

2016 USTA Georgia Adult Tournament Regulations & Point Ranking System

A. Residency Requirements for Closed Tournaments

Only players who have established a legal residency in Georgia, hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Georgia, and who are citizens of the United States or meet the international player requirements for a national ranking are eligible to participate in Georgia closed tournaments. These residency requirements must be satisfied at least thirty (30) days prior to the entry date of each Championship.

B. Adult, Senior, and NTRP Sanctioned Events

The USTA Georgia sanctions the following tournament events for all adult players, the results of which are utilized to determine rankings in Georgia at the conclusion of the ranking year, which begins January 1 and ends December 31 of each calendar year.

Men's Singles/Doubles	Open, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65,70, 75, 80, 85
Women's Singles/Doubles	Open, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65,70, 75, 80
Mixed Doubles	Open, 25, 35, 45
Men and Women NTRP Singles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
Men's & Women's NTRP Doubles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
NTRP Mixed Doubles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
NTRP Mixed Combo Doubles	5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Men's & Women's Senior NTRP 50, 60, 70 Singles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
Men's & Women's Senior NTRP 50, 60, 70 Doubles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
Men's & Women's Senior NTRP 50, 60, 70 Combined Doubles	5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Men's & Women's Senior NTRP 50, 60, 70 Mixed Doubles	2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0
Men's & Women's Senior NTRP 50, 60, 70 Combined Mixed Doubles	5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0
Special Events	Husband-Wife, Mother-Daughter, Father-Son
Wheelchair Men's & Women's Singles	Open, A, B, C
Wheelchair Men's & Women's Doubles	Open, A, B, C

Wheelchair Quad Singles	Open, A
Wheelchair Quad Doubles	Open, A

C. Adult Age Eligibility Table

2016 USTA Georgia Age Eligibility Table (for tournaments Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016)

25 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1991
30 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1986
35 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1981
40 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1976
45 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1971
50 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1966
55 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1961
60 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1956
65 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1951
70 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1946
75 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1941
80 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1936
85 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1931

D. Adult NTRP Eligibility Requirements

1. Players are eligible to play Adult NTRP Tournaments starting the month of their 19th birthday.
2. Players must compete in their appropriate NTRP level, determined in the following order:
 - a. Players with a current NTRP computer rating must compete no lower than their computer-rated level.
 - Players are required to compete at their current NTRP year-end computer rating (or higher) for the entire calendar year unless disqualified from the USTA League Tennis Program at that NTRP level.
 - If disqualified, the player must move up in tournament competition for the remainder of the year. The newly defined level shall be considered the most current NTRP computer rating for tournament competition.
 - b. Players without a current NTRP computer rating may appropriately self-rate.
 - c. The following limitations will apply for NTRP Combo Doubles and MXD events: A player with a rating of 3.0 may play no lower than the 5.0 level; a player with a rating of 3.5 may play no lower than the 6.0 level; a player with a rating of 4.0 may play no lower than the 7.0 level; a player with a rating of 4.5 may play no lower than the 8.0 level; a player with a rating of 5.0 may play no lower than 9.0.

E. Adult Rest Periods, Match Limitations and Seeding Guidelines

- **Rest Periods Between Sets**

There is no rest period after split sets in Men's and Women's Open, and Men's 25, provided that tournament referee has discretion to impose a 10 minute rest period between sets at the request of one of the players in the event of extreme weather. In all other adult divisions, including Adult-Child combinations, at the request of any player or team, a 10-minute rest after split sets must be observed. The rest period may be taken only after two consecutive sets have been played—completion of a suspended set counts as one set. There will be no rest period, therefore, between the second and third sets if there is a match suspension of 10 minutes or more during the second set.

- **Rest Periods Between Matches**

A minimum of one hour must be allowed for rest after a singles match and 30 minutes after a doubles match, except that a singles match in excess of three hours shall have a waiting period of a minimum of one and one-half hours before the next match. Players can waive these rules by mutual agreement and with the consent of the Referee. From one day to the next, a minimum of 10 hours must lapse from the end of one match and the beginning of the next.

- **Daily Playing Limitations**

No player may be required to play more than two matches per event per day. For example, players who enter two different events can face playing four matches on a given day. This rule can be waived with the consent of the players involved and the Referee.

- **1-Day "QuickPlay" Limitations**

A minimum of a half-hour must be allowed for rest after a singles or doubles "QuickPlay" match, with the discretion of the tournament referee to extend this rest period for extreme weather or unusually long matches. "QuickPlay" participants may not be required to play more than 7 "sets" in doubles or 6 "sets" in singles during the one day.

- **Seeding Guidelines**

Tournament directors and committees should refer to the Friend at Court "Draw Regulations: Seeding Guidelines," a summary which states: "When using the All Factors Method of seeding, it is common to start with a recent ranking or standing list and use other information (such as head-to-head results, sectional and national rankings, other known factors, etc.) to enhance the accuracy of the list. The Tournament Committee shall not rely on just the current rankings or standing ... "

F. Ranking Prerequisites

In order to be awarded Georgia ranking/standing points for a Georgia Open, Age-Division, NTRP Division, Wheelchair or Special Event, a player must be a legal resident of Georgia and in USTA membership records as stated in Adult Section A and must compete in one USTA sanctioned tournament.

G. Point Ranking System

- Open, Age, Special Events and NTRP division final rankings at year-end will be determined by the USTA Georgia Adult Point System.
- Rankings are determined by the Point System.
- Players will earn points for where they finish in the draw, in addition to participation points earned. To earn points for where you finish, you must advance to that round by a win.
- A player's top four (4) tournaments will be used for ranking purposes.
- Byes will not earn points until the next round is won.
- Defaults, withdrawals and walkovers will count as wins for the opponents, and they will receive points for the round that was reached.

- Participation in National or Sectional (STA) Championships outside the state of Georgia must be submitted by e-mail to Marsha Edrosa at USTA Georgia at edrosa@ustageorgia.com by noon, December 31, of the ranking year. Only the National and Sectional (STA) Championships will be counted toward your Georgia ranking, not "other" tournaments outside of Georgia. (Any exceptions to this are noted in Sections I or J of these regulations.)
- In ranking any given Open, Age or NTRP divisions, results from other Age or NTRP divisions will not be considered.

H. USTA Georgia Adult/Senior and NTRP Point System

USTA-Georgia Point System For Adult/Senior and NTRP

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Level 4</u>
Finish	300 Point	200 Point	150 Point	75 Point (1-day events)
1	300	200	150	75
2	250	170	110	55
3-4	200	140	75	40
5-8	150	110	50	25
9-16	100	80	25	12
17-32	75	50	10	
33-64	40	30	5	
64+	20	20	2	
Points per	20	10	5	2
Consolation				
round				
Participation	10	5	2	1
Points				

I. USTA Georgia NTRP Tournament Point Values

Level I (300 points)

Georgia State Clay Court NTRP/Open Championships @ Healy Pt
 Georgia State Open/NTRP Tournament of Champions
 The Atlanta City Open \$\$/NTRP Championships
 Georgia State Adult TEAM Championships

Level II (200 points)

Southern Championships (300+ STA points)
 National Championships (Category 1 Chps)
 Return to Server Southern NTRP
 Sunset Hills Southern NTRP
 Petersburg RC Banana Open/NTRP
 Columbus Banana Open/NTRP
 Savannah Banana Open/NTRP/Sr NTRP
 Jekyll Island Banana Open/NTRP

Level III (150 points)

All other USTA Georgia NTRP Tournaments, excluding 1-day tournaments

Level IV (75 points)

1-day "QuickPlay" Tournaments

J. USTA Georgia Adult/Senior/Wheelchair Tournament Point Values

Level I (300 points)

Georgia State Adult Clay Court Championships @ Sea Island

Georgia State Hardcourt Championships
Georgia State Adult/Senior/Open \$\$ Championships
Georgia State Wheelchair Grand Prix Championships

Level II (200 points)

Southern Championships (300+ STA points)
National Category 1 Tournaments
Atlanta Senior Invitational
USTA Southern Senior Hardcourt Championships
Clocktower Classic Wheelchair
Fair Oaks Senior Southern Warm-Up
The Geranium Festival Wheelchair

Level III (150 points)

All other USTA Georgia Adult/Senior/Wheelchair tournaments, excluding 1-day tournaments and
National Category 2 Tournaments

Level IV (75 points)

1-day "QuickPlay" Tournaments

K. One-Day "QuickPlay" Tournaments

Acceptable scoring formats for 1-day events are:

- Two out of three set matches with a tie-breaker in lieu of the third (allowed only if 3 players or less in the draw);
- 8 game pro-sets; and
- 2 out of three "mini-sets" to 4 games. (This is the first to 4 games by 2. Play 2 out of 3 tiebreak mini-sets with a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.)

You must win at least one match to acquire points for where you finish in a round robin. This does not include participation points.