Junior Standing & Ranking Year 2016:

What's the difference between a ranking and a standing?
Although they are sometime used interchangeably, rankings and standings are not the same.

Rankings are final, year-end figures that quantify a player's performance during that calendar year. These are published once annually at the completion of the year. Rankings only include results in the age division you are seeking a ranking.

Standings refer to a player's current position within his or her division based on tournament results over the last rolling 12 months. Standings can fluctuate throughout the year depending on players' tournament/match results and birthday eligibility. These lists are published 1-2 times a month. Points from older age divisions travel down to standings in younger age divisions, provided a players is still age eligible and has one eligible win in the younger division in the last 12 rolling months. Please see further requirements and regulations regarding standing and ranking eligibility below:

A.) REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR STANDING & RANKING ELIGIBILITY:

- All junior players must hold a current USTA membership card.
- All junior players must maintain a permanent residence within the boundaries of the Eastern section.
- A player must play and earn an "eligible win" to receive ranking points for the tournament.
  - What defines a win?
    - Byes do not qualify as wins.
    - Defaults, withdrawals and walkovers do qualify as wins for the advancing player; players will not receive bonus points, but will receive ranking points.
    - Retirements do qualify as wins for the advancing player and players will earn points per round and applicable bonus points if warranted.
- A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the Point Penalty System for misconduct, forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament. Players defaulted in singles or doubles will lose points accumulated in both singles and doubles.
- Players become Players become age ineligible to play in an age division on the 1st day of their birthday month, the year they turn 11, 13, 15, 17, or 19. For example, if you are 12 years old and are going to turn 13 in May, you may play in the 12-and-under division until the last day in April (based on the tournament start date), then they will "age-up" to 14-and-under.

B.) SECTIONAL STANDINGS FOR AGE DIVISIONS BG12-18:
Seeding and Selection for all Section and Region tournaments are based upon the most current rolling 12-month Sectional (Combined) Standing List. These lists are posted on tennislink.usta.com. Standings in age divisions BG12-18 will be based on a players’ six (6) ‘best’ tournaments results played over the last twelve (12) months, though only a maximum of two (2) national events will count towards section standing. Points earned in singles competition will be combined with points earned in doubles competition to form a “combined” point total that will be used to order the Eastern Standings List (Combined). Players will receive credit for 100% of their singles points from their best six (6) events along with 25% of their doubles points from their best six (6) events.

- Players who have won at least one match in a ranked USTA sanctioned tournament are eligible for a sectional standing. This includes tournaments at the Super Six, Empire Cup, +L1, L1, L1B, L2O/R levels.
- Points earned in older age divisions count towards players' standing in the player's natural age division, as well as in the age division of the tournament itself provided the player is still eligible in the younger age division and has one eligible win in that division in the last 12 months.
- Results from Super Six, Empire Cup, +L1, L1, L1B, and L2O/R events count for a sectional standing.
- BONUS POINTS are calculated based on the start date of the tournament and the previous months published Standings list/Bonus Points list. Bonus points are only awarded in singles play in the Eastern section. Please see the section below for more information on Bonus Points.
C.) **REGIONAL STANDINGS LIST FOR BG12-18 AGE DIVISIONS:**
These lists are posted on www.eastern.usta.com every 2 months and are not used for seeding and selection purposes. All age divisions (BG12-18) will be based on the best six (6) L2 tournaments played in the last twelve (12) months. All players who have won at least one match in an USTA Eastern L2 tournament are eligible for a regional standing.
- Only results from Level 2 (L2) singles tournaments are included in these regional calculation.
- Points earned in older age divisions count towards players’ standing in the player’s natural age division, as well as in the age division of the tournament itself provided the player is still eligible in the younger age division and has one eligible win in that division in the last 12 months.

D.) **SECTIONAL COMBINED FINAL RANKINGS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS:**
- Only players who are legal residents and are USTA members at the close of the ranking period will be eligible for ranking.
- Sectional Combined Final Rankings for all age divisions (BG10-18) will be based on the best six (6) tournaments played and completed, in the age division they are seeking a ranking, during the calendar year. Only a player’s best two (2) national results will count in the final rankings. In addition, points earned in doubles competition during the ranking year will form one final point.
- Points DON’T travel down from other age divisions.
- Players must accumulate at least 100 ranking points during the calendar year
- Players must have at least four (4) Level 1 (L1) and/or Level 1B (L1B) and or (+L1) Eastern tournaments in order to earn a year end singles section ranking.
- Results from regional events (L2) tournaments, count for both a regional and sectional ranking. Participation in regional events, however, cannot be counted in the minimum number of tournaments required for sectional ranking.

E.) **REGIONAL SINGLES FINAL RANKINGS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS:**
The junior ranking year for 2016: JAN. 1, 2016 - DEC. 31, 2016.
Regional tournaments (L2R) are open only to legal residents of the region. L2O tournaments are open to everyone.

**Long Island Region** will be based on the best Six (6) regional (L2) tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Long Island Region, who have won at least one match and played at least four (4) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 4 tournaments can be any combination of Long Island Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).

**Metro Region** will be based on the best Six (6) regional (L2) tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Metro Region, who have won at least one match and played at least three (3) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 3 tournaments can be any combination of Metro Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).

**Southern Region** will be based on the best Six (6) regional (L2) tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Southern Region, who have won at least one match and played at least four (4) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 4 tournaments can be any combination of Long Island Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).

**New Jersey Region** will be based on the best Six (6) regional (L2) tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the New Jersey Region, who have won at least one match and played at least four (4) Level 2 tournaments will have a ranking. The required 4 tournaments can be any combination of Long Island Regional (L2R) and Level 2 Open (L2O).

**Northern** will be based on the best Six (6) regional (L2) tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Western Region, who have won at least one match and played in at least one (1) Level 2 tournaments, will have a Ranking.

**Western** will be based on the best Six (6) regional (L2) tournaments played during calendar year. All eligible players who reside in the Western Region, who have won at least one match and played in at least one (1) Level 2 tournaments, will have a Ranking.
F.) **UNRANKED TOURNAMENTS:**
BG12-18 Level 3 tournament winners’ names will be published on the Eastern website. There will be an alphabetical Honor Roll for the boys’ and girls’ 12-18 in L3 events. To be eligible for this listing a player must win two tournaments in this age division during the ranking year.

G.) **TENTATIVE SECTIONAL AND REGIONAL RANKINGS**
Player records will be posted on the USTA Eastern website at [www.eastern.usta.com](http://www.eastern.usta.com) in early January. Players will have 15 days from the release date of the tentative ranking lists to make corrections to the player record and submit ranking protests to the appropriate ranking chairperson.

All tournament records and results will be kept on file in the Eastern office, available for inspection by any player who has participated in the minimum number of tournaments so as to qualify for a ranking. In addition, player records are also available for review at [www.eastern.usta.com](http://www.eastern.usta.com).

Players should keep detailed records of regional, sectional and national results for the entire year in order to accurately double check USTA Eastern’s records, if necessary. Player record corrections should be submitted to the appropriate sectional or national office.

H.) **TIEBREAK RULES** for Standings and Final Rankings are as follows:

a) A player whose best event has the highest number of points, second best, third best, etc. through six events.

b) Total significant win points earned in all events played during the computation period.

Results for exhibitions, interscholastic and intercollegiate matches shall not be considered for ranking purposes.

**BONUS POINTS:**

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Eastern and National Ranking Tournaments and Tournament Levels for 2016:

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| Level 1A | • Kentucky International Junior Tennis Derby: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• Arthur E. Tucker ITF Pan American Championships: BG18 ITF Grade B1 Event  
• Eddie Herr International Junior Tennis Championships: BG16/14/12 USTA International Tournament  
• Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships: BG14/12 USTA International Tournament  
• Eastern April & May Empire Cup Tournaments |
| Level 2 | • USTA National Selection  
• USTA Boys' & Girls' 16, 14, and 12 Zone Team Championships  
• Nike Junior Tour USTA National Masters: BG 14/12 USTA International Tournament |
| Level 3 | • US Junior International Grass Court Championships: BG18 ITF Grade 3 Event  
• US Junior International Hard Court Championships: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• Kentucky International Junior Tennis Derby: BG16/14/12 USTA Regional Tournament  
• USTA Claremont ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• Naples ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• Plantation ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• Daytona Beach ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• USTA Atlanta ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• USTA Waco ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 5 Event  
• Wichita Falls ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• South Carolina ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• Evert American ITF: BG18 ITF Grade 4 Event  
• American Cup: BG18/16/14/12 USTA International Tournament  
• USTA National Doubles Tournament: BG16/14 USTA Divisions  
• Super Six (January & June) |
| Level 4 | • National Regionals  
• Super Six & Empire Cup Doubles |