Points Per Round vs. Universal Tennis Rating

Pilot Program

The USTA/Midwest Section Junior Pathway Committee has approved a pilot program in which the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) system will be used in the selection and seeding of players for specific Midwest junior tournaments. The goal of the pilot program is to identify if the UTR system, in combination with the Points Per Round standings system, would ensure that top-level players will be selected and seeded for certain events. Although the Midwest ranking system, based on Points Per Round, will still be the primary system used, UTR will serve to assist in the integration of ITF, ATP, WTA, college, age up, returning from injury, and other players into our system. Following is a brief introduction to UTR and a comparison to Points Per Round.

For more information about UTR, and to create a free account, visit www.universaltennis.com.

In What Situation will Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) be Used During this Pilot Program?

- All USTA/Midwest Level 1, 2, and 3 tournaments will seed the top four players in a 64-draw using UTR. In a 128-draw tournament, the top eight seeds will be seeded using UTR.
- For all 2015 USTA/Midwest Level 2 and 3 64-draw tournaments, players will be selected based on the following criteria:
  - Four (4) players from the top 100 of the most current USTA/Midwest Section standing list in the next lower division;
  - 52 players using the most current standings list;
  - Eight (8) players using UTR as long as the players' UTR is higher than the lowest UTR of a previously selected player from the standings list.
- The April Midwest Level 3 tournaments will be converted to a Level 2, 16-draw tournament played with a compass draw, and a Level 3, 16-draw tournament played with a compass draw. The September Midwest Level 3 tournament will be converted to a 32-draw FIC Level 2 and 32-draw FIC Level 3 tournament. All players will be selected and seeded using UTR.

Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)	Points Per Round
Features 15 levels of tennis and provides players worldwide a common language to determine their level of play. The 16 levels are based on actual match results without regard for age or gender using the Competitive Threshold* to determine accurate ratings.	Provides players a basis of comparison within the age groups they have competed based on the number of rounds they have advanced.
Positions Determined by: Match results are based on the rating of the opponent and match score, not the "weight" of the event. A player who consistently meets the Competitive Threshold* within a given level of play will receive a Universal Tennis Rating at that level. For example, an older junior player consistently successful at the Sectional level may have a UTR of 11 (top ATP players have a UTR of 16). *A match is considered to have been competitive when the losing player wins more than 50% of the minimum number of games needed to win the match. For example, if player A defeats player B 6-4, 6-4 the match is "competitive" because a minimum of 12 games is needed to win and player B won 8 games (more than 50% of 12). It would be said that player A had a "competitive" win over player B in this match. Generally, in a best 2-sets-out-of 3 format, matches are considered "competitive" whenever the losing player wins at least 7 games. For a match to be considered in your UTR calculation, one set must be completed; defaults, walk-overs, and retirements prior to the completion of one set are not included.	Positions Determined by: Points are weighted depending on the level of event being played. Two players meeting at a Level 1 event will be competing for more points than if the same players met at a Level 3 event. Points are awarded for position attained within the draw. Wins and losses are recorded without regard to relative score differential within any one match. A win of 7-6, 7-6 is the same point value as a 6-0, 6-0 win. All matches that result in a player moving forward in the draw earn points including defaults, walk-overs, and retirements.
What Data is Used: Ratings are determined using players' results which include up to their last 30 matches within the last 12 months.	What Data is Used: A player's point total is based on his or her best six tournament results in the past 12 months.