

USTA Northern California Adult Tournament Ranking and Points Race Rules



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Note Regarding Adult, Senior, and Open Divisions:

The USTA NorCal tournament and ranking rules now use terms related to divisions in conformity with the national USTA Regulations. Adult Divisions are comprised of two separate divisions - the Adult Open Divisions and the Adult 30 Divisions. The Senior Divisions are comprised of all other age group divisions. A full listing of all divisions is in Rule 2.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO RULES SINCE March 1, 2015:

- For Grand Slam Tournaments, up to 9 tournaments, one of each would represent each of the TSR regions, would be designated Grand Event Tournament

- 1. Ranking and Grand Prix Eligibility.** Only those players who are residents of Northern California are eligible to receive a ranking and participate in a Grand Prix Tournament. Non-residents may accumulate ranking points and appear on a Grand Prix Points Race List.
- 2. Divisions Ranked.** Rankings shall be published in all of the following divisions for which tournaments are held and at least one player meets the ranking eligibility and/or participation requirements.
 - A. Adult Divisions.* Men's, Women's, and Mixed Open and 30 Divisions.
 - B. Senior Divisions.* Men's, Women's, and Mixed 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90 divisions.
 - C. Family Divisions.*
 - Father-Son, Father (60 & Over)-Son, Father (70 & Over)-Son;
 - Father-Daughter, Father (60 & Over)-Daughter, Father (70 & Over)-Daughter, Father (80 & Over)-Daughter;
 - Mother-Son;
 - Mother-Daughter, Mother (60 & Over)-Daughter, Mother (70 & Over)-Daughter;
 - Husband-Wife Mixed, Husband-Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 100 Years), Husband-Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 120 Years), Husband-Wife Mixed (Combined Ages 140 Years); and
 - Grandfather-Grandson.
 - D. NTRP Divisions.* Men's, Women's and Mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 and 5.5.
 - E. Wheelchair Divisions.*
 - Men's, Women's, and Quad Open;
 - Men's, Women's, and Quad A,
 - Men's and Women's B,
 - Men's C;
 - Junior Open/A (18 & Under);
 - Senior Open/A (40 & Over) Doubles; and
 - Senior B/C (40 & Over) Doubles.
- 3. Ranking & Grand Prix Points Race Periods.**
 - A. Adult, Senior, Family, and NTRP Ranking Period.* The Adult, Senior, Family, and NTRP Ranking Period shall begin with the first Sectional Ranking Tournament after the Grand Prix Tournament through the conclusion of the following year's Grand Prix Tournament.
 - B. Wheelchair Ranking Period.* The Wheelchair Ranking Period shall be October 1 to September 30.
 - C. Adult, Senior, Family, and NTRP Grand Prix Points Race Period.* The Adult, Senior, Family, and NTRP Grand Prix Points Race Period shall begin with tournaments that finish in October and end with tournaments that finish prior to the end of the following September. The Grand Prix Tournament shall not be part of the Grand Prix Points Race Period.
- 4. Rules Related to the Accumulation of Points.** Players shall earn points for winning rounds at Sectional Ranking Tournaments that are set forth on the Point Tables below, subject to the following:
 - A. Win Requirement.* A player must win a round to receive any points for the tournament, except that all players shall receive Participation Points as set forth in the Point Table. Byes do not qualify as wins.
 - B. Treatment of Withdrawals, Walkovers, Retirements and Disqualifications.* Withdrawals, walkovers, retirements, and disqualifications count as wins.
 - C. On-Court Win Requirement to Appear a Tentative or Final Ranking List.* Only those players that have an on-court, competitive win, one that results from a player winning a match point, the opponent retiring or being defaulted after the first point of the match, shall be eligible to appear on a Tentative or Final Ranking List.

- D. *Treatment of Defaults for Misconduct or Code Violations.* A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System or for misconduct, forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament. Players defaulted in singles only lose points accumulated for play in the singles draws. Players defaulted in doubles only lose points accumulated for play in the doubles draws. If, in the opinion of the referee, a default in doubles is caused by a player's partner, that player will not lose the points accumulated.
- E. *Violation of Concurrent Tournament Rule.* Players who violate the Concurrent Tournament Rule shall forfeit all ranking points earned at the concurrent tournaments.

5. Sectional Ranking Tournaments and Point Levels. The following tournaments shall be known as Sectional Ranking Tournaments and shall earn the level of points designated in the Point Tables as set forth below:

A. *Adult 30 and Senior Divisions.*

- *Level 1:* Any Category I USTA Adult or Senior National Championships held in USTA NorCal and Adult and Senior Grand Prix Tournaments;
- *Level 2:* Any Category II and Super Category II USTA Adult and Senior Tournaments held in USTA NorCal;
- *Level 3:* Senior Sectional Championships.

The 2015 Senior Sectional Championships are: See NorCal website.

- *Level 4:* All other Adult and Senior tournaments sanctioned by USTA NorCal.

B. *Adult Open Divisions.*

- *Level 1:* Any Category I USTA Open National Championship held in USTA NorCal, the Stead Open, and the Open Grand Prix Tournament;
- *Level 2:* Any Category II and Super Category II USTA Open Tournaments held in USTA NorCal and any Open tournament sanctioned by USTA NorCal with total prize money of \$2,000 or more.
- *Level 4:* All other Adult Open tournaments sanctioned by USTA NorCal.

C. *Family Divisions.*

- *Level 1:* Any Category I USTA Family National Championship held in USTA NorCal and the Family Grand Prix Tournament;
- *Level 2:* Any Category II and Super Category II USTA Family Tournaments held in USTA NorCal;
- *Level 4:* All other Family tournaments sanctioned by USTA NorCal.

D. *NTRP Divisions.*

- *Level 1:* NTRP Grand Event Tournaments and NTRP Grand Prix Tournament;

The 2015 NTRP Grand Event Tournaments are:

\$1,500 Stahl Motor Company Elite 16 Open, Senior & NTRP (March)
4th Annual Silverado NTRP (May)
Los Gatos S&RC NTRP Doubles Challenge (May)
Sutter Lawn August Classic (August)
The 7th Annual Pam Krone Memorial NTRP Tournament (August)

- *Level 2:* NTRP Tournament of the Year divisions;

The 2015 NTRP Tournaments of the Year are: The 2015 TOYs can be found on the NorCal website:
http://www.norcal.usta.com/adults/tournaments_of_the_year/

- *Level 4:* All other NTRP tournaments sanctioned by USTA NorCal, including NTRP divisions in NTRP Tournaments of the Year that have not been designated as Tournament of the Year divisions.

E. *Wheelchair Divisions.*

- *Level 1:* Any Category I USTA National Wheelchair Championship held in USTA NorCal;
- *Level 2:* Any Category II USTA Wheelchair Tournament held in USTA NorCal;
- *Level 4:* All other Wheelchair tournaments sanctioned by USTA NorCal.

6. NTRP Grand Event Tournament Designations. Each year, up to 9 NTRP tournaments, one of each would represent each of the TSR regions, would be designated as a NTRP Grand Event Tournament. Tournaments that meet the following minimum criteria shall be considered first for Grand Event designation:

- A minimum of 15% of the total participants must have completed a player evaluation;

- The Pre-Tournament Checklist is completed by the Tournament Director no later than the date entries open;
- The Post-Tournament Report is completed no later than 7 days after completion of the Tournament; and
- The tournament has complied with all applicable USTA NorCal sanction and tournament rules.

Player results in all divisions shall be 2 times the All Other Tournaments point value as set forth in the Point Table.

All champions of NTRP Grand Event Tournaments shall receive a special piece of USTA NorCal logo wear or other item commemorating their win.

7. NTRP Tournament of the Year Designations. NTRP Tournaments of the Year (TOY) are designated by division and are those events in a division of a tournament that, after NTRP Grand Event Tournaments have been designated, receive the highest average rating by participants in that division. -Tournaments that meet the following minimum criteria shall be considered first for events to be designated as TOY:

- The tournament shall have received an average rating by all participants on the player evaluation of 3.75;
- A minimum of 15% of the total participants must have completed a player evaluation;
- The Pre-Tournament Checklist is completed by the Tournament Director no later than the date entries open;
- The Post-Tournament Report is completed no later than 7 days after completion of the Tournament; and
- The tournament has complied with all applicable USTA NorCal sanction and tournament rules.

Each NTRP division shall have three TOY designations each year. If the tournaments' events in the first two NTRP divisions designated as TOY are only one type (for example, the events are singles only, doubles only, men's only, women's only, etc.), then the third NTRP division designated as TOY shall be the next-highest rated division in a tournament that has event types that do not yet have a TOY designation in the NTRP division. For example, if the first two NTRP divisions designated as TOY are in singles-only tournaments, the third NTRP division designated as TOY shall include doubles and/or mixed doubles.

Player results in TOY divisions shall be 1.5 times the All Other Tournaments point value as set forth in the Point Table. Player results in non-TOY divisions in a TOY shall be those set forth in the All Other Tournaments column.

8. Ranking Point Tables.

A. *Point Tables for Tournaments with no Consolation, first Round Loser Consolation, First Match Loser Consolation or Compass Draw.*

Tournaments with No Consolation, First Round Loser Consolation, First Match Loser Consolation or Compass Draw					
Player Result for Singles and Doubles		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Tournament With or Without Consolation	Champion	2000	1500	1250	1000
	2nd Place	1500	1125	938	750
	3rd Place	1250	938	781	625
	4th Place/SF ¹	1000	750	625	500
	Quarterfinalist	500	375	313	250
	Reached R16	250	188	156	125
	Reached R32	126	95	79	63
	Reached R64	64	48	40	32
	Lost in Round of 128	32	24	19	16
	Points for each Consolation Round Won	12	9	8	6
Round Robin Points Per Win	Round Robin of 3	1000	750	625	500
	Round Robin of 4	666	500	417	333
	Round Robin of 5	500	375	313	250
	Round Robin of 6	400	300	250	200
Participation Points		2	1	1	1

1. If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, all semifinalists will receive points in this row.

B. Point Tables for Tournaments with a Feed-In Championship.

Tournaments with Feed-In Championship					
Player Result for Singles and Doubles		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Tournament With Feed-In Championship	Champion	2000	1500	1250	1000
	2nd Place	1500	1125	938	750
	3rd Place	1250	938	781	625
	4th Place/SF ¹	1000	750	625	500
	FIC Winner	850	676	564	450
	FIC Runner Up	750	563	470	375
	FIC Semifinalist	600	450	376	300
	FIC Quarterfinalist	500	376	313	250
	FIC QF Qualifying	376	282	234	188
	Reached FIC R16	250	188	156	125
	Reached FIC R16 Qual	190	144	119	95
	Reached R32	126	96	79	63
	Reached FIC R32 Qual	96	72	60	48
	Reached FIC R64	64	48	40	32
	Reached FIC R64 Qual	32	24	19	16

1. If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, all semifinalists will receive points in this row.

9. Calculating Year End Rankings and Publication of Tentative and Final Ranking Lists.

- A. *Rankings Based on Maximum Number of Tournaments.*
 - i. *Men's Adult, Senior, NTRP, and Wheelchair Singles and Doubles Divisions.* Each player's ranking in a division will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds in the player's six best Sectional Ranking Tournaments in the division during the Ranking Period.
 - ii. *Women's and Mixed Adult, Senior, NTRP, and Wheelchair Singles and Doubles Divisions.* Each player's ranking in a division will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds in the player's three best Sectional Ranking Tournaments in the division during the Ranking Period.
 - iii. *Family Divisions.* Each player's ranking in a division will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds in all Sectional Ranking Tournaments played in the division during the Ranking Period.
- B. *Doubles Rankings.* USTA NorCal shall rank doubles players as individuals and as teams.
- C. *All Players with Same Number of Points Shall Receive Same Ranking.* All players with the same number of ranking points on a Ranking List shall be shown to have the same ranking.
- D. *Publication of Tentative Ranking Lists and Submission of Corrections.* This is the first ranking published by USTA NorCal. The Tentative Ranking Lists and player records for the ranking period shall be published as soon as possible after the end of the Ranking Period. Any corrections must be received by USTA NorCal by November 15th.
- E. *Final Rankings.* These are the official rankings in all Adult, Senior, Family, NTRP and Wheelchair divisions that have been certified by USTA NorCal. Final Rankings are published on or about December 15th.

10. Calculating Grand Prix Standings, Publication of Grand Prix Points Race Lists, and Selection for Grand Prix Tournaments.

- A. *Calculation of Standing.* Each player's Grand Prix Points Race standing in a division will be based on the accumulation of points for winning rounds in all Sectional Ranking Tournaments played in the division during the Grand Prix Points Race Period. The period does not include the Grand Prix Tournament. Players must have at least one ranking point to appear on the Grand Prix Points Race List, which ranking point may be a participation point.

- B. *Residency Not Required to Appear on List; Residency Required to Play in Grand Prix Tournament.* All players, regardless of residency in USTA NorCal, may appear on the Grand Prix Points Race List; however residency is required to play in a Grand Prix Tournament.
- C. *Doubles Teams.* Grand Prix Points Race Lists shall be published for individual doubles players and for teams. All doubles players who have met the minimum requirements, if any, in doubles shall be listed on the individual Grand Prix Points Race List. All doubles teams who have met the minimum requirements, if any, in doubles shall be listed on the team Grand Prix Points Race List. Players with results with more than one partner in a division will be listed with each partner on the team Grand Prix Points Race List.
- D. *Tiebreak Rules.* All players with the same number of ranking points shall be shown to have the same standing. For the purpose of selecting players or teams into the Grand Prix Tournaments, the tiebreaks listed shall be used in the following order:
- Most tournaments played.
 - Most matches played.
 - Head-to-head win loss record of tied players or teams.
 - Coin toss.
- E. *Publication of Grand Prix Points Race Lists.* Grand Prix Points Race Lists shall be published at least monthly in all Adult, Senior, Family, NTRP, and Wheelchair divisions. The standings in a division shall include all players who are eligible for play in the division on the date of publication of the lists.
- F. *Minimum Tournament Participation Requirements for NTRP Grand Prix Tournaments.* The minimum tournament participation requirements for NTRP Grand Prix Tournaments are set forth below. Doubles teams do not have to play together as a team to meet the minimum requirement; doubles players can play with different partners than they are entered with in a NTRP Grand Prix Tournament, but each must meet the minimum tournament participation requirement.

NTRP Division	Men's Divisions		Women's Divisions		Mixed Doubles Divisions
	Singles	Doubles	Singles	Doubles	
2.5	1	1	2	1	1
3.0	4	2	4	2	2
3.5	6	2	6	2	4
4.0	6	3	6	3	3
4.5	6	2	2	1	2
5.0	5	2	1	1	1
5.5	3	1	1	1	1

- G. *Grand Prix Tournaments Held.* Grand Prix Tournaments shall be held in all Adult, Senior, and NTRP divisions for which there are two or more eligible entrants. No Grand Prix Tournament shall be held in the Family division in 2013 and thereafter shall only be held if authorized by USTA NorCal.
- H. *Selection for Grand Prix Tournaments.* The Grand Prix Points Race Lists shall be used to select players and teams into the Grand Prix Tournaments from among the players and teams that have entered. The individual Grand Prix Points Race Lists will be used for doubles. The following maximum number of entrants, who are members of USTA NorCal, who have met the minimum participation requirements (if applicable), and who are otherwise eligible to play, shall be selected:
- Adult Open (except Men's Open Singles Division), Adult 30, and Senior Divisions.* 8 entries per division
 - Men's Open Singles Division.* 16 entries
 - Family Divisions.* If held, no limit to the number of entries per division.
 - NTRP Divisions.* 8 entries per division.

- 11. Player Record Corrections.** Players are responsible for regularly reviewing their player records and for submitting corrections and additions to USTA NorCal. Players should review their records and report changes and corrections on a weekly basis.