

JUNIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2017

I. APPLICABILITY

These regulations will apply to junior tournaments held under the sponsorship of the Junior Competition Committee of the Puerto Rico Tennis Association in 2017.

II. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A. General

1. Any player between the **ages of 11 and 18** who is an **active** member of the USTA and meets the registration requirements for the particular tournament will be eligible to participate in junior tournaments.
2. **To be included in the PRTA/CTA's Combined Standing List, Endorsement List and/or Combined Final Ranking List, the junior must be a member of the USTA with official residency in Puerto Rico or the US Virgin Islands, and meet all the eligibility requirements established in Friend at Court and/or the USTA Jr. Regulations under "Eligibility for USTA Junior National Tournaments." Official residency means the parents' domicile or that of the permanent custodian. In addition, the player must have submitted or registered at the PRTA/CTA offices a copy of his/her birth certificate to the Junior Competition office.**

Players born in a foreign country must submit the following:

If the player's birth certificate is from a foreign country, the player must submit a copy of the permanent residency card (Green Card) justifying any exception under the USTA Rules of Eligibility. (See Regulation IX.A.2.a)

B. **By Category**

1. A junior will be able to participate in a category in which he/she does not exceed the maximum age allowed for that category, as of the last day of the month in which the tournament begins.
2. In the Junior Open tournaments **in which ALL categories participate** at the same time, and in the Sectional Championship tournaments, juniors in positions 1 and 2 of the **last published Combined Standing List** in categories 12, 14, 16, and 18, will be able to participate in the category in which they hold their ranking and in another category that their age allows. If any of these players does not participate, players in the 3rd and/or 4th positions (in that order) will have the opportunity to participate in a second category that their age allows. A Combined Standing List will be issued during the month of the tournament and it will not include the players who have surpassed the age limit of their category. The player who participates in the singles event in two (2) categories, will not be able to play doubles. Players who do not hold positions 1, 2, 3, or 4, will only be able to play one singles category and one doubles category.

For players who participate in two singles categories, 15% of the points obtained in the higher category will be applied to the lower category. If said player retires from one of the singles categories before the start of the tournament, he/she must also retire from the other singles category.

3. In the Junior Open and Junior Sectional Championship, a player who participates in the singles and doubles events, and **completes all his/her matches in both events**, will have 15% of the value acquired in the doubles event applied to his/her

singles event if, and only if, the age of the doubles age category is the same or greater than that of the singles categories in which the player participates in the tournament.

A player who incurs in a **default no –show** will not be considered to have had completed all his/her matches

C. **Standing and Ranking**

The PRТА/CTA’s Combined Standing List and/or Combined Final Ranking List will be prepared using the USTA’s computerized system for junior standing or ranking, called the **12 consecutive month roll-over ranking system**, as well as these regulations. The combined computerized system for junior standing or ranking for the USTA (NJRS) sections is based on the accumulation of Points per Round won.

1. **The Points per Round system includes the following:**

- a. A player will receive points once he/she has won a round. Byes do not qualify as wins.
- b. The tournament’s format and level will determine the points table that will apply to each tournament.
- c. Withdrawals and walkovers, as defined in Friend at Court, qualify as wins for the winning player and points per round are added.
- d. Retirements, as defined in Friend at Court, qualify as wins for the winning player and points per round are added. If a player retires from a match without having played at least 'six (6) games,' he/she will have to automatically retire from any other matches he/she has that day.

- e. A player who advances as a result of a default will receive points for that round.
- f. A player who incurs in a default in a tournament as a result of code violations under the Point Penalty System or for misconduct, loses the points accumulated during that tournament. Players who incur in a default in singles, will only lose the points accumulated in singles matches.
- g. The Combined Final Ranking List will include all players who are eligible according to age, and have met all the minimum requirements for the final ranking. Rule II.C.4.c.
- h. The ranking points will be transferred down only one category.

2. **Points for Special Situations:**

A junior who **participates in an ITF tournament after having been chosen to represent the PRTA or VITA** and whose schedule is in conflict with the player's participation in a local PRTA/CTA tournament will **be assigned** points according to the criteria listed below, **as long as the junior is eligible** to participate in the local tournament in which he/she did not play.

Team tournament: Players will receive the points they would have obtained if they had played the **local PRTA/CTA tournament** and had reached the position they held in the Combined Standing List **in the category they did not play for the PRTA/CTA tournament**, which was the player's corresponding category at the time the team was chosen. The points to be validated will be calculated at the conclusion of the local tournament under consideration.

NOTE: Validations may be reviewed and/or modified in accordance with changes in the points tables, as suggested by the USTA.

3. Rules to decide a tie, in order to determine positions in the standing list or ranking when choosing teams for USTA/CTA events:

- a. Head to Head throughout the year between players in the category under dispute.
- b. If there is still a tie, the number of sets won will be taken into account.
- c. If there is still a tie, the number of games won will be taken into account.
- d. If there is still a tie after following the method in the previous section, the player who obtained the most points in the Sectional Championship in the category under dispute will receive the highest ranking.
- e. If there is still a tie after following all the previous steps, a singles match between the players in the same category or ranking will be held.

4. Minimum requirements for the Combined Standing List and Combined Final Ranking

- a. The Combined Final Ranking and the Standing List are based on a maximum of six (6) singles events **or bonus points for special situations (as stipulated in these regulations)**, plus 15% of the points obtained in doubles matches in the player's six (6) best doubles events.

b. A player who incurs in a default no-show, will be considered as not having completed all of his/her matches.

c. A junior who is on the Combined Standing List, and surpasses the age limit established by the USTA for the category in which he/she is listed, will be eliminated from the list when that occurs.

III. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

A. **Tournaments:**

Junior tournaments sponsored and sanctioned by the PRTA/CTA will include:

Junior Opens
Junior Sectionals
Junior Development Tournaments

B. **Tournament Classification, Points, and Registration**

1. *Classification and Points*

a. Junior tournaments are classified into Level 3 (Sectional) and Level 4 (Opens).

b. The points a player receives will depend on the player's performance in each tournament and on the level and format of said tournament (refer to the **Scoring** and Local Tournaments Table).

2. *Registration:*

Registration will only be possible through the following method (the player must have evidence of the registration method used)

*** TennisLink: <http://tennislink.usta.com>**

*** In person at the PRTA offices: Urb. Parque Central, Germán Moyer St. 406-A, Esq. Juan J. Jiménez, San Juan, PR 00918.**

- a. **Registrations will not be accepted via email, telephone, voice message, text message, or fax.**
- b. **EXCEPTIONS:**
 - i. **Public school players will register exclusively:**
 - **In person at the PRTA office: Urb. Parque Central, Germán Moyer St. 406-A, Esq. Juan J. Jiménez, San Juan, PR 00918.**
 - **By email to the Jr. Competition coordinator.**
 - ii. **Third Sibling :**
In case of a third sibling; in order to receive the discount, the player must send their registration by email to the Jr. Competition coordinator by the registration deadline. The Jr. Competition Coordinator will then enter this registration manually.
- c. **Registrations are open until 11:59pm on the day of registration deadline date.** The deadline date and time to register for a junior tournament is established in the PRTA/CTA tournament calendar published online.
- d. Any request for assistance in finding a doubles partner must be submitted before 3:00pm, on the day of the tournament's registration deadline.
- e. For the doubles event, the couple must be properly registered by the tournament's registration deadline. If not, the couple will not be able to participate in the doubles event.

f. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME.**

g. It is the responsibility of each player and his/her parents to ensure that the electronic registration has been processed correctly and to have the transaction receipt and confirmation available, in case of a claim.

h. Players who are registered in tournaments sanctioned by the PRTA/CTA will be able to participate in the doubles events without participating in the singles, as long as they are properly registered with their partner in that tournament's doubles event before the registration Deadline.

i. Level 3 Junior tournaments organized by the Junior Competition Committee are **CLOSED**. In **CLOSED** tournaments, only players who meet the requirements established in the Player Eligibility Rules included in the 2017 Junior Rules, will be able to participate. Level 4 tournaments will follow the same Eligibility Rule; however, a player who has been in Puerto Rico or the US Virgin Islands six months prior to the tournament date, with parents who have a work visa or with other exceptional circumstances, may make a request before the Junior Competition Committee to be allowed admission to said tournament. The Junior Competition Committee reserves the right to grant the request. If the requested participation is granted.

j. Matches that are not completed within the tournament dates will NOT be reprogrammed for another date.

k. Singles and doubles events will be held during the Junior Opens and Junior Sectionals.

l. Players must NOT be registered to play two (2) tournaments that are held simultaneously. If this should happen and the player is not able to finish the local tournament, he/she will lose the points accumulated in that tournament. Also, the penalties established in "Friend at Court" will be applied (Jr. National Suspension System).

m. A player who knows he/she will not be able to complete a tournament should not be registered to play in it. The player could be penalized for said action.

C. **Reimbursement due to Retirement**

A player will have the right to be reimbursed after retiring from a tournament if he/she makes the request at least seven (7) days prior to the start of the event.

D. **Seeding**

The seeding process will take into consideration the local Combined Standing List at the time of the tournament's registration deadline.

1. Tournament seeding will be carried out by the members of the Junior Competition Committee at 6:00 p.m. at the PRTA/CTA offices on the Wednesday after the date of the deadline for the tournament's registration. These meetings are open to the public. The chair of the Junior Competition Committee may, for justified reasons, modify the day and time of the Committees' meeting and will announce it on the tournament's webpage.
2. The number of players to be seeded in a tournament is based on what is established in the Friend at Court.

3. The Junior Competition Committee reserves the right to implement Block Seeding in categories where there are four (4) or more seeds, in order to balance the levels of play in the initial rounds of each tournament.

NOTE: If Block Seeding is implemented, the tournament points will be awarded as established in these regulations: Points per round.

4. **Requests for seeding reconsideration must be carried out in person during the seeding meeting before the draw is decided; the members of the Junior Competition Committee and the referee must be present.**

E. **Draws:**

1. Tournament draws will be published no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the tournament on the tournament's webpage.

Players are responsible for knowing the date and time they are to play.

2. The president of the Junior Competition Committee may, for justified reasons, authorize the referee to publish the draws less than 24 hours before the start of the tournament. Draws are to be published on the tournament's webpage, at least 12 hours prior to the start of the tournament.
3. All matters related to tournament draws will be handled according to what is established in the Friend at Court, Section II. B – Draw Regulations.

F. **Match Assignment:**

1. Match assignment will be governed by what is established in Friend at Court. Section II. B. "Draw Regulations"

2. The minimum waiting period between matches will be governed by what is established in Friend at Court, Scheduling Guidelines for Junior Divisions.

G. **Scheduling and Concessions**

For tournaments where singles will be played throughout Two weekends:

Two rounds will be played on Friday. The first round will be played at 6:00pm and the second round will be at 7:30pm. Players from the US Virgin Islands (VI) and from remote parts of the island of Puerto Rico may be assigned the 7:30pm round. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR REASON OF A PLAYER'S DISTANCE FOR PLAY AT 7:30PM ON FRIDAYS.

1. If a player is interested in requesting a concession or special arrangement regarding game time and date, the player must submit a written petition before the Puerto Rico Tennis Association **before the tournament's registration deadline. The only valid reasons** to grant such a petition are: university, college, or school entrance exams, study programs, baptisms, first Communion and graduation ceremonies of immediate family members (siblings), hospitalization, death or other extraordinary situations involving immediate family members – father, mother, siblings, and/or grandparents. Scheduling petitions for the second weekend must be received by the Monday after the first weekend, before 3:00pm.
2. **Requests for concessions are not guaranteed and will be granted at the discretion of the referee or tournament director, as long as they do not affect the development of the tournament.**
3. No player who is participating in singles in two (2) categories will be eligible for a concession or special arrangement.

4. Game scheduling arrangements between players is not allowed.
5. Players must NOT be registered in two (2) tournaments that are being held simultaneously.

For tournaments where singles will be played during one Weekend:

All players must be available to play on Friday at 6:00pm. Players from the US Virgin Islands (VI) and from remote parts of the island of Puerto Rico will need to be available to play Friday at 7:00pm. All players will need to be available to play all day Saturday and Sunday.

NO concessions or special arrangements regarding scheduling will be made.

If necessary the tournament director or referee may adjust or change the scoring format in order to be able to complete the tournament.

A player present at the tournament site that advances to next round due to Default, Retirement, Default – No Show, will receive the corresponding point for that round.

Matches that are not completed within the tournament dates will NOT be reprogrammed for another date and will not be permitted for players to schedule these outside the established site and hours of the tournament.

H. Match Format

1. *Singles Format*
 - a. No player 10 years old or younger will be able to participate in junior tournaments in the 12-year yellow ball category or in a higher category unless he/she has met one of the following requisites:

- **Having completed the progression points – See 2017 Junior Development tournament rules.**
- b. **In the Junior Open and Sectional tournaments, the 12-year category will play two (2) sets and a match tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set.**
 - c. The main draw for singles in the 14, 16, and 18-year categories will play the best 2 out of 3 tiebreak sets.
 - d. For consolation, rounds 2 sets and a super tiebreak will be played in lieu of a 3rd set. IT WILL BE UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE TO CHANGE THIS FORMAT FOR DESERVING CIRCUMSTANCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAC.
 - e. The type of draw to be used will be published in each tournament's webpage, three (3) days before the start of each tournament. In all junior tournaments, players who registers **only for singles in a** tournament will play a minimum of two (2) matches.

2. *Doubles Format*

- a. In the Junior Open and Sectional tournaments, the format for doubles events will be single elimination with no consolation.
- b. The format will be a Pro-Set to eight (8) games. When the score is tied at eight (8) games each, a seven (7) point tiebreak will be played.

In addition a 2 sets and a super tiebreak in lieu of a 3rd set could be used as a scoring format but only if weather, the number of participants and the maximum number of matches per day per player allows it.

- c. A minimum of two (2) doubles teams must be registered in the category.

I. **Balls**

All players who win their matches are responsible for picking up the balls and turning them in at the tournament table. Any player who refuses to do so may be sanctioned.

J. **Penalties**

1. A player will not be allowed to continue participating in the consolation round if the player incurs in a default no-show. (This applies to all main rounds and the consolation match). The consequences for not showing up for a match are the penalties established in Friend at Court, Regulation 9, Section C, Junior National Rankings. 8.
2. No player, trainer, family member, friend or player's representative may, during a tournament sanctioned by the CTA/PRTA/ITF/USTA or at any other tournament in which the player is representing the PRTA/CTA, behave him or herself in a manner that represents unacceptable or abusive behavior against another player, tournament official or spectator, or in violation of the Code of Conduct that governs these tournaments (Friend at Court, Standards of Conduct).

3. Violation of these regulations may entail the limitation of privileges, exclusion from the tournament and any other sanction that the tournament director, referee, official, Tournament Committee, Junior Competition Committee, or Grievance and Complaints Committee decides to impose, including the imposition of penalties established in Friend at Court, if they are not incompatible with these regulations. Occurrences of improper conduct by players, parents or spectators must be reported during the tournament and, whenever possible, be resolved before the tournament concludes. If the complaint is to be referred to the Puerto Rico Tennis Association and the Caribbean Tennis Association's Grievance and Complaints Committee, it will be necessary to complete the form found on the USTA internet page, Caribbean Section, under Grievance Procedures in accordance with the Grievance and Complaints Procedure Regulations.
4. The referee, tournament director, and/or tournament official will submit in the program (TDM) all penalties or incidents that occur under the Code of Conduct, if any, as soon as they happen in the tournament. All sanctions imposed on a player in accordance with the tables of conduct found in "Friend at Court," "USTA Suspension PointSystem". The section will notify the penalized player in writing. The PRTA/CTA will keep record of these sanctions.

NOTE: These suspension points are accumulated at the Local and National Level.

K. Attire

All players will dress and present themselves to play wearing appropriate tennis attire, as determined by Junior Competition regulations. Players wearing the following attires will not be allowed on the court:

- Cut-off sleeves
- Leggings
- Volleyball shorts or similar
- Yoga pants or similar
- Exercise tops
- Bathing suits

The tournament director reserves the right to determine if the attire is appropriate.

IV. TEAM SELECTION

A. The PRTA reserves the right to send teams to participate in the following events:

1. ITF World Junior Tennis 14 – Three (3) boys and three (3) girls. ITF Eligibility Rule (calendar year).
2. ITF Junior Davis and ITF Junior Fed Cup 16 years – Three (3) boys and three (3) girls. ITF Eligibility Rule (calendar year).
5. ITF U12 and U13 – depending on the slots allotted by the ITF and the ITF Eligibility Rule (calendar year).
6. JITIC – 14 and 16 years – depending on the slots allotted by the ITF and the ITF Eligibility Rule (calendar year).

B. CTA Summer Events:

1. USTA Inter-sectionals – 14 **and** 16 years – Four (4) boys and four (4) girls. USTA Eligibility Rule. Players interested in participating (subject to eligibility) must register by phone no later than the date set by the junior competition coordinator.
2. USTA Zone Team Championships – 12, 14 and 16 years – Six (6) boys and six (6) girls. USTA Eligibility Rule. Players interested in participating (subject to eligibility) must register by phone no later than the date set by the junior competition coordinator.
3. USTA Boys National Team Championships – 18 years six (6) boys. Players interested in participating (subject to eligibility) must register by phone no later than the date set by the junior competition coordinator.

Note: Annually, the Junior Competition Committee will determine the events and categories that the players will be able to participate in.

For a player to be eligible to participate in the USTA Zone Team Championships, Inter-sectionals and Girls or Boys 18 National Championship events, the junior player must qualify only on the category where he or she has had the most singles matches participation from January to June, before the aforementioned events. If the player has the same amount of tournaments in two (2) categories, he/she can choose the category he/she would like to participate in.

C. The teams that will represent the PRTA/CTA in ITF/USTA tournaments, except events at the ITF World Junior Tennis, ITF Junior Davis and Fed Cup, ITF U-12, ITF U-13 and JITIC 14 and 16 years, will be chosen by the Junior Competition Committee based on the current Combined Standing List at the time of the

selection and taking into consideration the endorsement criteria established in these Regulations.

D. **The Davis Cup and Fed Cup Committee** are responsible for informing the Junior Competition Committee who the coaches for each ITF team will be.

E. For the ITF World Junior Tennis events and the ITF World Junior Davis and Fed Cup, JITIC, U-13 and U-12 teams will be chosen in the following manner:

Pre-Selection for the ITF World Junior Tennis, ITF World Junior Fed/Davis Cup, JITIC, U-13 and U12 teams will be made up of the first five (5) players per category (12, 14, and 16) – based on the current standing list at the time of selection– who are eligible according to their birthdates and three (3) additional players from any category who are invited by the Davis Cup and Fed Cup committees, respectively.

The FINAL selection of the team members who will represent the country in the ITF World Junior Tennis, ITF World Junior Fed/Davis Cup, JITIC, U-13 and U-12 will emerge from this Pre-Selection and will be chosen at the discretion of the Davis Cup and Fed Cup Committees.

F. Players will be invited to be part of the teams through a telephone call. Players will be given 48 hours from the moment they are contacted to **confirm** their decision. If, after calling a reasonable number of players on the Combined Standing List, the team to represent the PRTA/CTA still has not been completed, the Junior Competition Committee may invite another eligible player to participate in said tournament, according to the endorsement criteria established in these Regulations.

G. The PRTA/CTA will assign one or more trainers for team events. Trainers will be responsible for their players throughout the tournament, as well as for matches, match schedules, practice sessions and other activities. The PRTA/CTA will make hotel, travel, and transportation arrangements for the coach(es). Players

must make their own travel and air transportation arrangements in accordance with the arrival, stay, and departure directives that the PRTA/CTA gives them.

H. If determined by Jr. Competition Committee, the players who are selected must remain at all times as a team, under the custody of the designated coach and lodge in rooms with their team members, unless there is a compelling health or medical reason. This exception has to be approved by the Junior Competition Committee.

I. If necessary, the coach will be assigned a vehicle in which all players under his/her care during the event will be transported. It remains under the coach and the CTA's discretion whether to use the available resources of parents or of others accompanying the players, as long as they agree.

J. All expenses related to the team, including, but not limited to, coaches' expenses, transportation during the competition, lodging for players and coaches, registrations, common player expenses, etc., will be divided equally between all players once the PRTA/CTA's contribution –if applicable– is deducted. This will be the procedure, even when a particular player does not use any one of the items included in those joint expenses.

K. All participating players are required to follow the designated coach's instructions and behave in and out of the court as established in the document "BEHAVIOR AND REQUIREMENTS OF JUVENILE TENNIS PLAYERS ON TOUR REPRESENTING THE PUERTO RICO TENNIS ASSOCIATION", which every player must know and sign. A player who has not signed or handed the document in, is not exempt from the consequences and/or sanctions that could result from not complying with it.

L. A player who accepts to represent the PRTA or CTA in international or national tournament and who retires without a deserving or extraordinary situation, or a justified reason for it, as deemed by the Junior Competition Committee, will be sanctioned for future representations.

V. ENDORSEMENTS

A. General Endorsement Rules

1. To be included in the endorsement list, the junior must comply with the eligibility requirements of the National Regional or National Championships and must have participated in the Level 3 Sectional tournament prior to the tournament for which the endorsement list is sent.

2. The Endorsement Committee will have the discretion of endorsing a player who, in deserving cases or extraordinary situations, or for reasons that the Committee considers justified, has not complied with the classification or ranking processes.

It will be the responsibility of the player who requests the endorsement to present the necessary documentation of the deserving or extraordinary situation, or the justified reason, which impeded the player from complying with the classifying or ranking processes.

3. The Endorsement Committee will keep a file of the requested, granted, and denied endorsements, as well as the reasons for granting or denying them.

4. A player who accepts to represent the PRTA or CTA in international or national tournaments and retires without there being a deserving or extraordinary situation, or justified reason for it, as deemed by the Endorsement Committee, will be sanctioned for future representations.

B. Endorsement Rules for ITF (International Tennis Federation) Tournaments

1. To register for an ITF tournament, the player must obtain an “IPIN” (identification number). This is done by visiting www.itftennis.com/juniors/.
2. Registrations or retirements from ITF tournaments will be carried out by the very player, by visiting www.itftennis.com/juniors/.
3. It is the player’s responsibility to notify the PRTA of the name of the tournament, its registration deadline, date of the event and host of the tournament for which he/she has registered, three (3) weeks prior to the registration deadline. If the player does not comply with this requirement, there is no guarantee that the Committee will evaluate the registration or that the player will receive the PRTA's endorsement.

C. **Endorsement Rules for the USTA National Tournaments**

1. The selection of players to participate in these tournaments will be carried out by the director of each national tournament according to the Endorsement List published by the CTA before the end of each tournament’s registration deadline.
2. To be included in the Endorsement List, the junior must meet said tournaments’ eligibility requirements and **must have participated in the Level 3 Sectional tournament prior to the tournament for which the Endorsement List is sent.**
3. It is the junior’s responsibility to register to participate in those tournaments through "TennisLink." The selection method for these tournaments is detailed on each tournament’s webpage.
4. Any petition for endorsement for these tournaments **must be sent by the player, in writing, to the CTA.** This petition must be

received at least **three (3) weeks prior** to the tournament's registration deadline.

D. Endorsement Rules for Team Tournaments

The Junior Competition Committee may take into consideration the endorsement criteria established in these Regulations when selecting teams.

In order to guarantee an endorsement for these tournaments, any petition **must be sent by the player, in writing, to the CTA**. This petition for endorsement must be received at least **three (3) weeks prior** to the tournament's registration deadline.

VI. OTHER EVENTS

The Puerto Rico Tennis Association's junior calendar may include tournaments that are not officially Junior Competition Committee tournaments, even if the Committee manages them.

VII. WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

All players who register or participate in a tournament sanctioned by the PRTA/CTA or ITF acknowledge that there are inherent risks of physical injuries during the competition. By filling out the registration form it is understood that the parents, tutors, guardians, or any other adult who has custody or guardianship of the minor relieve the PRTA/CTA/ITF from all responsibility for the player's participation to the maximum degree allowed by applicable laws.

VIII. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these regulations, the following terms will have the meanings stated below:

1. CTA - Caribbean Tennis Association

2. Friend at Court – An annual USTA publication, in which the USTA Rules and Regulations appear. The version applicable to 2016 will be published that year.
3. ITF – International Tennis Federation
4. National Junior Tournament – A tournament that appears in the USTA's National Junior Schedule
5. NJRS – National Junior Ranking System
6. PRTA – Puerto Rico Tennis Association
7. Standing List – A list that the Junior Competition Committee prepares periodically to rank junior players.
8. USTA – United States Tennis Association.

IX. COMBINED RANKING

The United States Tennis Association (USTA) approved a change in the ranking system for juniors, effective January 1, 2008. Since 2008, the USTA no longer publishes standings nor individual rankings for singles and doubles. Instead, the USTA publishes a combined ranking that includes results from both singles and doubles. The USTA has made this change to encourage players to play more doubles, and to reward players for their success in doubles. In addition, the USTA believes that playing doubles will help the players' overall development.