



# **2026 AUSTRALIAN RANKING GUIDELINES**

**BLIND & LOW VISION**

## OVERVIEW

The Blind and Low Vision (BLV) Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis players who are blind or have low vision on a calendar year basis. The Australian Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in some tournaments for singles and doubles. BLV Australian Rankings will be effective as of 1 January 2026.

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in a BLV Australian Ranking event after 1 January 2026 and satisfied the point accumulation requirements (outlined in section 8) are eligible for a BLV Australian Ranking. Players 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 BLV Australian Ranking.

Players must meet the appropriate classification eligibility requirements to be eligible for a BLV Australian Ranking (refer to section 2 (a)). There are multiple sport classes and divisions of competition, and each will have its own ranking table. Players may be eligible to compete in more than one sport class across different tournaments (due to classification review or players choice) and therefore may hold a ranking in more than one sport class (points are not combined). Please see section 7 for more information on sport class.

### 2. CLASSIFICATIONS

- (a) Player's must be eligible according to the Tennis Australia classification guidelines. If unsure, please visit the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website for more information.
- (b) If a player's sport class (classification) changes throughout the year any points earned will not carry over to their new sport class.

### 3. RANKING CALCULATION METHOD

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

The official BLV Australian Ranking system works on a 12-month rollover system – calculated by players' total points in the preceding 12 months from when they first obtain a BLV Australian Ranking. Once this 12-month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to a player's BLV Australian Ranking.

*e.g. Player A is a finalist in the Australian BLV Tennis Championships in July 2025 and acquires 225 BLV Australian Ranking points. These points will cease to contribute to Player A's BLV Australian Ranking at the beginning of August 2026.*

## 4. RESOLVING TIES

### SINGLES

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

- (a) Whoever finished higher in the most recent event in which both/all players played. If the tie is not broken then,
- (b) The player with the highest number of points from an individual event, then, if needed, the second best, and so on, and if still tied, then
- (c) Drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

### DOUBLES

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

- (a) Whoever has the higher singles ranking will be ranked higher in doubles, or
- (b) If both players do not have a singles ranking, then drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

## 5. RELEASE DATE

The BLV Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the beginning of each month (first Wednesday of each month). The rankings are published on the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website. It is the players responsibility to check that their ranking is correct. Any perceived anomalies, incorrect spellings, change of address/date of birth or queries regarding the rankings should be emailed to [blindtennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:blindtennis@tennis.com.au). Any such email must be received no later than seven (7) days after the applicable release of the updated Blind & Low Vision Australian Ranking. After this time, amendments will not be made until the next BLV Australian Ranking is released.

## 6. AUSTRALIAN RANKING SANCTIONED EVENTS

The following Tennis Australia sanctioned events are recognised by the BLV Australian Ranking system and contribute to a player's national ranking:

### AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENTS

#### (a) NATIONAL SERIES

- Australian BLV Tennis Championships

#### (b) SIGNATURE SERIES

- ACT All Abilities Open
- NSW BLV Open
- QLD BLV Open
- SA BLV Open
- TAS All Abilities Open
- VIC BLV Open
- WA BLV Open

#### (c) COMMUNITY SERIES (no ranking points awarded in 2026)

- Ballarat BLV Open

- South Mandurah BLV Open
- Somerton Park BLV Open
- More to be announced!

## 7. SPORT CLASS

- (a) **B1:** Only B1 players can play in the B1 sport class. B1 players can also play in the B2, B3 or B4 sport classes, but must follow the rules for that particular sport class.
- (b) **B2:** B2 player can play in a B3 or B4 sport class but must follow the rules for that particular sport class.
- (c) **B3:** B3 player can play in a B4 sport class but must observe the B4 rule of one bounce.
- (d) **B4:** These players may not play in a B3, B2 or B1 sport class.
- (e) Combined sport class draws may occur if 2 or less participants entered an event, however players follow the rules of their particular sport class.

**Note:** Refer to the Tennis Australia BLV Classification Guidelines.

## 8. POINTS ALLOCATION

### (a) ALLOCATION OF SINGLES POINTS

- (i) BLV Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded on the draw (usually round robin & playoff) final placing (relative to sport class & gender in combined sport class draws) from BLV Australian Ranking tournaments and upon the following conditions (outlined in section 8 (c) & (d)).
- (ii) No BLV Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments.
- (iii) If a playoff match isn't played (i.e. 3/4 playoff, 5/6 playoff) then both players are awarded the lower points.

### (b) ALLOCATION OF DOUBLES POINTS

- (i) BLV Australian Ranking doubles points will be awarded on the draw (usually round robin & playoff) final placing from BLV Australian Ranking tournaments and upon the following conditions (outlined in section 8 (c) & (d)).
- (ii) No BLV Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments.
- (iii) If a playoff match isn't played (i.e. 3/4 playoff, 5/6 playoff) then both players are awarded the lower points.
- (iv) If an ineligible player is invited to play doubles in a sport class below (i.e. B2 to B1) due to an odd number of entries or injury, the ineligible player must play to the rules of their sport class (except in B1) and are not awarded any points however their eligible doubles partner is awarded the lowest number of points for that draw size.

### (c) DEFAULTS / NO-SHOWS / WALKOVERS / BYES

- (i) No BLV Australian Ranking points will be awarded to a player who forfeits a match unless

the forfeit is due to illness or injury as verified by the Referee and supported by a medical certificate.

- (ii) No BLV Australian Ranking points will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a 'no-show' without playing their first match.
- (iii) Any player who is defaulted shall not receive any BLV Australian Ranking points earned for that event at the tournament, unless:
  - the player was defaulted for a violation of the Commencement of Play or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct
  - the player retired as a result of a medical condition
  - that player 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 players 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 finalist) will be added together and then divided equally among the two players/teams.

## POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES

### SINGLES

**Table 1: BLV National Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
Division 1	400	300	240	180	150	120
Division 2	120	90	60	45	30	15

**Table 2: BLV National Series (Events with only one division)**

Participants	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
16+	400	300	240	180	90	45
4 – 15	300	225	150	90	45	30
<4	150	90	45			

**Table 3: BLV Signature Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
<b>Division 1</b>	200	150	120	90	75	60
<b>Division 2</b>	60	45	30	15	5	5

**Table 4: BLV Signature Series (Events with only one division)**

Participants	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
<b>16+</b>	300	225	150	90	45	30
<b>4 – 15</b>	150	90	60	45	30	15
<b>&lt;4</b>	90	60	30			

## DOUBLES

**Table 5: BLV National Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
Division 1	112.5	75	60	45	30	15
Division 2	15	11.25	5	5	5	5

**Table 6: BLV National Series (Events with only one division)**

Teams	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
8+	112.5	75	60	45	30	15
4 – 7	75	56.25	37.5	22.5	15	11.25
<4	30	22.5	15			

**Table 7: BLV Signature Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
Division 1	56.75	37.5	30	22.5	15	11.25
Division 2	11.25	7.5	5	5	5	5

**Table 8: BLV Signature Series (Events with only one division)**

Teams	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> + (Quarter Finalist)
8+	56.75	37.5	30	22.5	15	11.25
4 – 7	30	22.5	15	11.25	7.5	5
<4	22.5	15	7.5			

## 9. TENNIS AUSTRALIA'S DECISIONS

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

## 10. AMENDMENTS

The BLV 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 players and the BLV Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the [Tennis Australia](#) website.



Tennis acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, rest and play, and pay our respect to Elders past and present.