



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Commonly Asked Questions about USTA/Southern California Section
Points Per Round Ranking Program:

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It is imperative that you become familiar with the USTA/Southern California Section requirements for standings, rankings and endorsement procedures under this new system. The following are some Commonly Asked Questions about USTA/Southern California Points Per Round Ranking Program.

1. How do you earn points? A player must win a round to receive any points. Byes do not qualify as wins. Defaults, retirements, walkovers and withdrawals qualify as wins for the advancing player.

2. What does Play and Complete mean? All scheduled matches (including any consolation or playoff matches) in a tournament are started, and none end in a default. Defaults include: not showing up for a match, unsportsmanlike conduct and warnings, which culminate in the match being defaulted. A retirement due to injury or illness, ONCE THE MATCH HAS STARTED, is not considered a default. In the event of a walkover, (a walkover occurs when there has been an administrative error or when a player decides not to play a match in an event because of injury, illness, or personal emergency) the player will receive points for whatever round is reached. If a player defaults a scheduled match in a tournament FOR ANY REASON (including scheduled consolations or playoffs), that tournament will NOT count toward meeting the minimum tournament requirements for ranking consideration.

3. How will open level standings be determined? A player must earn 20 points in an age division in order to be included in the USTA/Southern California Section standings. Points earned in a player's best eight tournament results will be used. If points earned at other events are not one of the "best eight" for the player, those points will not be included in the calculation. Matches played in your natural age division will be included in the calculation of the standing list. The USTA/Southern California Section Standings will use 12-months of data. You must play at least two tournaments in that specific age division in order to be eligible for that age division's list (for example, if you have only played one tournament in the Boys 14's, you will not show up in the Boys 14's standings list).

4. How will satellite level standings be determined? Satellite level standings will be determined based on 1) the round the player reaches and 2) the draw size of the tournament. Once a player reaches 600 points, then the player must move up to the next highest age division and if a player accumulates another 600 points in the next age division, then the player can no longer play at the satellite level.

5. How will rankings be determined? A player must have earned a minimum of 100 points in an age division in order to be included in the USTA/Southern California Section Final Rankings. A player's final ranking will be based only on the best eight tournaments. If points earned at other events are not one of the "best eight" for the player, those points will not be included in the calculation. The USTA/Southern California Section Rankings will include match results from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

6. Can a player be ranked or have a standing position in more than one age division? Yes, as long as they have earned the required number of points in each age division.

7. Are team events used? Yes, points will be assigned based on position played.

8. Are tournaments weighted? The point levels per round are the "weighting" of the tournament. Please see the enclosed charts for more information.

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