

USTA SOUTHWEST ADULT RANKING REGULATIONS & POINTS PER ROUND

Effective January 1, 2016

1. All persons ranked must hold a current USTA membership
2. Only persons who maintain a permanent residence within the boundaries of the Southwest Section (states of Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso County, Texas) are eligible for Southwest rankings. For our purposes, proof of residency is one of the following:
 - a. A USTA membership from the USTA Southwest Section
 - b. A receipt from the USTA Southwest Section office indicating that action was taken to transfer USTA membership to the USTA Southwest Section. The burden of proof will be on the players.
3. Beginning in 2016, any Level I or Level II USTA Southwest Section tournament plus 1 other tournaments (minimum of 2 tournaments) will be mandatory for a year-end Southwest Adult Ranking. All events with 3 or more entrants must be played and points awarded for ranking purposes. Awards need not be given for draws with only 2 entries.
4. Move-Down Points: Points earned in a lower age division count towards a player's standing in the player's natural age division provided that there were less than three players signed up for that division and the player who played in a lower age group received points.
5. Adult/Senior National tournaments held in the Southwest Section will be Level II for ranking purposes.
6. Singles and Doubles Standings Lists will be based on a player's best five (5) tournaments played in the last twelve (12) months.
7. Final Rankings will be based on the best five (5) tournaments played during the calendar year.
8. Senior rankings will be done using Points per Round. Please also refer to the Points Table (below).
9. Ten (10) participation points will be awarded to all players in a tournament who actually play a match.
10. Players must win at least one round to receive points other than participation points.
11. When sanctions are requested and approved for superset and other shortened formats, points awarded will be half of the points for a Level I tournament.
12. A selection of five (5) Level I and/or Level II Championship tournaments, including the US Open National Qualifying – Southwest Section Event, will count as sectional level points for national ranking. Any points players receive for being moved down will not count towards National Rankings.
13. Round Robins: Points will be awarded, based on the Points Table, after the final positions are determined. Players must win a match to receive points.
14. Consolation Rounds: Points will be awarded for each round won in a consolation round based on the level of tournament played:
 - a. Level I – 15 points will be awarded for each match won
 - b. Level II – 10 points will be awarded for each match won
 - c. Level III – 5 points will be awarded for each match won
15. Withdrawals and walkovers qualify as wins and earn points per the Points Table.

16. Retirements qualify as wins and the advancing player earns points per the Points Table.
17. A player advancing because of a default that takes place before the beginning of the match or because the opponent is disqualified shall receive points per the Points Table.
18. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System or misconduct forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament. Players defaulted in singles only lose points accumulated for singles.
19. All eligible players who have played at least one (1) match in a USTA Southwest Section sanctioned tournament will have a standing.
20. Results of exhibitions or unsanctioned matches shall not be considered for ranking purposes.
21. Seniors may play in any age division below or at their age reached during the calendar year (49 cannot play 50's but anything below) but other than move-down points, all resulting points will only count in the age division played.
22. Doubles Rankings will be published by individual rather than by team.
23. Tournament Levels are as follows

- a. Level I Tournaments (ADULT SLAM SERIES)

1. USTA Southwest Adult Open (& Senior Closed)
2. Southwest Slam Series – Indoor
3. Southwest Slam Series – Grass
4. Southwest Slam Series – Clay

- b. Level II Tournaments

1. Jason Morton Tennis Classic
2. USTA National Men's 35 Hard Court Championships*
3. El Conquistador Adult & Senior Open
4. New Mexico Adult Open and Grand Prix
5. NMSU /Southern New Mexico Adult & Senior Open
6. Cavern City Adult Open
7. Mile High Adult & Senior Open
8. \$15K AZAR/Team Casa El Paso Adult & Senior Open
9. Phoenix Adult and Senior Open
10. Fiesta Bowl Scottsdale Senior Open (returning in 2017)

*National tournament held within the SWS

- c. Level III Tournaments

1. All other sanctioned age division tournaments

24. In all Level I and II Adult/Senior tournaments, a player may play in 3 events, but no more than 2 in any one category. The categories are singles, doubles and mixed doubles (though it is highly recommended and preferred for players to not play two singles divisions).
25. Tentative rankings will be published in January at **www.southwest.usta.com**.
26. Final Rankings will and be published on TennisLink.usta.com (follow Southwest dropdowns for age and Open divisions)



Southwest Section Level I, Level II & Level III Point Charts

**SOUTHWEST RANKINGS
POINTS PER ROUND TABLE**

<u>Level I</u> Points	<u>Level II</u> Points	<u>Level III</u> Points	Player Result in Tournament Without Feed-In Consolation	
360	240	120	1	Champion
270	180	90	2	2 nd Place
240	160	80	3	3 rd Place
195	130	65	4	4 th Place/Semi-Finalist**
135	90	45	5-8	Quarter-Finalist
90	60	30	9-16	Round of 16's
60	40	20	17-32	Round of 32's
30	20	10	33-64	Round of 64's
15	10	5	65-128	Round of 128's

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

Round Robins:

Points will be awarded after the final positions are determined for all round robin events.

1st or Combination Consolations:

Level I	Level II	Level III
15 points for each match won	10 points for each match won	5 points for each match won

Level designations of SWS Adult tournaments will conform with USTA National Tournaments and will be changed as follows: previous Level III tournaments will be changed to Level I, Level II will have no change: Level I tournaments will be changed to Level III.