



Australian Ranking Guidelines 2009

The Australian Rankings incorporate results from the following:

ATP / WTA Tour

ITF Pro Circuits

ITF Junior Circuit

Tennis Europe Junior Tour

Australian Money Tournaments

National Open Tournaments

Optus Junior Tour

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2009 AUSTRALIAN RANKING – GUIDELINES

1) OVERVIEW

The Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis athletes on a calendar-year basis. The Australian Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in all tournaments for singles and doubles.

(a) Eligibility

- i) All Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in an Australian Ranking tournament and satisfied the point accumulation requirements are eligible for an Australian Ranking. Athletes from overseas competing in Australia must provide evidence of their permanent residency status to Tennis Australia before being eligible for an Australian Ranking.
- ii) Any permanent resident who is listed on the ATP, WTA, ITF Junior or ETA website under a different nationality will not have their ATP, WTA, ITF Junior or ETA points accredited to their Australian Ranking. The points will only be officially recognised within their Australian Ranking when their nationality on the ATP, WTA, ITF Junior or ETA website is listed as Australian ("AUS").

(b) Ranking Calculation Method

An athlete's Australian Ranking is calculated using the best eight (8) singles results plus 25% of their best six (6) doubles results. The mix of an athlete's best results is modified dependent on their age (see section 3).

The official Australian Ranking system works on a 12 month rollover system – calculated by athletes' total points in the immediate 12 months. Once this 12 month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athlete's AR.

(c) Ties

When two or more athletes have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- i) The athlete with the most total singles points, and if still tied, then,
- ii) The highest number of points from one singles tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on, and if still tied, then
- iii) Drawn by lot

(d) Release Dates

The Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the end of each month. The updated ranking lists will appear on the Tennis Australia website by the 8th of the following month.

It is an athlete's responsibility to check that his or her ranking is correct. Any perceived anomalies, incorrect spellings, change of address/date of birth or queries regarding the Australian Rankings should be emailed to Kathryn Oyeniyi via rankings@tennis.com.au. Information pertaining to these corrections must be received no later than seven (7) days after the release of the Australian Ranking. After this time, changes will not be made until the next month's Australian Ranking is released.

2) AR SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

The Australian Ranking system positions Australian tournament athletes from pro tour competitors through to 12s state level performers according to results. The following tours and tournaments are recognised by the Australian Ranking system and contribute to an athlete's ranking points –

(a) ATP/WTA Events & ITF Pro Circuits (includes Australian Pro Circuit)

An athlete's total singles ranking points on the ATP/WTA tour will be multiplied by five-hundred (500) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking singles result.

An athlete's total doubles ranking points on the ATP/WTA tour will be multiplied by fifteen (15) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking doubles result.

ATP Calendar: <http://www.atptennis.com>

WTA Calendar: <http://www.sonyericssonwtatour.com>

ITF Pro Circuits Calendars: <http://www.itftennis.com/womens>

<http://www.itftennis.com/mens>

Aust. Pro Circuit Calendars: <http://www.tennis.com.au>

Tournaments > Tennis Pro Circuit

(b) ITF World Junior Circuit (18s)

An athlete's total ranking points (both singles & doubles) on the ITF World Junior Circuit will be multiplied by three (3) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking singles result.

ITF World Junior Circuit Calendar: <http://www.itftennis.com/juniors/>

(c) Tennis Europe Junior Tour

An athlete's performance on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour will be devised based on the following conversion to the Australian Rankings Points Table. This tour will convert to one (1) Australian Ranking singles result.

ETA Tour Calendar: <http://www.tenniseurope.org/>

16 & Under

Category 1 = AR Level 3

Category 2 = AR Level 4

Category 3 = AR Level 5

14 & Under

Category 1 = AR Level 5

Category 2 = AR Level 6

Category 3 = AR Level 7

(d) Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs)

All AMTs are Level 1 Australian Ranking tournaments.

AMT Calendar: <http://www.tennis.com.au/>

Tournaments > Juniors/Open > Calendar

(e) National Open Tournaments

National Open Tournaments are conducted throughout Australia and are open to all athletes – junior and post junior. Various Australian Ranking levels have been assigned to these tournaments – see calendar for more details.

National Open Tournaments Calendar: <http://www.tennis.com.au/>

Tournaments > Calendar

(f) Optus Junior Tour (OJT)

The Optus Junior Tour consists of an array of state and national junior (12s, 14s, 16s, 18s) tournaments, as well as National Junior Championships and Australian Junior ITFs. All tournaments are assigned ranking levels according to tournament strength.

Optus Junior Tour Calendar: <http://www.tennis.com.au/>

Tournaments > Calendar

3) BEST EIGHT SINGLES & BEST SIX DOUBLES RESULTS – REGULATIONS

The following information serve as the rules for the allocation of Australian Ranking points –

An athlete’s combined (singles and doubles) Australian Ranking will be made up of their best eight (8) singles plus 25% of their best six (6) doubles results. This mix is as follows –

(a) Athletes 12/u (i.e. up to 13th birthday)

Singles: Best eight (8) results will only be calculated from tournaments contested in either 12s or 14s tournaments;

Doubles: 25% of best six (6) results will only be calculated from tournaments contested in either 12s or 14s tournaments;

(b) Athletes aged 13 to 16 (i.e. 13th birthday through to 16th birthday)

Singles: Best eight (8) results can only include a maximum of four (4) post junior tournaments.

(Note that the mix here could – for example – include eight junior results, however can only have a maximum of four post junior results);

Doubles: 25% of best six (6) results can only include a maximum of three (3) post junior tournaments.

(Note that the mix here could – for example – include six junior results, however can only have a maximum of three post junior results);

(c) Athletes aged 16 and over (i.e. 16th birthday onwards)

Singles: No restriction on formation of best eight (8) results;

Doubles: No restriction on formation of 25% of best six (6) results;

Results will be grouped either junior or post junior (open) according to the following table

JUNIOR RESULTS	POST JUNIOR (OPEN) RESULTS
Optus Junior Tour	ATP / WTA Tour
ITF World Junior Circuit	ITF Pro Circuits (inc. Aust. Pro Circuit)
ETA (Europe) Tour	Australian Money Tournaments
	National Open Tournaments

4) POINTS ALLOCATION – GUIDELINES

(a) Allocation of Singles points

Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded from the Rd 32 onwards provided the athlete has won at least one round and upon the following conditions –

- i) Singles points will only be awarded from the Rd 32 if 48 or more athletes compete in a match within the main draw.
- ii) Singles points will only be awarded from the Rd 16 if 24 or more athletes compete in a match within the main draw.

(b) Allocation of Doubles points

- i) Australian Ranking points will be awarded from the quarter final round onwards provided 16 teams play a match in that event and that the pair has won at least one round.
- ii) No Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation doubles events.

(c) Defaults / No-Shows / Walkovers / Byes

- i) Advancement through a bye/withdrawal/walkover is not the equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of a retirement following the commencement of a match is the equivalent to winning a round.
- ii) No points will be awarded to an athlete who forfeits a match unless the forfeit is due to illness or injury as verified by the Referee and supported by a medical certificate.
- iii) No AR Points will be awarded to an athlete or team who withdraws or is a 'no show' without playing their first match.
- iv) Any athlete who is defaulted shall lose all AR points earned for that event at the tournament, unless:
 - The athlete was defaulted for a violation of the Commencement of Play or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct
 - The athlete retired as a result of a medical condition
 - A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted.

(d) Abandoned Matches / Abandoned Finals

- i) If a tournament is abandoned due to inclement weather (or other extraordinary circumstances) before the final, then all remaining participants will receive points for the last round that has been fully reached.
 Example: If only 3 of the 4 semi final spots have been determined when the tournament is abandoned, all relevant athletes will only receive QF points since the QF round was not fully completed.
- ii) If a final is abandoned due to inclement weather (or other extraordinary circumstances), the total amount of points on offer (Winner and Runner-Up) will be added together and then divided equally amongst the two athletes / teams.
- iii) Tennis Australia has the final authority with regards to the awarding of points under points (i) and (ii) in this section.

(e) Awarding points based on the best result at a tournament

- i) Athletes eligible for points in both the Main Draw and Feed-In Championship will have the higher number of points awarded – not both;
- ii) At the discretion of the tournament committee, an athlete may enter and play in the 18/u event plus the Open event. In this instance, athletes eligible for points in more than one age group will have the higher number of points awarded – not both.
- iii) In the instance that a tournament awards Australian Ranking points in Junior and Open events within the same tournament, athletes eligible for points in both events will have the higher number of points awarded.

- iv) Athletes will only be permitted to compete in one age group (12/u, 14/u or 16/u) within the same Optus Junior Tour tournament.

(f) Small Draw Points Reductions

- i) Draws with 4-9 athletes/pairs will receive 50% of the publicised AR points
 ii) Draws with 10-15 athletes/pairs will receive 75% of the publicised AR points

(g) Consolation / Feed-In Events

For consolation or feed-in events, points will be awarded for winners, finalists and semi-finalists only.

(h) Junior ITF points allocation

In line with ITF rules, on the 1st January each year all athletes who are entering their 19th birth year will lose all ITF Junior Ranking points that have been allocated towards their Australian Ranking, regardless of whether they have been earned within the previous 12 months.

5) POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES

(a) Australian Rankings Tournaments

Level	MAIN DRAW						CONSOLATION		
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist ∞	Round of 16 *	Round of 32 =	Winner ^	Finalist ^	Semi Finalist ^
A	750	540	360	240	150	50	150	90	60
1	450	300	240	180	90	30	90	60	45
2	300	225	150	90	60	20	60	40	30
3	180	135	90	60	45	15	45	30	22.50
4	120	90	60	45	30	10	30	20	15
5	90	60	45	30	15	5	15	10	7.50
6	70	49	35	22	12	4	12	7	5.25
7	50	35	22	16	9	3	9	5	3.75
8	30	21	16	10	6	2	6	3	2.25
9	24	17	12	8	4	1	4	2	1.50
10	20	14	9	6	3	0.75	3	1.50	1
11	16	11	6	4	2	0.50	2	1	0.75
12	12	8	4	2	1	0.25	1	0.50	0.35
13	8	5	2	1	0.50	0.10	0.50	0.20	0.15
14	5	3	1	0.50	0.25	0.05	0.25	0.10	0.07

- * Points only awarded if 24 or more athletes play a match within that event
 = Points only awarded if 48 or more athletes play a match within that event
 ^ Points only awarded if 16 or more athletes play a match within that event
 ∞ Doubles points are awarded from the QF's onwards (only if 16 teams play a match)

(b) Pro Circuit Events - Qualifying Points Table

Event	PRO CIRCUIT QUALIFYING		
	Main Draw Round of 32	Qualifying Round 3	Qualifying Round 2
\$25,000 and above	ATP / WTA Points	250	125
\$15,000 and below	200	100	50

(c) Australian Money Tournaments

Winner	Runner-Up	Semi-Finalists	Quarter-Finalists	RD 16 **	RD 32 =
450	300	240	180	90	30

* Doubles points are only 25% of the above (per athlete) and awarded from the QF's only

** Points only awarded if 32 or more athletes compete in a match

= Points only awarded if 48 or more athletes compete in a match

(d) Australian Money Tournament Consolation Draw

- i) 8 Athletes or less = 25% of Level 1 Consolation Points
- ii) 9-15 Athletes = 50% of Level 1 Consolation Points
- iii) 16-23 Athletes = 75% of Level 1 Consolation Points
- iv) 24 + Athletes = 100% of Level 1 Consolation Points

(e) Australian Junior ITFs – Points in addition to the World Junior ITF Points Table

Event	JUNIOR ITF QUALIFYING		
	Main Draw Round of 32	Main Draw Round of 64*	Qualifying Round 2
Grade A	Junior ITF Points	Junior ITF Points	Junior ITF Points
Grade 1	Junior ITF Points	30	15
Grade 2	20	-	-
Grade 3	15	-	-
Grade 4	10	-	-
Grade 5	5	-	-

*RD 64 points only available to those who have won through from qualifying

(f) **Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships – Continuous Play Draw Points Table**

The Optus 12s & 14s Australian Championships conducted in December at Melbourne Park will be conducted using a 64-size continuous play draw. The following points table will be awarded for this tournament –

12/U Singles	Winner	Finaist	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th – 8th Place	9th Place
	50	35	22	19	16	14	12
	10– 16 Place	17th Place	18 - 24 Place	25th Place	26 - 32 Place	33rd Place	34 – 36 Place
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
	37th Place	38 - 48 Place	49th Place	50 – 56 Place	57th Place	58 – 63 Place	64th Place
	3	2	1	0.50	0.25	0.10	0

14/U Singles	Winner	Finalist	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th – 8th Place	9th Place
	90	60	45	37.50	30	25	20
	10– 16 Place	17th Place	18 - 24 Place	25th Place	26 - 32 Place	33rd Place	34 – 36 Place
	15	13	11	10	9	8	7
	37th Place	38 - 48 Place	49th Place	50 – 56 Place	57th Place	58 – 63 Place	64th Place
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

(g) Optus 12s & 14s National Championships – Compass Draw Points Table

The 12s National Championships conducted by Tennis Australia are 64 compass draw tournaments. The following points will be awarded for the following tournaments –

- i) Optus 12s & 14s Autumn Nationals (Mildura, VIC)
- ii) Optus 12s & 14s Winter Nationals (Brisbane, QLD)
- iii) Optus 12s & 14s Spring Nationals (Perth, WA)

12/U Singles	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	5 – 10	11 – 17	18	19 – 20	21 – 36
	30	21	16	10	6	3	2.25	1.50
	Winner of East	Finalist of East	S/F of East	QF of East / Winner & Finalist of NE	SF, QF in North-East & Winner of North	Finalist of North	SF of North	QF of North / All Athletes in North-West / Winner, Finalist & SF of West

14/U Singles	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	5 – 10	11 – 17	18	19 – 20	21 – 36
	70	49	35	22	12	6	3.75	2.50
	Winner of East	Finalist of East	S/F of East	QF of East / Winner & Finalist of NE	SF, QF in North-East & Winner of North	Finalist of North	SF of North	QF of North / All Athletes in North-West / Winner, Finalist & SF of West

(h) Optus 12s Australian Teams Event

The Optus 12s Australian Teams Event will be conducted in December at Melbourne Park with a maximum of ten (10) teams competing. The competition will comprise of a team from each Australian state/territory and two (2) international teams. Each team will be allowed to nominate a maximum of three (3) athletes. The following points table and rules will apply for Australian athletes in this event.

12/U Singles	Winner	Finalist	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place
	15	10	8	5	4	3	2	1	0.50

Note – The 10th Placed team will not receive any team overall points

Additional AR Points will be awarded based on the following

- Singles Round Robin Win = 2.0 points
- Singles win in 5-8 position playoff & 3rd & 4th playoff = 2.0 points
- Singles win in Semi-Final = 3.0 points
- Singles win in 1st vs 2nd Playoff = 6.0 points

- Doubles Round Robin Win = 1.0 point
- Doubles win in 5-8 position playoff & 3rd & 4th playoff = 1.0 point
- Doubles win in Semi-Finals = 1.5 points
- Doubles win in 1st vs 2nd Playoff = 3.0 points

Note – AR points accrued at an Australian Teams Event will count as one singles result

(i) Optus 14s Australian Teams Event

The Optus 14s Australian Teams Event will be conducted in December at Melbourne Park with a maximum of ten (10) teams competing. The competition will comprise of a team from each Australian state/territory and two (2) international teams. Each team will be allowed to nominate a maximum of three (3) athletes. The following points table and rules will apply for Australian athletes in this event.

14/U Singles	Winner	Finalist	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place	9 th Place
	35	24	17	11	8	6	4	2	1

Note – The 10th Placed team will not receive any team overall points

Additional AR Points will be awarded based on the following

- Singles Round Robin Win = 5.0 points
- Singles win in 5-8 position playoff & 3rd & 4th playoff = 5.0 points
- Singles win in Semi-Final = 7.5 points
- Singles win in 1st vs 2nd Playoff = 12.5 points
- Doubles Round Robin Win = 2.5 point
- Doubles win in 5-8 position playoff & 3rd & 4th playoff = 2.5 point
- Doubles win in Semi-Finals = 4.0 points
- Doubles win in 1st vs 2nd Playoff = 6.0 points

Note – AR points accrued at a Australian Teams Event will count as one singles result

(j) School Sport Australia Exchange (Bruce Cup Teams Event)

The Bruce Cup is a state representative team’s event for athletes aged 12s & under played in September each year. In 2009, this event will have Australian Rankings points allocated for the first time. The following will apply –

Bruce Cup	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th Place	7 th Place	8 th Place
Team Points	10	7.50	5	4	3	2	1	0.50

Additional AR Points will be awarded based on the following

- Singles Round Robin Win = 1.5 points
- Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles Round Robin Win = 0.75 point

Note – AR points accrued at the Bruce Cup will count as one singles result

(k) School Sport Australia Championships (Pizzey Cup Teams Event)

The Pizzey Cup is a state representative teams event for athletes aged 18 & under and still attending school. This event is played in May each year. In 2009, this event will have Australian Ranking points allocated for the first time. The following will apply –

Pizzey Cup	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place	7th Place	8th Place
Team Points	25	19	12	8	4	3	2	1

Additional AR Points will be awarded based on the following

- Singles Round Robin Win = 4.0 points
- Doubles and/or Mixed Doubles Round Robin Win = 1.5 points

Note – AR points accrued at the Pizzey Cup will count as one singles result

6) PROTECTED AUSTRALIAN RANKING

(a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a Protected Australian Ranking, an athlete:

- Must have been out of competition a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of two (2) years; and
- Must be ranked inside the Top 500 at the time they stopped playing

(b) Application Procedure and Timing

i) Request due to Injury/Illness

All injury/illness Protected Ranking applicants must complete a Protected Ranking Application form and submit to Tennis Australia –

- within six (6) months after their last Australian Ranking tournament played before being out of competition; and
- No less than 10 business days before they plan to enter an event with their Protected Ranking for the first time.

The signed Protected Ranking Application form must be submitted to Tennis Australia for the approval of a Protected Ranking status along with the following medical documentation:

- The diagnosis of condition;
- Evidence of clinical visit(s);
- Physicians notes/documentation (subject to applicable laws); and
- All relevant laboratory tests and applicable surgical reports.

If an athlete is requesting a Protected Ranking due to more than one (1) injury, every one (1) of these injuries must be documented.

ii) Request due to Pregnancy

Maternity and injury/illness Protected Ranking requests will be governed by the same rules. However, in cases of absences due to maternity leave, for an athlete to be eligible for a Protected Ranking, the athlete must be ready to play her first tournament within 12 months of the birth of her child.

iii) **Medical Documentation Handling and Requests for Subsequent Medical Status Reports**

Subsequent medical status reports may be requested by Tennis Australia, and if an athlete fails to comply promptly with such requests, Tennis Australia may revoke their Protected Ranking status. All medical documentation will be provided to the Tournaments & Competitions Department to be kept in the athlete's confidential medical file and will not be released to any third party without the athlete's prior written approval.

(c) **Usage Criteria and Guidelines**

i) **Definition**

An athlete's Protected Ranking will be the ranking they earned immediately after the points of the last Tournament they played are added to the Australian Rankings.

ii) **Number of Tournaments and Timing**

An athlete will be granted a Protected Ranking for four (4) Australian Ranking Tournaments or three (3) months (whichever comes first) in which to use their Protected Ranking.

(d) **Procedures**

i) **Mandatory Out-of-competition Period**

The six-month mandatory out-of-competition period is calculated using the last day of the last tournament an athlete played, whether in singles or in doubles.

The earliest an athlete may return to competition is at a tournament scheduled to start after the six-month period expires.

ii) **Tournament Entry and Acceptance**

All requests for use of a Protected Ranking in Australian Ranking Tournaments must be received by Tennis Australia before the advertised tournament entry deadline. No requests received after the entry deadlines will be considered.

(e) **Using the Protected Ranking**

i) **Interchange Protected Ranking with actual Australian Ranking**

An athlete may use their Protected Ranking and actual Australian Ranking interchangeably; however, once an athlete designates which ranking they are using to enter a Tournament, they may not change the designation after the entry deadline. It should be noted that in instances where multiple athletes with the same ranking enter the same Tournament, for acceptance purposes, an athlete using the actual Australian Ranking shall supersede an athlete using their Protected Ranking.

ii) **National Junior Championships**

An athlete may enter a maximum of one (1) National Junior Championship using their Protected Ranking as part of their four (4) Protected Ranking Tournaments. However, a Protected Ranking may not be used to gain entry into either the Optus 12s, 14s, 16s or 18s Australian Championships at Melbourne Park each December.

iii) **Tournament Withdrawal Prior to Playing a Match**

If an athlete has been accepted into an event using their Protected Ranking but withdraws from the tournament before they play their first match in that event, it will not count as a Protected Ranking tournament. An athlete will, however, be responsible for any code violations for late withdrawals or no-shows.

iv) **Wild Cards**

If an athlete has been accepted into a Main Draw event using their Protected Ranking, they may not accept a Wild Card into the same event. However, an athlete accepted into the Qualifying of a Tournament using their Protected Ranking may accept a Wild Card into the Main Draw up until the close of Qualifying Sign-In.

v) **Seeding**

An athlete may not be seeded using their Protected Ranking; however, an athlete may be seeded using their actual Australian Ranking even if they have been accepted into the Tournament using their Protected Ranking.

vi) **Lucky Loser Status**

An athlete's Protected Ranking will not be used to determine their Lucky Loser status. Only an athlete's actual Australian Ranking will be used to determine their Lucky Loser status. It must be noted that the order of ranked losers from the final round of qualifying shall be randomly drawn. Ranked athletes from the final round of qualifying will be drawn separately to unranked athletes and have the higher priority when determining a lucky loser(s).

(f) **Athlete Responsibilities**

i) **Athlete Responsibilities**

Upon their return, the athlete is obligated to report to Tennis Australia the first tournament they actually play, whether they are accepted using their Protected Ranking, actual Australian Ranking or a Wild Card.

ii) **Tracking Tournament Usage**

It will be the athlete's responsibility to track the number of tournaments in which they use their Protected Ranking. An athlete will forfeit all ranking points earned over and above the four (4) allowed Australian Ranking Tournaments under this policy.

iii) **Abuse of Protected Ranking Privilege**

If the Protected Ranking privileges are abused, the athlete's Protected Ranking will be revoked automatically.

7) PLAYING 'IN AGE' AT NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

All athletes must play 'in age' at National Championships (12s, 14s, 16s) when these tournaments are played **concurrently**. Once an athlete wins a National Championship, they can apply to Tennis Australia to play out of age when age group nationals are placed concurrently. This application will be assessed by the National Selection Panel.

If national championships are not played concurrently, athletes can play in older age group championships.

8) AMENDMENTS

The Australian Ranking Guidelines may only be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by Tennis Australia.

Tennis Australia reserves the right to review and amend the Australian Ranking Guidelines during the year, if changes are in the best interest of the athletes and the Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the Tennis Australia website – www.tennis.com.au