



ADULT TOURNAMENTS

USTA/Midwest Section Adult and Senior Ranking Requirements and Regulations

1. Adult and Senior ranking divisions and minimum qualifying requirements.

Official USTA/Midwest Section rankings shall be made annually in each of the divisions listed below. Also listed are the minimum requirements for a player or team to qualify for consideration for a ranking.

Required number of USTA Sanctioned Tournaments:

Adult and Senior Singles and Doubles. Players in all divisions will be required to participate in only one USTA/Midwest Section Championship in the age division in which the player seeks to obtain a ranking.

2. Events Considered for USTA/Midwest Section Ranking.

a. Adult and Senior USTA/Midwest Section rankings will be established, provided there are sufficient events for the following divisions: Men's and Women's Open, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 singles and doubles, Father and Son doubles, Mother and Daughter doubles, Husband and Wife doubles, Mixed doubles and 35 Mixed doubles, NTRP 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 singles and doubles. In those cases where sufficient events were not available, rankings will be at the discretion of the Ranking Committee

b. Ranking data for all adult categories shall be obtained from all sanctioned tournaments that begin play during the ranking year. Inputting the results from all sanctioned tournaments into a computerized ranking program will derive adult USTA/Midwest Section Rankings. Divisions that may not have sufficient play to render a fair computer ranking will be ranked manually.

c. If a player defaults a scheduled match in a tournament FOR ANY REASON (including scheduled consolations or playoffs), that tournament will not count toward meeting the minimum tournament requirements for ranking consideration.

d. All matches between players in the ranking populations started or completed in any USTA sanctioned tournament in the age group for which a ranking is sought are counted in the ranking procedure regardless of whether or not the tournament is counted toward the minimum tournament requirements. A default which occurs before the first serve of a match is not considered for ranking purposes.

e. All match results from a USTA-sanctioned event shall be used for USTA/Midwest Section Adult and Senior Rankings.

3. How to apply for a USTA/Midwest Section ranking.

a. Procedures and Deadlines for Adults and Seniors - All Adult and Senior Singles and Doubles Divisions. Players need not submit their singles and doubles records to initiate the ranking process, but it is the player's responsibility to keep track of additional tournament play. The results of USTA/Midwest Section Singles Championships will be entered into the computer-ranking program at the USTA/Midwest Section office. Player records and tentative rankings are

no longer sent via mail during the month of January following the current ranking year. Each adult and senior player who participated in a USTA/Midwest Section Championship is responsible for verifying his/her player record on the Internet at [TennisLink](#) . A player who is unable to access their player record through the Internet may receive a copy of their player record by submitting a written request to the USTA/Midwest Section. The ranked list shall be determined from among those eligible for ranking consideration.

b. Submission of Ranking Data – Adults and Seniors. Players submitting inaccurate, incomplete, or illegible data (omission of losses, no names for opponents, defaults reported as wins, etc.) may suffer ranking penalties (including ranking denial) at the discretion of the Ranking Committee.

4. Adult/Senior Competition Ranking Sub-committees.

a. Ranking Committees shall be established to rank each of the above categories. The USTA/Midwest Section President shall determine the appropriate number of sub-committees and the categories for which they are responsible, and also appoint the chairman. The chairman shall then select the committee members, subject to the approval of the USTA/Midwest Section President.

b. All ranking lists, except men's and women's open divisions, shall show the date of birth of each player as officially recorded on the USTA Membership Cards.

5. Adult and Senior player eligibility.

a. Only players who are permanent residents of the USTA/Midwest Section shall be eligible for rankings. If one member of a doubles team is ineligible for ranking, the team cannot qualify for ranking. Players who change their legal residence from one section to another will only be considered for USTA/Midwest Section ranking if their legal residence is in the USTA/Midwest Section as of June 1 of the year under consideration.

b. Only persons enrolled with the USTA and in good standing at the close of the ranking year shall be considered for a ranking.

c. Adult 30 events, and Senior 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80 events shall be open to players who have reached or will reach the minimum age limit of the division on or before the last day of the ranking period.

d. A player or team may be ranked in more than one age group provided the individual or team qualified in each age group in which the individual or team is to be ranked.

e. If, in the ranking chairman's judgment, a player does not have sufficient data for a numerical ranking but does show that said player would warrant a placement in the top ten of his/her ranking age group, that player may be placed in the insufficient data category.

6. Ranking considerations – Adults and Seniors.

a. Players shall be ranked based upon the round they reach in the tournaments they play within the USTA/Midwest Section. Points shall be awarded based on the tournaments played and the currently published and applicable tournament base points tables. Points shall be computed from a specifically determined number of the player's best tournament results as follows:

- 4 tournaments - All Men's age divisions at and below 65;
- 3 tournaments - All Men's age divisions at and above 70;
- 3 tournaments – All Women's (all).

b. A minimum of one (1) win over another player in the ranking population is required.

c. If, in the judgment of the Ranking Committee, there is not sufficient data available from which to rank any players in a division listed under Numeral 2a, the committee shall not recommend any ranking for that division.

d. It is the player's responsibility to keep an accurate, complete and legible player record, and to regularly check it online for errors.

7. Procedure for ranking appeals – Adults and Seniors

a. Positional Appeals. An appeal of a ranking position will be considered only if the match results used in compiling the rankings are in error. If the player record accessed via the Internet at www.midwest.usta.com is not correct, you must submit your corrections to the USTA/Midwest Section office by January 25 of each year.

Your corrections must include opponent's name, city and state, match scores, tournament name, location, and date.

b. Administrative Appeals. If a player or team was omitted from the tentative rankings due to not meeting (or appearing to not meet) any of the ranking eligibility requirements (i.e., minimum tournament requirements), an appeal may be registered with the USTA/Midwest Section Ranking Review Board. The appeal must be submitted, in writing, to the USTA/Midwest Section Ranking Review Board and sent to the USTA/Midwest Section office so that it is received no later than January 25 of each year. The USTA/Midwest Section Ranking Review Board does not consider positional appeals. Decisions of the USTA/Midwest Section Ranking Review Board are final and are not subject to appeal.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding these regulations, please contact:

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