets/648/15/ustahpsendorsement2015.pdf

NATIONAL TOURNAMENT ENDORSEMENT SYSTEM

-Section Endorsement into national tournament is primarily based on a National Quota system which is a mathematical calculation that determines the number of players each Section endorses to National Championships, Team Championships and Closed Regionals. Endorsed players are selected based on specific dates and the creation of ranked standings lists on these dates or thereabout. The dates shall be as follows:

- After the Spring Section Championships in March for team events and National Clay Championships.
- After the Summer Section Championships in June for August Hard Court National Championships.
- The HPS standings lists effective 8 weeks before the USTA Closed Regional Level 4 event will be used for endorsement.
- October 1st for the December Winter National Championships.

Below are number of players endorsed from Hawaii Pacific Section for each Boys and Girls age division into Regional and National Championship Events:

National Championships	BG12s	BG14s	BG16s	BG18s
Closed Regional	1	1	1	1
Clay Courts	2	2	2	2
Hard Courts	1*	1*	2*	2*
Winter Nationals	2	2	2	2

*June Sectional Level 3 Championships singles winner earns an automatic entry into the Level 1 National Hard Court Championship Event **Chart subject to change

Below is the number of players endorsed from Hawaii Pacific Section for each Boys and Girls division into National Team Championship Events. These are non-elimination, round-robin National team championships:

National Championships	BG12s	BG14s	BG16s	BG18s
Zone Team	6B/6G	6B/6G	6B/6G	6B/6G
Intersectional Team	X	3B/3G*	3B/3G*	3B/3G*
National Team	X	X	X	6B/6G

*The section reserves the right, if it is deemed in the best interest of the Section, to select one (1) additional player. Other National Tournaments: (Selection is based on the National Standings Lists):

- USTA National Selection Tournaments
- USTA National Doubles Championships
- USTA National Spring Team Championships
- National Warm Up Tournament
- USTA National Sweet Sixteen
- USTA “Open” Regional

For more information, visit: www.usta.com/Youth-Tennis/Junior-Competition/players_and_parents/

RANKINGS

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2015 Hawaii Pacific Section (HPS) Ranking Point Table						
FIC Through Quarterfinals	FIC Through Semifinals	Single Elimination	HPS Level 3	HPS Level 4	HPS Level 5	HPS Level 6
Champion	Champion	Champion	650	455	260	81
2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	488	342	195	61
3rd Place	FIC Champion	3rd Place	325	228	130	41
4th Place/Semifinalists	FIC Finalist	4th Place/Semifinalists	228	160	91	29
FIC Champion			195	137	78	24
FIC Finalist	FIC Semifinals		163	114	65	20
FIC Semifinals	FIC SF Qualifying		137	96	55	17
FIC Quarterfinals	FIC Quarterfinals	Quarterfinalists	117	82	47	15
FIC QF Qualifying	FIC QF Qualifying		104	73	42	13
FIC Round of 16		Round of 16	91	64	36	11
FIC R16 Qualifying			78	55	31	10
FIC Round of 32		Round of 32	65	46	26	8
FIC R32 Qualifying			52	36	21	7
		FMLC (each round won)				11

Players who lose First Round are fed into the Feed-in Consolation (FIC) as follows:

Draw of 64: FIC R32 Qualifying

Draw of 32: FIC R16 Qualifying

Draw of 16: FIC QF Qualifying

HPS Ranking Calculation:

100% of five (5) best singles events

15% of five (5) best doubles events

