

# 2012 ADULT RANKING REGULATIONS

## Amended 01/29/12

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  - A. Only USTA members in good standing at the close of the ranking year shall be considered for a ranking.
  - B. A player must have maintained a principal domicile in the LTA District for at least ninety (90) days to be considered for ranking.
2. All rankings will cover matches played from January 1 through December 31.
3. **Age Eligibility**
  - A. **Age Division 2012: Players must reach the minimum age by December 31 of the year during which the division is scheduled to start. Reference 2012 Friend at Court, page 61, USTA Regulations I, G,3,b,iii.**
  - B. **Adult NTRP participants must reach the age of 18 by the end of the calendar year, December 31, in order to be eligible to participate in sanctioned NTRP tournaments. EC 1-29-12**
4. The major consideration for ranking will be direct wins and losses. A player must have a win *to be eligible* for a ranking. (EC 4/27/09) All tournaments shall use a 50-weight factor.
5. Other than to report out-of-state play, Tournament Record Sheets are not required to insure consideration for ranking or the right to appeal tentative rankings when published. Nevertheless, the Ranking Committee encourages you to submit accurate and complete player records by November 1, with updates if later significant matches are played.
6. Rankings shall be based solely upon the record of the players for the year under consideration and not upon the personal opinions of the Ranking Committee. Wins, losses, exposure, and comparative scores shall be considered. Exposure is important and will be measured by the number of good quality opponents that a person plays rather than just by participation in the tournaments required for ranking. Example: for two players with comparable match results, the player with the longer record and more exposure will be ranked higher. Failure to enter late season tournaments may be detrimental to your ranking. A player with an outstanding record who fails to meet the minimum play requirements outlined in items number 7-10 may be recognized under "Insufficient Data."
7. Only matches using conventional scoring and at least two out of three sets in length will be considered for ranking except for:
  - a. Adult NTRP Tournaments which state on the entry form the use of a Match Tiebreak (10 point)
  - b. Any adult tournament stating on the entry form that No-Ad Scoring will be used up to the quarterfinals
  - c. Authorization by a Tournament Referee to use a Match Tiebreak (10 point) or No-AD Scoring to complete a tournament because of inclement weather.
8. Only play in sanctioned tournaments, including sanctioned consolation rounds, will be considered. All unexcused defaults at any point in a tournament, including first round "no shows," will be regarded as DIRECT LOSSES for the player defaulting. Any such default in a tournament (in either the main draw or consolation) will result in loss of credit for that tournament in meeting the number of tournaments required for ranking. This is not a "win," however, for the player advancing by default. It is important therefore, for you to withdraw before the draw is made. If this is impossible, you should present a valid basis for withdrawal to the tournament director before play begins. This late withdrawal can be accepted at the director's discretion in which case your spot in the draw will be marked "withdrawal-excused" and will not count as a loss on your record. Please have the courtesy to keep the tournament director informed. Defaults due to illness or injury must be documented by a doctor's excuse and sent to the LTA office.
9. Adult Ranking Requirements – Must play in two 2 Louisiana sanctioned tournaments, singles and doubles, in the age division seeking ranking.
10. NTRP - must play in at least two NTRP tournaments in the same level and must have a win to be ranked
  - a. Tentative rankings will be posted on the LTA website, [www.LouisianaTennis.com](http://www.LouisianaTennis.com), in mid December. Appeals of tentative rankings, accompanied by complete and accurate records, must be made in writing to the LTA office, "Attention Ranking Chairman" by the deadline date posted on the web site. Misrepresentation or omission of material facts is sufficient cause to deny protest. Final rankings will be published on the web site in January.