

USTA NATIONAL STANDINGS LIST ANNOUNCEMENT: COUNTING POINTS UP BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2017



The USTA Junior Competition Committee has approved an amendment that affects how the National Standings Lists are calculated:

Beginning January 1, 2017, the singles and doubles results for each player earned in a division for the previous 12-month period shall be counted as results in the next-older division at 20%.

The Committee believes this amendment will facilitate the aging up process so that a player is less pressured to play in two age divisions (and possibly overplay) in advance of the player aging into an older division. By allowing a player to start in the next older division with more than 0 points, this should help ease the transition.

How does Counting Points Up Work?

Examples of how the new standings are calculated are on the next page.

- Results in a younger division shall count in only the next-older age division. For example, 14 division results will count only in the 16 division, not also in the 18 division.
- Results in the younger division shall appear in the older division, regardless of whether a player has won a match in the older division.
- A player's results in the younger division that count in the older division shall be considered the same as all results that are actually played in the older division. They shall be eligible for the Best of 6 results if they are among the best six results in either singles or doubles.

Does Counting Points Up Work the same way as Counting Points Down?

Counting Points Up works almost the same way as we currently Count Points Down. The differences are:

- Points Count Up only one division (Points Count Down to all divisions)
- Points Count Up at 20% (Points Count Down at 100%)
- Points Count Up even if the player has no results in the older division (Points Count Down to a younger division only when a player has an on-court win in the younger division).

What happens to the National Standings Lists on January 1, 2017?

The first National Standings List of 2017 will include all results in the older division that were played in the younger division during the previous 12-month period. This means that the first National Standings Lists of 2017 will look significantly different than the last lists of 2016 because all of the next-younger division players will be appearing on the next-older division lists with 20% of their points. This also means that next-younger division results will be a part of the selection process for all national junior tournaments that use National Standing Lists, including for the first time all USTA National Championships.

When can we see sample National Standings Lists?

The USTA is re-programming the national ranking system to be able to implement Counting Points Up. It is currently working on the ability to publish unofficial lists in late 2016 so players can see how the change can benefit their choice of tournaments to play.

Are there any other related changes?

Yes. Because younger-division players will now be appearing on the National Selection Lists of the next-older age division even if they have no older-division results, the Junior Competition Committee has also changed the selection process for the USTA National Level 2 Tournaments (formerly the USTA National Selection Tournaments):

Beginning in 2017, players will be selected for USTA National Level 2 Tournaments ONLY from the National Selection List of the division of the tournament; players will no longer be selected from the next-younger division National Standings List.



The new USTA National Level 3 Tournaments will also use only the National Standings List of the Division to select players.

How does this affect my Section Lists?

The change to the National Standings Lists does not change how any Section's lists are calculated. Please refer to your Section for information on how your Sections lists are calculated.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about Counting Points Up, or any other issue related to national junior competition, please contact USTA Junior Competition at jrcomp@usta.com.

Example: Junior Player with Ranking Points in 2 Divisions

Sample Player:

Ranked #29 in G14 with 4956 Points

Ranked #252 in G16 with 872 Points

New Points in G16 when Counting Points Up at 20%: 1512

The tournaments and points highlighted in blue become the player's best 6 singles and best 6 doubles results in the older division.

14 Division Best 12 Results: Best 6 Singles & Best 6 Doubles	Points for Best 12 Results*	20% of 14 Div. Result	16 Division Best 12 Results: Best 6 Singles & Best 6 Doubles	Points for Best 12 Result*	Points Counting for 16 Div. Standing
SG: Winter Nationals G14	775	155	SG: Closed Regional G16	40	155
SG: The Nationals G14	895	179	SG: Section G18 L4	40	179
SG: National Clays G14	565	113	SG: Section G18 L4	55	113
SG: National Selection G14	1175	235	SG: Section G16 L4	55	235
SG: National Selection G16	150	30	SG: National Selection G16	150	150
SG: L2 @ Stanford G14	420	84	SG: Section G16 L3	137	137
DB: Winter Nationals G14	158	32	DB: Closed Regional G16	13	32
DB: Ntl DB Championships	337	67	DB: Section L4 G18 Event	7	67
DB: The Nationals G14	113	23	DB: ITF	14	23
DB: National Clays G14	337	67	DB: Section G16 L4	7	67
DB: ITF	14	3	DB: Section G16 L3	17	17
DB: Section L3	17	3	DB: Ntl DB Championships	337	337
Totals:	4956	991		872	1512

* Doubles Points are showing at 15% in this column because 15% of the doubles points count in the combined ranking.

Example: Junior Player with Ranking Points in ONLY Younger Age Division

Using the sample player above and the her results, if this same player had ONLY results in the 14 Division and no results in the G16 Division, her total G16 points would be 991 (number highlighted in green).