



2025 AUSTRALIAN RANKING GUIDELINES

INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY & AUTISM

OVERVIEW

The Intellectual Disability & Autism (IDA) Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis players who have 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 and seeding in some tournaments for singles and doubles. IDA Australian Rankings will be effective as of 1 January 2025.

1. ELIGIBILITY

Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in a IDA Australian Ranking event after 1 January 2025 and satisfied the point accumulation requirements (outlined in section 8) are eligible for a IDA 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 IDA Australian Ranking.

Players must meet the appropriate classification eligibility requirements to be eligible for a IDA Australian Ranking (refer to section 2 (a)). There are multiple IDA sport classes and each will have its own ranking table. Players may be eligible to compete in more than one sport class (across different events), points will be combined across sport classes. Please see section 7 for more information on sport class and events.

2. CLASSIFICATIONS

(a) NATIONAL LEVEL

- Players must be eligible according to the Sport Inclusion Australia classification guidelines.

(b) SIGNATURE & COMMUNITY LEVEL

- Players must be eligible according to either the Sport Inclusion Australia or Special Olympics eligibility guidelines.

- (c) If a player's sport class (classification) changes throughout the year any points earned will carry over to their new sport class.

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

3. RANKING CALCULATION METHOD

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

The official IDA 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 IDA Australian Ranking. Once this 12-month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an player's IDA Australian Ranking.

e.g. Player A is a finalist in the Australian Tennis Championships in October 2024 and acquires 225 IDA Australian Ranking points. These points will cease to contribute to Player A's IDA Australian Ranking at the beginning of November 2025.

4. RESOLVING TIES

SINGLES

When two or more players 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 athletes do not have a singles ranking, then drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

5. RELEASE DATE

The IDA Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the beginning of each month (first Monday of the month). The rankings are published on the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website. It is the player'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 IDA Australian Ranking. After this time, amendments will not be made until the next IDA Australian Ranking is released.

6. AUSTRALIAN RANKING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments are recognised by the IDA Australian Ranking system and contribute to a player's national ranking:

(a) NATIONAL SERIES

- Australian IDA Tennis Championships

(b) SIGNATURE SERIES

- ACT IDA Open
- NSW IDA Open
- NT IDA Open
- QLD IDA Open
- SA IDA Open
- TAS IDA Open
- VIC IDA Open
- WA IDA Open

(c) COMMUNITY SERIES

- 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 2025.

7. SPORT CLASS & EVENTS

(a) NATIONAL (based on sport class, UTR & 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)
- IDA Junior Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles (Mixed Classification)

(b) SIGNATURE (State) (based on UTR & gender)

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

(c) COMMUNITY (Region/Club) (based on UTR)

- IDA Open Singles & Doubles
- IDA Junior Singles & Doubles

Please Note: * Players with Mosaic Down Syndrome are only eligible to compete in II-1. All players 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 IDA classifications please visit the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website.

8. POINTS ALLOCATION

(a) ALLOCATION OF SINGLES POINTS

- IDA Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded on the draw (usually round robin & playoff) final placing from IDA Australian Ranking tournaments and upon the following conditions (outlined in section 8 (c) & (d)).
- No IDA Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments.
- 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

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

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

- 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.
- No 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.
- No points will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a 'no-show' without playing their first match.

(iv) Any player who is defaulted shall not receive any 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

- 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.
- 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 players/teams.

POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES

SINGLES

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

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 rd	4 th (Semi Finalist)	5 th	6 th + (Quarter Finalist)
Division 1	400	300	240	180	150	120
Division 2	120	90	60	45	30	15
Division 3	15	10	5	5	5	5

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

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

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

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

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

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

DOUBLES

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

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

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

Teams	Winner	Finalist	3 rd	4 th (Semi Finalist)	5 th	6 th + (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: IDA Signature Series (Events with more than one division)

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 rd	4 th (Semi Finalist)	5 th	6 th + (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: IDA Signature Series (Events with only one division)

Teams	Winner	Finalist	3 rd	4 th (Semi Finalist)	5 th	6 th + (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 IDA Australian Ranking points in accordance with these Guidelines are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

10. AMENDMENTS

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



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