

2011

Ranking Rules for Adults/Seniors, NTRP, Wheelchair and Family Players

New Information is Highlighted in Yellow

SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

A. DEFINITION

1. Tournaments sanctioned in North Carolina shall be designated by the local Tournament Committee, as "closed" or "open" and entry eligibility within the age classification for any tournament, depending upon its designation, shall be as follows:
 - a. "Closed": Any person who is a resident of, and domiciled in, the State of North Carolina for at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the tournament and who during the current ranking year has not entered a closed tournament in any other USTA District (State) or any Section other than the Southern Section of USTA. The entrants for all Adult/Senior, NTRP, Wheelchair and Family State Closed tournaments must meet the following criteria:
 1. Must be a US Citizen or meet the resident alien requirements.
 2. Hold only one USTA membership card, residency for which must be NC.
 3. Players may not play in State Closed tournaments of other states (districts) or Sections of the USTA if they play in a NC State Closed.
 4. College students who live in another state or country must meet requirements #2 and #3.
 - b. "Open": Any person without regard to residence or domicile.

B. ADULT/SENIOR/NTRP CONSIDERATIONS

1. Players in the Adult and Senior State Closed Tournaments must be allowed to enter 1 singles and 2 doubles events. Doubles is defined as age group or mixed.
2. The NTRP State Closed Tournaments are open to adults **18** years of age and over.
3. At the discretion of the NTRP State Closed Tournaments, players may be limited to **two** events (1 singles and 1 doubles or two doubles- one being mixed).
4. A Round Robin is required in all Adult/NTRP Tournaments for all events, singles and doubles, in which there are **three (3)** participants.
5. Adult players are required to tell the tournament director if they will continue to play in the consolation or not immediately following their main draw loss. For players who have stated they will play consolation but are then a default no show, all points received in that tournament will be deleted from the player record.
6. All players who enter a tournament are expected to play all scheduled matches unless the player withdraws prior to the beginning of the tournament. Any unexcused default, whether in the main draw or consolation round, will result in the removal of any ranking points received in the tournament (including participation points) from his player record. This will apply to both age and NTRP divisions.

C. SCORING METHODS ACCEPTED FOR RANKING IN NC

LISTED BELOW ARE THE ONLY FORMATS FOR SCORING ACCEPTED FOR RANKING IN NC. FOR TOURNAMENTS THAT FAIL TO COMPLY, THE REFEREE AND THE TOURNAMENT ARE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION. PLAYERS WHO COMPETE IN EVENTS/MATCHES THAT FAIL TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT HAVE THOSE EVENTS/MATCHES INCLUDED IN THEIR RANKING. THESE ARE THE ONLY SCORING FORMATS ACCEPTED FOR NC RANKING FOR ADULTS/SENIORS, NTRP, WHEELCHAIR AND FAMILY EVENTS:

1. Two out of three tie break sets.
2. Two out of three sets with the 10-point match tiebreak used in lieu of the third set. In Adult/Senior and NTRP tournaments, the use of the format must be advertised on the online tournament entry blank and on the individual tournament information at www.nctennis.com.
3. No-Ad scoring may be used as determined by the referee.
4. For Quick Play (one day sanctioned) Tournaments ONLY- 2 out of 3 tiebreak Short sets (1st to 4 by 2) with a match tie break (10 point) in lieu of a 3rd set. An 8 game pro set is also allowed for singles & doubles **with a 7 point tie-break (set) at 8 games all.**
5. **For ALL ADULT/SENIOR/NTRP Tournaments: Inclement weather scoring options for singles & doubles: Short Sets(first to 4 by 2) or an 8 game pro set**

6. A COMAN Tiebreak will be used for set & match tiebreaks

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR RANKING

To qualify for a ranking in North Carolina, a player must be a member of the N.C. Tennis Association (be a USTA member living in NC), and must win **one (1)** match in his/her respective age division or NTRP level.

The Points per Round System (PPR) for Ranking will determine weekly standings and Final Adult/Senior/NTRP/Wheelchair and Family rankings. Players will earn points for each round reached. The following charts will explain the point values for the different types and levels of tournaments. Final Rankings will be based on a player's best **three (3)** tournament results for Adult/Senior, Family and Wheelchair and the best **six (6)** tournaments results for NTRP players. Standings will be updated periodically on the NCTA web-site: www.nctennis.com. A player must win **one (1)** match to be on the Standings list and on the year-end Final Rankings list.

A. ADULTS AND SENIORS SINGLES, DOUBLES, & MIXED DOUBLES:

Men & Women are ranked in North Carolina in the following age divisions for Singles, Doubles & Mixed doubles: Open, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90. A player's best **three (3)** tournaments will be used for a ranking. Each of a player's best **three (3)** tournaments throughout the year will be used for a standing, changing each time a tournament is better than any of the previous three. Player must win **one (1)** match. Doubles & Mixed Doubles points will be counted individually.

2011 USTA NORTH CAROLINA ADULT/SENIOR POINT SYSTEM

400 Point Tournaments	200 Point Tournaments	150 Point Tournaments
NC State Closed Open	Southern Closed	All Other NC Tournaments
NC State Closed Evens	Nationals	Including one-day Quickplay
NC State Closed Odds	Southeastern Indoor	
	19th Annual Harbour Town	
	City of Asheville Open	
	Yonahlossee	

Finish	400 Point	200 Point	150 Point
1st	400	200	150
2nd	350	170	110
3rd-4th	275	140	75
5th-8th	200	110	50
9th-16th	150	80	25
17th-32nd	100	50	10
33rd-64th	50	30	5
65th+	25	20	2
Consolation	18	12	10

Points received for **Each** consolation Match Won

- Total points are calculated by considering a player's "Best 3 Results" in the same division.
- A player must have at least **one** win to appear on standing list.
- Point Standings will be listed on the internet and updated periodically.
- Byes will not earn points until the next round.
- Opponents will receive points from a default or withdrawal.
- Doubles and Mixed Doubles points will be counted individually.
- Seedings will be done at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, using all available data.
- Tournaments will be reviewed annually and categories set for the coming year.
- Appeals of the tentative year-end ranking must be sent to the NCTA office or e-mailed to jane@nctennis.com by December 31st, 2011.
- Tiebreak rules for standings and final rankings: Player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc.

AGE GROUP DATE OF BIRTH

25	Born on or before December 31, 1986
30	Born on or before December 31, 1981
35	Born on or before December 31, 1976
40	Born on or before December 31, 1971

45	Born on or before December 31, 1966
50	Born on or before December 31, 1961
55	Born on or before December 31, 1956
60	Born on or before December 31, 1951
65	Born on or before December 31, 1946
70	Born on or before December 31, 1941
75	Born on or before December 31, 1936
80	Born on or before December 31, 1931
85	Born on or before December 31, 1926
90	Born on or before December 31, 1921

B. FAMILY/WHEELCHAIR- FATHER/SON-MOTHER/DAUGHTER & FATHER/DAUGHTER-MOTHER/SON AND SENIOR FATHER/SON-MOTHER/DAUGHTER AND SENIOR FATHER/ DAUGHTER - MOTHER/SON, HUSBAND & WIFE 100, 120, 140, AND WHEELCHAIR:

A player's best **three (3)** tournaments will be used for a ranking. Each of a player's best **three (3)** tournaments throughout the year will be used for a standing, changing each time a tournament is better than the previous three. Player must win **one (1)** match. In order to qualify for the Family Senior division, the Mother or Father must be at least 60 years of age by December 31, 2011. Family players are ranked as a team. Wheelchair doubles are ranked individually.

2011 USTA NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY/WHEELCHAIR POINT SYSTEM

300 Point Tournaments	150 Point Tournaments
NC State Closed Championships	All Other NC Tournaments Southern Nationals

Finish	300 Point	150 Point
1st	300	150
2nd	250	110
3rd-4th	200	75
5th-8th	150	50
9th-16th	100	25
17th-32nd	75	10
33rd-64th	40	5
65th+	20	2
Extras:		
3rd place or for Each consolation Match Won	15	10

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C. NTRP RANKINGS - SINGLES, DOUBLES & MIXED:

Players are ranked in Men's and Women's 2.5-5.0 singles and doubles and Senior 50, 60, 70, 2.5-4.5 singles & doubles. Mixed Doubles teams are ranked as Mixed Combo 5.0- 10.0 Doubles and Senior Mixed Combo 5.0-9.0 Doubles with the players' combined ratings not exceeding the Combined NTRP level and with no more than **One (1)** point difference in players' NTRP ratings. Doubles & Mixed Doubles points will be counted individually.

1. It is up to the individual tournament director if a junior (one who has not reached the age of 18 years prior to or during this calendar year) is allowed to play in his/her tournament. It must be clearly stated in the entry blank & in the online information. Juniors may not play in the North Carolina NTRP State Closed Clay or Hard Courts.
2. Players may participate at a higher level of play than their latest NTRP rating, but never lower. For doubles, the team must play at the level of the higher rated partner. Doubles & Mixed Doubles points will be counted individually. Players with a current rating from the USTA League Tennis NTRP Computer Ratings are required to compete at that level or higher for the entire calendar year. A current NTRP Computer Rating is anyone having participated in the USTA League Adult, Senior, Mixed, and having a computer rating in 2008, 2009, or 2010. Super Senior (60 & over) current computer ratings are from 2009 or 2010. Players without an NTRP rating may self-rate. **By entering a division without a current NTRP rating, the player has self-rated at that level & can not play at a lower level the remainder of the year.**
3. Any player disqualified from playing an NTRP level in the USTA League Tennis Program is also disqualified from playing that level in NTRP tournaments for the remainder of the year. The newly defined level shall be considered the most current NTRP computer rating for tournament competition.
4. A player may play at the level indicated by the current NTRP Computer rating even though playing on a USTA League team at a higher level.
5. Level movement in 2011, upward or downward, as a result of published dynamic NTRP ratings for "early start" USTA League Tennis competition will not apply to USTA NORTH CAROLINA NTRP tournament competition.

2011 USTA NORTH CAROLINA NTRP POINT SYSTEM

300 Point Tournaments
 NC State Closed NTRP Hard
 NC State Closed NTRP Clay

200 Point Tournaments
 Southern NTRP Indoor
 Southern NTRP Hard Court
 2 Southern NTRP Clay Courts
 OPRC Banana Open
 Snow Hill/LCC Tennis Classic
 Firecracker

150 Point Tournaments
 All Other NC Tournaments
 Including one-day Quickplay

Finish	300 Point	200 Point	150 Point
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3rd place or for Each conso round consolation Match Won	15	12	10

- Total points are calculated by considering players' "Best 6 Results" in the same division.
- Player must have at least **one** win to appear on standing list.
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- Byes will not earn points until the next round.
- Opponents will receive points from a default or withdrawal.
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HEAD TAX

All tournaments sanctioned by the North Carolina Tennis Association are required to pay a Head Tax on each participant in the tournament. For senior and adult tournaments, the head tax will be \$2 for each singles player and \$2 for each doubles team.

RAIN POLICY

Tournaments that are canceled due to weather are to follow this rain policy:

Age divisions/levels where play has begun - no refund.

Age divisions/levels where there was no play at all - partial refund after deduction for actual expenses.

No tournament may be rescheduled without the approval of the Sanction & Schedule Committee.

REFUND POLICY

After the online entry deadline, a refund is not required to be returned to the player.