

## **JUNIOR RANKING REGULATIONS AGES 12-18 (PRELIMINARY)**

**OVERVIEW.** USTA Nebraska (NTA/Nebraska District) uses a [Points Per Round](#) ranking system (PPR) to annually rank junior players and publish Annual Standing Lists by division. A player earns ranking points by winning singles and/or doubles matches in USTA sanctioned tournaments held in the Nebraska District for each ranking year. The ranking year shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT.** The Nebraska District is comprised of the State of Nebraska and Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

**JUNIOR RANKING REGULATIONS** (Boys'/Girls' 12, 14, 16, and 18 age Divisions) The Points Per Round (PPR) System will be used. In this system a player receives a set amount of points in each tournament that he/she participates in according to the highest level of the draw that the player attains. All sanctioned events to include Nebraska Sanctioned Junior Tournaments, and will use the most recent Missouri Valley Standings (combine doubles and singles) list to base tournament seeding on. The Missouri Valley Standings list will be used instead of the Missouri Valley Nebraska Standings list for more accuracy. All Nebraska sanctioned events are required to use auto seeding, unless no information is provided from that process. The regulations for PPR (points per round) are:

1. A player must win a round to receive any points for the tournament. Byses do not qualify as wins.
2. Withdrawals and walkovers qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn PPR.
3. Retirements qualify as wins for the advancing player and earn PPR.
4. A player who is defaulted from a tournament for code violations under the PPS or misconduct forfeits any points accumulated during the tournament.
5. Annual ranking will be calculated based on a player's five Best Tournaments played within Nebraska during the calendar year, January through December (i.e. A player plays 10 USTA sanctioned tournaments within Nebraska, the PPR System will take that player's five best tournament results based on how he or she finishes in a draw). There will be two levels of tournaments. Level 1 Tournaments are the Nebraska District Championships, and the Nebraska Futures Qualifiers. Level 2 Tournaments are all other Nebraska Sanctioned Junior Tournaments.
6. At the end of the ranking year, a Standing List will be produced based on the player's five Best Tournaments.
7. To be eligible for a Nebraska State Ranking a player must play in the required number of tournaments for singles or doubles, and one of the tournaments must be located in Area C and one must be located in Area D. Area C is all of the Nebraska District except for the Omaha and Lincoln Metropolitan Areas. Area D is the Omaha and Lincoln Metropolitan areas. The Omaha metropolitan area is defined as Douglas and Sarpy counties; and the Lincoln metropolitan area is defined as Lancaster County.
8. To obtain a Nebraska State Singles Ranking a player must participate in a minimum of three tournaments in the same age division and event to be eligible for ranking.
9. To obtain a Nebraska State Doubles Ranking, a player must play in at least 2 sanctioned tournaments within one age group. . Players are not required to play with the same partner in order to obtain a ranking. Doubles Rankings are by individuals, not teams.
10. A player may play in as many tournaments as they wish, points for ranking will be given to the top five tournaments they finish in by points, within an age division.

**Age Division Boy's/Girls' 8-10 Ranking Regulations:** There are no Nebraska rankings published for the 10 and under age divisions.

**Please see the [PPR CHART](#) for the exact points per round.**

**MATCH FORMAT.** The results from matches played in tournaments sanctioned and/or authorized by the Nebraska District must meet the following format criteria to be considered for ranking:

- Best of three tiebreak sets
- Best of three tiebreak sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set
- Best of three short sets
- Best of three short sets with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of the deciding final set
- 8-game pro set

**ELIGIBILITY FOR RANKING.** A player shall be eligible for ranking in the Nebraska District if the player (i) has a valid USTA membership; (ii) has been a resident of the Nebraska District for at least thirty (30) days during the ranking year; and (iii) meets the age, gender and/or NTRP rating requirements for the division entered by that player.

**WAIVER OF TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.** Section 7 of the Junior Ranking Regulations may be waived if the following occurs:

1. In divisions in which fewer than five tournaments are held, the Ranking Committee may waive the requirement of playing a tournament outside the metropolitan area as set forth in Section 1 of the Tournament Participation Requirements;
2. In divisions in which there are fewer than 3 players that have met the requirements set forth in Section 1 of the Tournament Participation Requirements, then the Ranking Committee may (i) waive the requirement of playing a tournament outside the metropolitan area; or (ii) waive said Section 1 in its entirety if there remains fewer than 3 players that have met the Tournament Participation Requirements after the Ranking Committee implements the waiver set forth in Item (i) above.
3. If the Ranking Committee implements any or all of the waivers set forth in Section 2 of the Waiver of Tournament Participation Requirements Section, then the Annual Standing List for that division shall be calculated by total points for those tournament(s) played.

**Final ranking determinations are subject to the discretion of the ranking committee.**