

Top 10 Things To Know

ITF World Tennis Number

1. What is the ITF World Tennis Number?

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) developed the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) for singles and doubles, providing a global standard for players. Using a 40-1 scale, with 40 being a beginner and 1 being an elite professional, this scale is for all players, regardless of age, gender or ability.

2. Why did USTA adopt the WTN?

WTN, set to be adopted in 135+ countries, is designed to make playing and competing more fun. It is one of the most advanced and accurate rating systems in the world.

3. How do I get a WTN?

A player earns a WTN from participation in and results from USTA tournaments, Junior Team Tennis and USTA League, plus ITF events. Players will soon be able to access their WTN on usta.com.

4. How does WTN work?

WTN is calculated by an algorithm that takes into account pre-match rating, match score and results. A player's WTN changes depending on the match score and how it compares to the pre-match projection of the outcome. Current results carry more weight, and match results are analyzed at set level; the algorithm takes into account each individual set as its own result.

5. What are some benefits of the WTN?

WTN benefits players, providers and coaches alike by:

- Identifying players at your level for closer matches, more fun and more improvement
- Tracking your progress, as well as your favorite players, friends, professionals and local competition, and making comparisons to improve your game
- Helping college coaches evaluate prospective student-athletes worldwide

6. How will USTA use WTN?

WTN is seamlessly integrated into Serve Tennis to aid tournament directors and providers in seeding, selection, grouping, flighting and setting up banded events beginning summer of 2022.

7. How will the ITF use WTN?

Starting April 2022, the ITF will use WTN as second selection criteria for Junior and Senior events.

8. Does the WTN cost anything?

The WTN is a no-cost solution for a dynamic rating for providers to group players, and for players, parents and coaches to track progress over time. It is a free tool for providers and players.

9. Will WTN be replacing USTA rankings or NTRP?

There are no plans to do this. USTA rankings will continue to guide seeding and selection for USTA junior and adult tournaments, while NTRP will remain the foundation of the USTA League program.

10. How does WTN differ from a ranking?

Match wins make up your USTA ranking. Ranking points are awarded by either points per round or points per win, depending on the tournament level. Match scores make up your WTN rating. Match scores are analyzed at set level. The algorithm takes into account each individual set as its own result.

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