

# 2017 USTA Georgia Adult Tournament Regulations & Point Ranking System

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## **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 adult and senior players, the results of which are utilized to determine rankings in Georgia at the conclusion of the ranking 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
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### C. Adult Age Eligibility Table

2017 USTA Georgia Age Eligibility Table (for tournaments Jan. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2017)

25 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1992
30 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1987
35 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1982
40 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1977
45 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1972
50 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1967
55 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1962
60 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1957
65 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1952
70 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1947
75 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1942
80 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1937
85 & Over	Born on or before December 31, 1932

### D. Adult NTRP Eligibility Requirements

1. Players are eligible to play Adult NTRP Tournaments starting the month of their 19<sup>th</sup> 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; and a player with a rating of 5.5 or higher may play no lower than 10.0.

### 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. 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. 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 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 to the GTA office 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 Championships  
Georgia State Open/NTRP Tournament of Champions  
The Atlanta City Open \$\$/NTRP Championships

### Level II (200 points)

Southern Championships (300+ STA points)  
National Championships (Category 1 Chps)  
Return to Server Southern NTRP  
Sunset Hills Southern NTRP  
Columbus Senior Banana NTRP  
Petersburg RC Banana Open/NTRP  
Columbus Banana Open/NTRP  
Savannah Banana Open/NTRP/Sr NTRP  
Sunset Hills Combo Mixed Doubles NTRP  
Sunset Hills Doubles Open/NTRP  
Jekyll Island Banana Open/NTRP  
Pine Forest Pre-Labor Day Open/Senior/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 Hardcourt Championships  
Georgia State Adult/Senior/Open \$\$ Championships  
Georgia State Wheelchair Grand Prix Championships

### Level II (200 points)

Southern Championships (300+ STA points)

National Championships (Category 1 Chps)  
Atlanta Senior Invitational  
USTA Southern Senior Hardcourt Championships  
Savannah \$50K Challenger Wildcard  
Fair Oaks Senior Southern Warm-Up  
The Geranium Festival Wheelchair  
Pine Forest Pre-Labor Day Open/Senior/NTRP

**Level III (150 points)**

All other USTA Georgia Adult/Senior/Wheelchair tournaments, excluding 1-day 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.