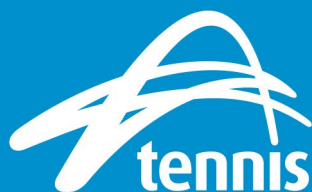




2023 AUSTRALIAN RANKING GUIDELINES

Players with an Intellectual Impairment



1. OVERVIEW

The People with an Intellectual Impairment (PWII) Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis athletes with an intellectual disability or Autism on a calendar year basis. The Australian Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry in PWII tournaments and selection of representative teams. Player ratings (UTR) will be used to determine divisions and seedings for all PWII 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 please visit <https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/utr-rating>. 2023 PWII Australian Rankings will be effective as of 1 January 2023.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in a PWII Australian Ranking tournament after 1 July 2018 and satisfied the point accumulation requirements (set out in section 4 below) are eligible for a PWII 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 PWII Australian Ranking. Athletes must meet the appropriate classification eligibility requirements to be eligible for a PWII Australian Ranking (refer to section 3 (c)). There are multiple divisions of competition, and each will have its own ranking table, 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 PWII Australian Singles Ranking is calculated using the best four (4) singles results over the last 12 months and their PWII Australian Doubles Ranking is calculated using their best four (4) doubles results over the last 12 months:

PWII Australian Ranking will be effective as of 1 July 2019. The official PWII 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 PWII Australian Ranking. Once this 12-month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athlete's PWII Australian Ranking e.g. Player A is a finalist in the Australian Tennis Championships in November 2022 and acquires 35 PWII Australian Ranking points. These points will cease to contribute to Player A's PWII 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 PWII Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the end of each PWII 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 inclusion@tennis.com.au. Any such email must be received no later than seven (7) days after the applicable release of the updated PWII Australian Ranking. After this time, amendments will not be made until the next PWII Australian Ranking is released.

3. PWII AUSTRALIAN RANKING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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

A) AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENTS

i) National

- Australian Tennis Championships (PWII)

ii) Signature

- ACT PWII Open
- NSW PWII Open
- NT PWII Open
- QLD PWII Open
- SA Peter Smith Open – (formerly known as Tennis SA Classic)
- TAS PWII Open
- VIC PWII Open – (formerly known as Victorian Hardcourt Championships)
- WA PWII Open

iii) Community

- Regional events and Special Olympics 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 classification & gender)*

- II-1 Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles (Intellectual Disability)
- II-2 Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles (Down syndrome*)
- II-3 Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles (Autism)
- PWII Junior Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles (Mixed Classification)

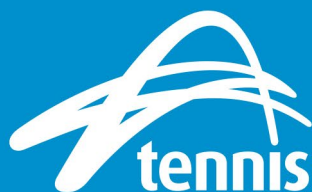
ii) Signature (State) *(Based on UTR Rating Bands & gender)*

- PWII Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles
- PWII Junior Singles & Doubles *(split gender when entry numbers permit)*

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

- PWII Open Singles & Doubles
- PWII Junior Singles & Doubles

Please Note: * Athletes with Mosaic Down Syndrome are only eligible to compete in II-1. All athletes who are eligible to compete in the II-2 Division are also eligible to compete in the II-1 Division. For more information on the PWII classifications please visit the [Tennis Australia](https://tennis.com.au) website.



C) ELIGIBILITY & CLASSIFICATIONS

- i) **National**
 - Athletes must be eligible according to the Sport Inclusion Australia classification guidelines.
- ii) **Signature & Community**
 - Athletes must be eligible according to either the Sport Inclusion Australia (II-3 athletes) or Special Olympics eligibility guidelines.

If unsure, please visit the [Tennis Australia](#), [Sport Inclusion Australia](#) and [Special Olympics Australia](#) websites for more information.

4. POINTS ALLOCATION – GUIDELINES

A) ALLOCATION OF SINGLES POINTS

PWII Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded on the final placing from PWII Australian Ranking sanctioned tournaments (irrespective of PWII tennis classifications at Signature Series events) provided that the athlete has won at least one match. No PWII Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments. PWII Australian Rankings are displayed online according to PWII tennis classifications (II-1, II-2 & II-3).

B) ALLOCATION OF DOUBLES POINTS

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

- i) PWII Australian Ranking points will be awarded from fourth place provided eight (8) men's teams play a match in that tournament.
- ii) PWII Australian Ranking points will be awarded from fourth place provided six (6) women's teams play a match in that tournament.
- iii) No PWII 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 PWII 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 PWII 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 PWII 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 (a) – PWII National Series (Australian Tennis Championships – II-1 Men's)

| Division | Winner | Finalist | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th | 8 th |
|------------|--------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Division 1 | 450 | 300 | 240 | 180 | 150 | 120 | 90 | 60 |
| Division 2 | 60 | 45 | 30 | 15 | | | | |

Table 1 (b) – PWII National Series (Australian Tennis Championships – All other events)

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

Table 1 (c) – PWII Signature Series Division 1 (Men's, Women's & Junior's)

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

Table 1 (d) – PWII Signature Series Division 2 (Men's, Women's & Junior's)

| Participants | Winner | Finalist | 3 rd | 4 th (or Semi Finalist) | 5 th | 6 th (or Quarter Finalist) |
|--------------|--------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 4-15* | 15 | 11.25 | | | | |
| <4* | 11.25 | 7.5 | | | | |

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

DOUBLES

Table 1 (e) – PWII National Series (Australian Tennis Championships)

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

Table 1 (f) – PWII Signature Series (Men's, Women's & Junior's)

| Pairs | Winner | Finalist | 3 rd | 4 th (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 PWII Australian Ranking points in accordance with these Guidelines are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

6. AMENDMENTS

The PWII 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 PWII Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website.

(Rankings and tournament levels were amended in January 2023)