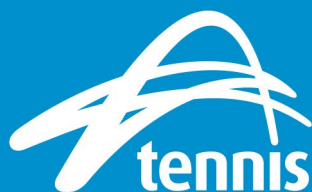




# **2023 AUSTRALIAN RANKING GUIDELINES**

**Deaf & Hard of Hearing**



## 1. OVERVIEW

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHoH) Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing on a calendar year basis. The Australian Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry in DHoH tournaments and selection of representative teams. Player ratings (UTR) will be used to determine divisions and seedings for all DHoH tournaments with Australian Rankings used as a supplementary method where required (e.g. A player doesn't have a reliable UTR rating). For more information on player ratings and the UTR Rating please visit <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/utr-rating>. 2023 DHoH Australian Rankings will be effective as of 1 January 2023.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in a DHoH Australian Ranking tournament after 1 July 2018 and satisfied the point accumulation requirements (set out in section 4 below) are eligible for a DHoH Australian Ranking. Athletes with an overseas citizenship who are competing in Australia must provide evidence of Australian permanent residency status to Tennis Australia before being eligible for a DHoH Australian Ranking. Athletes must meet the appropriate classification eligibility requirements to be eligible for a DHoH Australian Ranking (refer to section 3 (c)). There are multiple divisions of competition, athletes may be eligible to compete in more than one division (across different tournaments), but points will not be combined across divisions. Please see section 3(b) for more information on divisions.

### A) RANKING CALCULATION METHOD

Each athlete will have a separate ranking for singles and doubles. An athlete's DHoH Australian Singles Ranking is calculated using the best four (4) singles results over the last 12 months and their DHoH Australian Doubles Ranking is calculated using their best four (4) doubles results over the last 12 months:

DHoH Australian Ranking system works on a 12-month rollover system – calculated by athletes' total points in the preceding 12 months from when they first obtain a DHoH Australian Ranking. Once this 12-month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athlete's DHoH Australian Ranking e.g. Player A is a finalist in the Australian Tennis Championships in November 2022 and acquires 35 DHoH Australian Ranking points. These points will cease to contribute to Player A's DHoH Ranking at the beginning of December 2023.

### B) TIES

#### SINGLES

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

- i) Whoever finished higher in the most recent tournament in which both athletes played. If the tie is not broken then,
- ii) The athlete with the highest number of points from an individual tournament, then, if needed, the second best, and so on, and if still tied, then
- iii) Drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

#### DOUBLES

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

- i) Whoever has the higher singles ranking will be ranked higher in doubles, or
- ii) If both athletes do not have a singles ranking, then drawn by lot.

### C) RELEASE DATE

The DHoH Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the end of each DHoH Australian Ranking tournament on the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennis.com.au) website. 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 rankings should be emailed to [deaftennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:deaftennis@tennis.com.au). Any such email must be received no later than seven (7) days after the applicable release of the updated DHoH Australian Ranking. After this time, amendments will not be made until the next DHoH Australian Ranking is released.

### 3. PWII AUSTRALIAN RANKING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

The following tours and tournaments are recognised by the DHoH Australian Ranking system and contribute to an athlete's ranking points:

#### A) AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENTS

**i) National**

- Australian Tennis Championships (DHoH)

**ii) Signature**

- ACT DHoH Open
- NSW DHoH Open
- NT DHoH Open
- QLD DHoH Open
- SA DHoH Open
- VIC DHoH Open

**iii) Community**

- Regional events will be added to the calendar and will enter the calendar at Community level with no ranking points for 2023.

#### B) DIVISIONS

**i) National** *(Based on UTR Rating Bands & gender)*

- Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles (Division 1 & 2)
- 18&U Junior Singles & Doubles *(split gender when entry numbers permit)*

**ii) Signature (State)** *(Based on UTR Rating Bands & gender)*

- Open Singles & Doubles *(split gender when entry numbers permit)*
- 18&U Junior Singles & Doubles

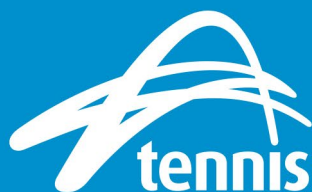
**iii) Community (Region/Club)** *(Based on UTR Rating Bands & mixed gender)*

- Open Singles & Doubles
- 18&U Junior Singles & Doubles

#### C) ELIGIBILITY & CLASSIFICATIONS

Tennis Australia follows the Athlete Eligibility Policy set by [Deaf Sports Australia](http://deafsports.org.au) which applies to all deaf and hard of hearing athletes who wish to participate in state, national and international sanctioned deaf sporting events (<http://deafsports.org.au/pathways/athlete-eligibility>).

If unsure, please visit the [Tennis Australia](http://tennis.com.au) or [Deaf Sports Australia](http://deafsports.org.au) websites for more information.



## 4. POINTS ALLOCATION – GUIDELINES

### A) ALLOCATION OF SINGLES POINTS

DHoH Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded on the final placing from DHoH Australian Ranking tournaments provided that the athlete has won at least one match. No DHoH Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments.

### B) ALLOCATION OF DOUBLES POINTS

DHoH Australian Ranking doubles points will be awarded on the final placing from DHoH Australian Ranking tournaments provided that the pair has won at least one match and upon the following conditions:

- i) DHoH Australian Ranking points will be awarded from fourth place provided eight (8) men's teams play a match in that tournament.
- ii) DHoH Australian Ranking points will be awarded from fourth place provided six (6) women's teams play a match in that tournament.
- iii) No DHoH Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation doubles tournaments.

### C) DEFAULTS / NO-SHOWS / WALKOVERS / BYES

- i) Advancement through a bye/withdrawal/walkover is not the equivalent to winning a match. Advancement by virtue of a retirement following the commencement of a match is the equivalent to winning a match.
- ii) No DHoH Australian Ranking 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 DHoH Australian Ranking 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 not receive any DHoH Australian Ranking 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
  - that athlete is a member of a doubles team and 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 completed e.g. if only three of the four semi-final spots have been determined when the tournament is abandoned, all relevant athletes will only receive quarterfinal points since the semi-finalists was not fully decided.
- 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 among the two athletes/teams.

# POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES

## SINGLES

**Table 1: DHoH National Series (Australian Tennis Championships)**

Participants	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (or Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (or Quarter Finalist)
16+	450	300	240	180	90	60
4-15*	300	225	150	90	60	45
<4*	120	90				

**Table 2: DHoH Signature Series (Open & Juniors)**

Participants	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (or Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (or Quarter Finalist)
16+	300	225	150	90	60	45
4-15*	120	90	60	45	30	15
<4*	90	60				

\* Must win at least one match to be awarded ranking points

## DOUBLES

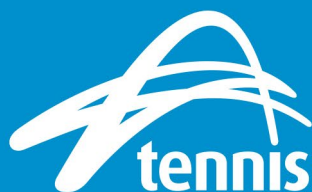
**Table 3: DHoH National Series (Australian Tennis Championships)**

Pairs	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (or Semi Finalist)
8+	112.5	75	60	45
4-7*	75	56.25	37.5	22.5
<4*	30	22.5		

**Table 4: DHoH Signature Series (Open & Juniors)**

Pairs	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (or Semi Finalist)
8+	75	56.75	37.5	22.5
4-7*	30	22.5	15	11.25
<4*	22.5	15		

\* Must win at least one match to be awarded ranking points



## 5. TENNIS AUSTRALIA'S DECISIONS

Tennis Australia's decisions in relation to the award of DHoH Australian Ranking points in accordance with these Guidelines are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## 6. AMENDMENTS

The DHoH Australian Ranking guidelines may be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by Tennis Australia at any time including with retrospective effect.

Tennis Australia reserves the right to review and amend the Australian Ranking guidelines during the year, including with retrospective effect, if it determines that the amendments are in the best interest of the athletes and the DHoH Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the [Tennis Australia](#) website.

*(Rankings and tournament levels were amended in January 2023)*