

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

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. Must be age eligible to participate in Senior NTRP events-50's, 60's, 70's
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 or will not continue to play in the consolation 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.
7. Adult players will not be charged a tennislink service/processing fee if their event or the tournament does not make. The TD will use a special procedure after the tournament online deadline- Tournament Director Selection process.

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. 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 homepage on tennislink.
2. No-Ad scoring may be used as determined by the referee. **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.**

A COMAN Tiebreak will be used for set & match tiebreaks For All Adult/Senior/NTRP Tournaments: To Promote Doubles Consolation rounds, short sets (first to 4 by 2) or an 8 game pro set may be used if advertised on the tournament homepage.

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 and play in **two(2)** North Carolina sanctioned/ranked tournaments.

The Points per Round System (PPR) for Ranking will determine monthly 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 **FIVE (5)** tournament results for Adult/Senior, best **THREE (3)** tournament results for 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. For a year-end Final Ranking, a player MUST win one (1) NC sanctioned tournament match and play in **two (2)** NC sanctioned/ranked tournaments (exception Family & Wheelchair)

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 **FIVE (5)** tournaments will be used for a ranking. Each of a player's best **Five (5)** tournaments throughout the year will be used for a standing, changing each time a tournament is better than any of the previous five. Player must win **one (1)** match. Doubles & Mixed Doubles points will be counted individually and Gender doubles as a TEAM

USTA NORTH CAROLINA ADULT/SENIOR POINT SYSTEM

400 Point Tournaments
 NC State Closed Open
 NC State Closed Evens
 NC State Closed Odds

200 Point Tournaments Southern
 Closed Nationals
 Southeastern Indoor
 City of Asheville Open
 Yonahlossee Senior Clay

150 Point Tournaments All
 Other Sanctioned/Ranked Tournaments

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 5 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 points will be counted individually & as a Team
- 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 joanna@nctennis.com by December 31st of the year being ranked.
- Tiebreak rules for final rankings: Player whose best event has the highest number of points. **AGE**

GROUP DATE OF BIRTH

25	Born on or before December 31, 1993
30	Born on or before December 31, 1988
35	Born on or before December 31, 1983
40	Born on or before December 31, 1978
45	Born on or before December 31, 1973
50	Born on or before December 31, 1968
55	Born on or before December 31, 1963
60	Born on or before December 31, 1958
65	Born on or before December 31, 1953
70	Born on or before December 31, 1948

75	Born on or before December 31, 1943
80	Born on or before December 31, 1938
85	Born on or before December 31, 1933
90	Born on or before December 31, 1928

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, 2016. Family players are ranked as a team. Wheelchair doubles are ranked individually. All tournaments played are included in the standings & rankings.

USTA NORTH CAROLINA FAMILY/WHEELCHAIR POINT SYSTEM

300 Point Tournaments	150 Point Tournaments
NC State Closed Championships	All Other 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: for Each consolation Match Won	15	10

- Total points are calculated by considering a player's "Best 3 Results" in the same division.
- Player must have at least **one** win to appear on standings 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.
- Wheelchair Doubles will be ranked individually.
- Family events will be ranked as a team
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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(under age 18) 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, Mixed, and having a computer rating in 2013 or 2014. Players 60 & over current computer ratings are from 2014 or 2015. **Players without an NTRP rating MUST self-rate on tennislink BEFORE entering a tournament.**

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 2015, 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.

USTA NORTH CAROLINA NTRP POINT SYSTEM

400 Point Tournaments	200 Point Tournaments	150 Point Tournaments All Other Sanctioned/Ranked tournaments
NC State Closed NTRP Clay	Southern NTRP Indoor	
NC State Closed NTRP Hard	Southern NTRP Hard Court	
NC State Closed NTRP Senior Clay Courts	Southern NTRP Clay Court	
	WTA Polar Doubles	
	OPRC Banana Open	
	Snow Hill/LCC Tennis Classic	
	Firecracker Doubles	
	WTA Summer Sizzle	

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17th-32nd	100	50	10
33rd-64th	50	30	5
65th+	25	20	2
Each conso round consolation Match Won	18	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.
- 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.
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NC 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.