

2014 Adult/Senior Tournament Regulations

NOTE: After one year of using the Points per Round System, the Mid-Atlantic Section Adult/Senior Competition Committee has authorized modifications to the point values for different tournament levels and two technical corrections. Please see Section III and Table 1 below for details.

I. Participants: Tournament Entry

All players must be current members of the USTA. Proof of membership must be presented to tournament officials. This may be done on site or by enclosing a copy of the membership card with the entry. Membership applications will be available at the tournament desk.

Tournament players are bound by the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section Code of Conduct Applicable to Adult/Senior Tournament Play (viewable on-line at www.midatlantic.usta.com, Select: Competitive Tennis > Conduct > Adult/Senior Code). Players must make themselves available for play during the sanction period and may not enter a tournament they know they cannot finish. A player with a scheduling conflict may submit an application that includes an explanation of the conflict. Such a conditional application may then be either accepted or rejected by the tournament committee. Players are entitled to a refund of their entry fee if their entry is not accepted or if they withdraw before entries have closed. A player may not enter more than one tournament scheduled for any part of the same time period without the written consent of each tournament director. The availability of on-line registration is mandatory for all Adult tournaments, but tournament directors may accept mail-in entries if they wish. Seeding information should be submitted at the time of entry. This is especially important for players new to the area or an age division. If a player has no current ranking or record, he/she should include any significant past records or rankings.

In seeding tournaments, tournament directors should consider all available information including previous years' rankings, current standings, and head-to-head results, as well as player comments as discussed above.

Players who have entered one singles and one doubles event may not be required to violate the daily play limits set by the Mid-Atlantic Section. Players participating in more than one age division shall be given a minimum of 30 minutes rest when required to play back-to-back matches. Players, at their option, may agree to a shorter rest period. For all adult divisions, except the Men's Open, a ten-minute rest period must be taken after the second set if either player or team requests it. A tournament may eliminate the 10-minute rest period for Women's Open events, if advance notice is given.

II. Membership/Residency Requirements

To be considered for a Mid-Atlantic ranking, a player must be a USTA member in good standing at the close of the ranking year (December 31). The player must also maintain a residence or reside within the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section for at least six consecutive months within the ranking year. And, the player may not be ranked in another USTA Section.

III. Points Per Round System

Adult/Senior and NTRP Mid-Atlantic Standings and Rankings are based upon the Points Per Round (PPR) System, which awards points based upon the level of tournament played. The point values have been modified to provide a more equitable range among the different classifications of tournaments. Specifically, National events hosted within the USTA/Mid-Atlantic Section have increased from 250 points to 500 points; MAS Sectional Championships have increased from 250 points to 400 points; State Championships and MAS Designated events were 200 points and are now 300 points. Also, due to their increasing popularity and MAS emphasis, Shoot-outs and Express tournaments have been elevated from 100 points to 150 points to be equal with Local tournaments. (See Table 1 below for the point values assigned to the four tournament levels) and the following:

- A.) A player's point total for each tournament is derived from:
 - 1.) For FIC draws, based on Round Reached
 - 2.) For FMLC or FRLC draws: Points earned in the Main Draw (Round Reached) *or* Points earned in each consolation win
 - 3.) For Round Robin draws, based on final position. Also - a player must win a match to earn points
- B.) The player must win a match in the main draw to obtain main draw points. Completed match wins, retirement wins, and walkover wins, all count as matches won. Defaults do not qualify for points unless after an actual win. Byes do not count as matches won.
- C.) In consolation matches, the player or team that advances by default will receive credit for a win, as long as that player or team does not default their next match. In round robin matches, a player or team that plays a match, but then withdraws/defaults, will have the defaulted match count as a loss for the defaulting player or team and as a win for the player or team that advances. It is recorded with no score.
- D.) In determining final rankings among the Top Ten (10) players in any age group, the Adult/Senior Competition Committee is authorized to factor in head-to-head results when the point values are identical, when the USTA Ranking Program parameters fail to separate the players, in accordance with USTA Regulations X.F.6.d. (Breaking ranking ties)
- E.) Residentially restricted tournaments other than District Championships are excluded from counting toward a player's qualifications for MAS rankings and standings.

IV. Types of Tournament: Age Group and NTRP

Mid-Atlantic Adult tournaments are defined as either Age Group or NTRP tournaments, as follows:

Age Group Tournaments: Tournaments defined by age eligibility shall be held for age groups Open and 30 to 85 at five-year intervals. A player becomes eligible for a new age division when his/her birthday occurs during the calendar year of the age group in question (i.e. a player may play in the 40s at any time in the year in which he/she turns 40).

NTRP Tournaments: NTRP tournaments are based on players' NTRP ratings, which may range from 2.5 to 5.0 in singles and doubles, and 6.0 to 8.0 in combined doubles. Age is not a factor, except that NTRP tournaments are not open to those 18 and under.

The regulations set forth below apply, first, to age group tournaments, and secondly to NTRP tournaments where variations in the regulations may apply.

A. Age Group Tournaments

1. Tournament Formats

- a) Tournament matches shall be best two out of three sets except that Local and District Tournaments and MAS Championship tournaments involving 70 and over age divisions may, at the discretion of the tournament director, employ a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a third set. **The intention to employ a 10 point match tiebreak must be set forth in the available tournament information, such as on the Mid-Atlantic website (www.midatlantic.usta.com) and tournament entry forms.**
- b) In the event of inclement weather affecting outdoor tournaments, the standard format may be modified to permit a 10-point match tiebreak in lieu of a third set and/or no-ad scoring.
- c) “Shootout” tournaments, defined as tournaments limited to one-day play, may employ either a 10 point match tiebreak in lieu of a third set OR a single 8 game pro set with a tie-break played at 8 all.

NOTE: EIGHT (8) GAME PRO-SETS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR NATIONAL RANKING PURPOSES.

TOURNAMENTS DEVIATING FROM THE PRESCRIBED TOURNAMENT FORMATS WILL NOT BE COUNTED FOR USTA/MID-ATLANTIC RANKINGS.

2. Daily Play Limitations for Age Group Tournaments

Divisions	Max # Matches	Rest Between
Open, 30, 35, 40, 45s	2 Singles & 1 Doubles or 1 Singles & 2 Doubles or 3 Doubles	1 hr/Singles & Singles or 1 hr/Singles & Doubles or 1 hr/Doubles & Doubles
50s or 55s	2 Singles or 1 Singles & 2 Doubles or 3 Doubles	1.5 hrs/Singles & Singles or 1 hr/Singles & Doubles or 1 hr/Doubles & Doubles
60s or 65s	2 Singles or 1 Singles & 1 Doubles or 2 Doubles	2 hrs/Singles & Singles or 1.5 hrs/Singles & Doubles or 1.5 hrs/Doubles & Doubles
70s or 75s	1 Singles & 1 Doubles or 2 Doubles	2 hrs/Singles & Doubles or 1.5 hrs/Doubles & Doubles
80s or 85s	1 Singles & 1 Doubles or 2 Doubles	2 hrs 2 hrs
<i>Players participating in more than one age division shall be given a minimum of 30 minutes rest between matches. Playing 16 or more games of singles, or 20 or more games of doubles to complete a match carried over from a preceding day may be counted, at the players option, toward the above limits.</i>		

3. The Mid-Atlantic Age Group Tournament Schedule and System

a.) TOURNAMENTS: The Mid-Atlantic Age Group tournament schedule consists of (1) Mid-Atlantic Championships; (2) State/District Championships + certain 'designated' events; (3) Local* Events (labeled Smash, Open, Express or Shootouts), as follows:

i.) Mid-Atlantic Championships are the only tournaments that are mandatory for a Mid-Atlantic Year-End Final Ranking. These tournaments are played at various times throughout the year in a variety of different settings and surfaces (indoor, outdoor, clay court, hard court) in order to ensure players a number of chances at meeting ranking requirements.

Certain Doubles Championships may use a shortened format and receive Championship level points for Mid-Atlantic Section Standings, but in accordance with National regulations, which do not recognize 8-game formats, are not awarded National Ranking points.

ii.) State / District Championships may be closed to non-residents. This includes the District of Columbia. All closed tournaments are identified in the schedule. Designated tournaments are selected annually by the Ranking Committee on the basis of the recent popularity of the tournament, prize money, or other considerations pursuant to request of the tournament director and earn points equal to a State or District Championship.

iii.) Local* Tournaments are sanctioned tournaments other than Mid-Atlantic or State Championships, or Designated Tournaments. They may be 1-day events using shortened formats. Results are included for Mid-Atlantic Standings and Rankings.

4. The Ranking System

a.) Rankings vs. Standings

Rankings are generated once per year and are based upon calendar year play, with results published no later than the end of January of the following year. To qualify for a Ranking a player must play at least one Mid-Atlantic Section Championship tournament and must have a minimum of 25 ranking points. Standings are published monthly, and include results in the most recent 12-months play (12-Month Rolling Standing List**). The only requirement to be included in the 12-Month Rolling Standing List is to have at least one match win. Both Rankings and Standings will be based upon a player's best four tournaments.

b.) USTA Mid-Atlantic Standing Lists

The MAS 12-Month Rolling Standing List for adults and seniors will be published monthly** and may be found on the USTA MAS website at www.midatlantic.usta.com. Select "Competitive Tennis", then Adults/Seniors, and then Rankings/Standings. Lists will be calculated using all match results from the previous 12 months that have been entered into the ranking database at the time the respective division is being published. Corrections or inquiries regarding the Standing List must be submitted by email only to vona@mas.usta.com. Corrections will be researched and changes will be made when appropriate.

c.) Results Considered for Standing and Final Ranking Lists

- i.) Only USTA sanctioned tournaments played within the USTA/MAS will be considered for section Standing and Ranking Lists. In order for tournament results to count, tournament directors must have entered complete results into the tournament management database. For doubles, both individual and team results will be calculated.
- ii.) Each adult and senior player who participated in a USTA/MAS tournament is responsible for verifying his/her player record on the MAS website or by mail. Players submitting inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible data (omission of losses, no names of opponents, defaults reported as wins, etc.) may suffer ranking penalties (including ranking denial) at the discretion of the Ranking Committee.

B. NTRP Tournaments

1. Tournament Formats

- a.) All singles matches in Championship tournaments shall be two out of three (2 out of 3) tie-break sets. Doubles matches may be two out of three (2 out of 3) tie-break sets; use a third set tie-break format; or an 8-game pro-set.
- b.) Matches in State or District Championships and Designated events may use tournament formats as determined by the Districts.
- c.) Local tournaments called Smash/Open or Express/Shootout may use shortened formats, including short-sets and tie-break sets.

2. Daily Play Limitations for NTRP Tournaments

- a.) For 2 out of 3 Tie-break sets or Tie-break in lieu of 3rd Set:

Max # Matches	Rest Between
2 Singles & 1 Doubles or 1 Singles & 2 Doubles or 3 Doubles	1 hr/Singles & Singles or 1 hr/Singles & Doubles or 1 hr/Doubles & Doubles

- b.) For 8-game Pro-set:

Max # Matches	Rest Between
3 Singles & 1 Doubles or 2 Singles & 2 Doubles or 4 Doubles	1/2 hr minimum

- c.) For other formats: Not to exceed 24 Games in a day.

3. The NTRP Tournament Schedule and System

- a.) There will be at least one Mid-Atlantic Sectional Championship.
- b.) State / District Championships and Designated
 - i.) State / District Championships may be closed to non-residents. This includes the District of Columbia. All closed tournaments are identified in the schedule.
 - ii.) Designated tournaments are selected annually by the Ranking Committee on the basis of the recent popularity of the tournament, prize money, or other considerations

pursuant to request of the tournament director and earn points equal to State/District Championships.

- c.) Local Tournaments (labeled Open, Smash, Express or Shootout) are local, sanctioned tournaments. Results are included for Mid-Atlantic Standings and Rankings.

4. NTRP Standings System

a.) Rankings vs. Standings

Rankings are generated once per year and are based upon calendar year play, with results published by mid-January of the following year. To qualify for a Ranking a player must have a minimum of 25 ranking points. Standings are published monthly, and include results in the most recent 12-months play (12-Month Rolling Standing List). The only requirement to be included in the 12-Month Rolling Standing List is to have at least one match win. Both Rankings and Standings will be based upon a player's best four tournaments.

b.) USTA Mid-Atlantic Standing Lists

The MAS 12-Month Rolling Standing List Standing List for adults and seniors will be published monthly and may be found on the USTA MAS website at www.midatlantic.usta.com. Select "Competitive Tennis", then NTRP, and then Rankings/Standings. Lists will be calculated using all match results from the previous 12 months that have been entered into the ranking database at the time the respective division is being published. Corrections or inquiries regarding the Standing List must be submitted by email only to vona@mas.usta.com. Corrections will be researched and changes will be made when appropriate.

c.) Results Considered for Standing and Final Ranking Lists

- i.) Only USTA sanctioned tournaments played within the USTA/MAS will be considered for section Standing and Ranking Lists. In order for tournament results to count, tournament directors must have entered complete results into the tournament management database. For doubles, both individual and team results will be calculated.

- ii.) Each adult and senior player who participated in a USTA/MAS tournament is responsible for verifying his/her player record on the MAS website or by mail. Players submitting inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible data (omission of losses, no names of opponents, defaults reported as wins, etc.) may suffer ranking penalties (including ranking denial) at the discretion of the Ranking Committee.

- iii.) Players must use their current NTRP Rating. Self Rating is allowed only if the player does not have a current NTRP rating.

- iv.) Only adults (19 years of age and older) are allowed admittance into any USTA/MAS NTRP tournament.

- v.) Ranking categories- Men's and Women's 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 singles and doubles; Combined men's, women's and mixed doubles 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0.

V. Adults Intersectional Team Requirements:

A. All players on a Mid-Atlantic Intersectional team must meet the following criteria:

1. All team members must have a current USTA membership;
2. Each player must meet USTA/Mid-Atlantic Residency requirements;
3. All team members shall have played a USTA Mid-Atlantic Sanctioned event within the previous twelve (12) months dating back from one month prior to the Cup event/selection.
4. Captains of Intersectional teams are required to invite the #1 ranked player in the team's corresponding age division on the USTA Mid-Atlantic 12 Month Rolling Standing List published one month prior to the Cup event.

Table 1
2014 USTA/MAS Points-Per-Round Table – Point Values

Player Result Round reached				
	Local*	State/Designated**	Sectional Championship	National Cat I or II***
Champion	150	300	400	500
2nd Place	112	225	300	375
3rd Place	94	189	250	315
4th Place#	75	150	200	250
Quarterfinalist	48	96	130	160
Round of 16	30	60	80	100
Round of 32	18	36	48	60
Round of 64	12	27	36	45
Consolation	9	18	24	30

* Local tournaments may be named as Express, Open, Shoot-Out or Smash and may use shortened formats in 1-day events.

** Designated tournaments will be determined by the Ranking Committee based on the recent popularity of the event, prize money, or after consideration of a request by the tournament director.

*** Any National Category I, Super or other Category II events played within the Section.

If there is no playoff for 3rd and 4th place, the semi-final losers will receive the same points as reflected in this row.

This table applies to single elimination, first round or first match loser consolation, full feed-in and round robin tournaments. In a round robin event a player must win a match in order to receive points.

NTRP CHAMPIONSHIPS:

USTA/MAS NTRP CHAMPIONSHIP: July 3 - 6, Silver Spring, MD

Tournament ID# 302754714

NMW(2.5-5.0)sd,SE; Combo MX(6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0,10.0)d,SE

USTA/MAS SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP: May 9-11, Virginia Beach, VA

Tournament ID# 300029914

NMW(2.0-5.0)s; NMW(3.0-5.0)

USTA/MAS NTRP CHAMPIONSHIP: Oct. 3 - 5, Leesburg, VA

Tournament ID# 302905914

Ranked: NM(3.0-4.5)s,FMLC; NW(2.5-3.0,4.0-4.5)s,FMLC; NM(3.5-4.0)d,SE; NW(3.5)d,SE; NX(Op)d,FMLC; Combo MX(7.0-9.0)d,SE; LMW(A)s; LMW(B)s; LMW(C)s; LMW(B)d

USTA/MAS NTRP 2.0-3.5 Holiday Championships: Dec. 12-14, College Park, MD

Tournament ID# 300041514

NMW(2.0-3.5)s; NM(2.0-3.5)d; NW(3.5)d; NX(2.0-3.5)d

USTA/MAS NTRP 4.0-5.0 Holiday Championships: Dec. 19-21, College Park, MD

Tournament ID# 300041614

NMW(4.0-5.0)sd; NX(4.0-5.0)d

DOUBLES:

USTA/MAS Keith Mumford Memorial Doubles Shootout: May 31, Richmond, VA

Tournament ID# 302986114

MW(Op,35,45,55,65)d; FMLC Doubles Shootout 8-game Pro-sets

USTA/MAS Doubles Only Shootout : Aug. 24, Washington, DC

Tournament ID# 300036914

MW(Op,35,45,55,65)d; FRLC

FAMILY DIVISIONS:

USTA/MAS Family Championships: Dec. 5-7, College Park, MD

Tournament ID# 300041714

FS(0)d; FD(0)d; MS(0)d; MD(0)d

2014 DESIGNATED TOURNAMENTS:

AACTA Annapolis Spring Invitational Tournament: Apr. 6-13, Annapolis, MD

Tournament ID# 300030514

M(Op,40,50,60)s,FMLC; W(Op,50)s,FMLC; MW(Op)d,FMLC; X(Op)d,FMLC; NMW(2.5-4.0)s,FMLC; NX(3.0-4.0)d,FMLC; CM(6.0,7.0,8.0)d ,FMLC; CW(5.0,6.0,7.0,8.0)d,FMLC; Combo MX(7.0-8.0)d,FMLC

Tennis Thanks the Troops All-American Family Day Bash: May 24, College Park, MD

Tournament ID# 300035014

MW(Op)sd; MX(Op)d; FS(0)d; FD(0)d; MS(0)d; MD(0)d NMW(3.5-4.0)sd

CVITT Invitation Prize Money \$\$\$: June 4-8, Lynchburg, VA

Tournament ID# 300017514;

M(Op,35,45,55,65)s,SE; W(Op)sd,SE; M(Op)d,SE; M(35,45,55,65)d,FMLC; X(Op)d,SE; NX(3.5-4.0)d,FMLC

2nd Annual Serving For Heroes Charity Open: July 18-20, Reston, VA

Tournament# 300024914

MW(Op)sd; MX(Op)d; NMW(3.5-4.5)s; Combo MW(7.0,8.0,9.0)sd

\$5000 VA OPEN- ATP & WTA Top 500 National Ranking Event: August 2-6, Fairfax, VA

Tournament ID# 300030414

MW(op)sd, SE

Bruce Francis Memorial NTRP Tournament: August 29, Silver Spring, MD

Tournament ID# 302756214

NM(Op,2.5-5.0)s,SE; NW(2.5-5.0)s,SE; NM(2.5-5.0)d,SE; NW(Op,2.5-5.0)d,SE; NX(6.0)d,SE; Combo MX(7.0,8.0,9.0)d,SE

AACTA Annapolis September Invitational Tournament: September 14-21, Annapolis, MD

Tournament ID# TBA

M(Open,40,50,60)s,SE; W(Op,50)s,SE; MW(Op)d,SE; MX(Op)d,SE; NMW(2.5-4.0)sd, SE; Combo M(5.0,6.0-8.5)d,SE; Combo W(5.0,6.0-8.5)d,SE; Combo MX(5.0,6.0-8.5)d,SE

SCHEDULE KEY CODE

Abbreviation	DESCRIPTION
COMP	Compass Draw
FICQ	Feed In Championships (Through QF)
FIC-R16	Full Feed in Consolation (Through R16)
FMLC	First Match Losers Consolation
FRLC	First Round Losers Consolation
RR	Round Robin
SE	Single Elimination
M	Men
W	Women
s	Singles
d	doubles
MXd or Xd	Mixed Doubles
N	NTRP
CM or Combo M()	NTRP Men's Combo Doubles
CW or Combo W()	NTRP Women's Combo Doubles
CX or Combo MX ()	NTRP Combo Mixed doubles
FSd	Father-Son Doubles
FDd	Father-Daughter Doubles
MSd	Mother-Son Doubles
MDd	Mother-Daughter Doubles
HWd	Husband-Wife Doubles