

2008 NTRP & ADULT RANKING REQUIREMENTS & STANDARDS

I. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Only players who have established a legal residency in Mississippi, hold a current USTA membership card assigned to Mississippi, and are citizens of the United States or meet the resident alien requirements for a USTA National ranking are eligible to participate in Mississippi Closed tournaments and/or receive a ranking in Mississippi. Resident alien requirements include resident aliens who have resided in the United States continuously for more than one year and are members of families of persons in the diplomatic or consular corps. The MTA shall have full authority to make conclusive interpretations and decisions regarding residency

II. ADULT REQUIREMENTS

1. The MTA Point System will determine final adult and senior rankings. Players will earn points for each round reached in tournaments that count toward a Mississippi ranking.
 - Final Rankings will be based on each player's best 3 tournament results
 - Point Standings will be updated as new results are available on the Mississippi Tennis Association's website: www.mstennis.com
 - Tournaments will be reviewed annually and categories set for the next year.
 - Appeal procedures will be in place solely to correct data input errors.
 - 20 point bonus given for playing in the Senior Cup.
 - Matches played outside your age group have no bearing on the ranking in your age group.

*2. **DEFAULTS:** An unexcused default at any point in a tournament (main draw or consolation) will result in no credit being given to the player for that tournament

III. NTRP AND OPEN DIVISION TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. In order to play in an NTRP tournament a player must be a least 19 years old or older during the calendar year. A player who does not play USTA leagues may enter tournaments at his self-rated level. However, if a player who does not have a computer rating has been ranked #1 in a level for two consecutive years, that player must play at the next higher level the following year. USTA league players must play at their published computer rating, which is valid for 3 years, unless 60 years or older, then the rating is good for 2 years. All players may play up at a higher level, but not below their published rating.
2. The 2008 Mississippi NTRP and Open tournament standings and rankings will be based on a Points Per Round system. The point system is easy to understand and should encourage more play because it does not count losses and players will receive points for their top 5 tournament results.
3. The levels of play offered in Mixed Doubles will be combined (5.0,6.0,7.0,8.0,9.0,10.0) where each individual player's rating may be no more than 1.0 apart (i.e., a 3.0 player and a 4.0 player may play 7.0; or a 3.5 may play with a 3.5 at 7.0. However, a 2.5 player and a 4.5 player could not play 7.0).
4. The points for tournaments will be as follows:

300 POINT	200 POINT	150 POINT
MS STATE CHAMPS	ALL OTHER MS NTRP TOURNAMENTS	SO. NTRP CHAMPS HELD IN MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI NTRP POINT SYSTEM SCHEDULE

FINISH	300 POINT	200 POINT	150 POINT
Champion	300	200	150
Finalist	250	170	110
Semis	200	140	75
Quarters	150	110	50
Round of 16	100	80	25
Round of 32	75	50	10
Round of 64	40	30	5
EACH CONSOLATION MATCH WON	25	15	10

- Total points are based on each player's or team's best 5 tournament results
- Must have at least 1 win to appear on the standing list
- Point standings will be posted on the internet and updated at least monthly
- Byes will not earn points until the next round
- Opponents will receive points from a default or withdrawal
- Tournaments will be reviewed annually and categories set for the coming year
- Appeal procedures will be in place solely to correct input errors
- To receive a year-end ranking a player or team must play in at least 3 sanctioned tournaments, one of which must be a state championship.

5. All Mississippi NTRP players are eligible to participate in the NTRP State Championships.
6. The list of MTA sanctioned tournaments is published in the yearbook and also posted on the internet. Visit our Web site at www.mstennis.com.

IV. CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE:

The USTA Point Penalty System (PPS) will be in effect in all MTA sanctioned tournaments, as defined in USTA Regulation IV.D on Page 133 of the Friend At Court. See **Section III** of *Tournament Rules and Regulations, Point Penalty System*.

V. STANDARDS

1. A player's best five (5) tournament results in Mississippi sanctioned events for the entire ranking year will be the basis for ranking.
2. Consolation matches will be used for rankings.
3. All players who meet the requirements will be ranked.

VI. RANKING APPEAL:

Throughout the year player standings and records will be posted on the internet (visit our website at www.mstennis.com). These records should be checked against the player's personal record and the MTA office notified in writing of any changes or additions.

The year end rankings will be based on results from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, and will be published as soon as all tournament results for 2008 have been posted.

There will be no appeals to standings and rankings except in the event of an error on the player record.