

2005 US OPEN SERIES BONUS POINTS SYSTEM

The following provides a summary of the 2005 USOS Bonus Points System. This is the same USOS Bonus Points System as used in 2004, which was agreed upon by the USTA, ATP and WTA Tour.

1. <u>USOS Bonus Prize Money:</u> The USOS Bonus Points System is designed to link the performance of the top three men's and top three women's finishers of the US Open Series events to their performance at the US Open. In 2005, the US Open Series Bonus Challenge men's and women's winners will receive double the prize money at the US Open. Second-place finishers will receive an additional 50% and third-place finishers will receive an additional 25% of US Open prize money. Bonuses are based on US Open prize money in the singles competition only. The 2005 US Open prize money and US Open Series bonus prize money for the top three men's and women's finishers in the US Open Series are illustrated below:

	US OPEN PRIZE MONEY	US OPEN PRIZE MONEY + USOS BONUS PRIZE MONEY To Top Three US Open Series Finishers		
US Open Finish	Minimum Guaranteed*	1st Place Finisher (+100%)	2nd Place Finisher (+50%)	3rd Place Finisher (+25%)
Winner	\$1,100,000	\$2,200,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,375,000
Finalist	\$550,000	\$1,100,000	\$825,000	\$687,500
Semifinalists	\$270,000	\$540,000	\$405,000	\$337,500
Quarterfinalists	\$135,000	\$270,000	\$202,500	\$168,750

- 2. <u>USOS Bonus Points.</u> The following is the system by which the top three finishers (men's and women's) will be determined.
 - a. Players will earn Bonus Points as follows (for the singles competitions only): at each ATP Masters Series and WTA Tier I event in the USOS, the winner will earn 100 Points, the finalist will earn 70 Points, the semifinalists will earn 45 Points, the quarterfinalists will earn 25 Points, and the round-of-16 will earn 15 Points; at each WTA Tier II event, the winner will earn 50 Points, the finalist will earn 35 Points, the semifinalists will earn 22 Points, and the quarterfinalists will earn 12 Points; at each ATP International Series \$600,000 level event, the winner will earn 40 Points, the finalist will earn 28 Points, the semifinalists will earn 18 Points, and the quarterfinalists will earn 24 Points, the semifinalists will earn 15 Points, and the quarterfinalists will earn 8 Points. The following chart illustrates the USOS Bonus Points distribution.

ROUNDATP Masters Series/ WTA Tour Tier IWTA Tour Tier IIInternational Series (\$600,000)International Series (\$380,000)Tournament NameRogers Masters; Western & Southern Financial Group Masters; Acura Classic; Rogers CupBank of the West Classic; JPMorgan Chase Open; Pilot Pen TennisRCA Championships; Legg Mason Tennis Classic; Pilot Pen TennisMercedes-Benz CupWinner100504035Finalist70352824Semifinalists45221815Quarterfinalists2512108Round of 1615N/AN/AN/A	2005 US OPEN SERIES BONUS CHALLENGE POINTS DISTRIBUTION					
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Semifinalists 45 22 18 15 Quarterfinalists 25 12 10 8	Winner	100	50	40	35	
Quarterfinalists 25 12 10 8	Finalist	70	35	28	24	
	Semifinalists	45	22	18	15	
Round of 16 15 N/A N/A N/A	Quarterfinalists	25	12	10	8	
	Round of 16	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	

- At ATP Masters Series and WTA Tier I events, Bonus Points will be awarded through the round-of-16 (16 players). At ATP International Series and WTA Tier II events, Bonus Points will be awarded through the quarterfinals (8 players). Players will not receive Bonus Points simply by entering USOS events.
- c. A player will only earn Bonus Points in the final round of the tournament to which he/she advances (provided he/she advances to a round in which Bonus Points are awarded).
- d. Player standings will be calculated and promoted following each USOS event.
- e. Players are not required to participate in a minimum number of USOS tournaments in order to qualify as a top-three finisher.
- **Tie-Break Procedures.** The following tie-break procedures will be used in the event of any tie(s) for the first, second and/or third place finishers.

In the event of a 2-way tie (for either first place and second place, or second place and third place, or third place and fourth place), then A-E below shall be applied, in order, until the tie is broken:

- A. Head-to-head record in US Open Series matches (in the current year).
- B. Greatest number of US Open Series matches won (in the current year).
- C. Greatest number of US Open Series sets won (in the current year).
- D. Greatest number of US Open Series games won (in the current year).
- E. If a tie still exists after applying the above, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss.

In the event of a 3-way tie, then B-E above shall be applied, in order, until the tie is broken and the first place finisher is determined. The remaining 2-way tie shall be broken by applying A-E above, in order, until the tie is broken.

In the event of a 4-way (or greater) tie, then B-E above shall be applied, in order, until the tie is broken and the first place finisher is determined. The remaining tie shall be broken by applying B-E above, in order, until the second place and third place finishers are determined, however, if at any time the remaining tie is a 2-way tie, the tie shall be broken by applying A-E above, in order, until the tie is broken (for example, if following determination of the first place and second place finishers, a 2-way tie exists for third place, the tie shall be broken by applying A-E above).