



# Australian Ranking Guidelines 2011

*ITF Pro Circuit*

*Australian Money Tournaments (AMT)*

*Junior ITFs*

*Tennis Europe Junior Tour*

*Optus Junior Tour (OJT)*



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## 1) OVERVIEW

The Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis athletes on a calendar-year basis. The Australian Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in all tournaments for singles and doubles.

### (a) Eligibility

- i) All Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in an Australian Ranking tournament and satisfied the point accumulation requirements are eligible for an Australian Ranking. Athletes from overseas competing in Australia must provide evidence of their permanent residency status to Tennis Australia before being eligible for an Australian Ranking.
- ii) Any permanent resident who is listed on the ATP, WTA, ITF Junior or ETA website under a different nationality will not have their ATP, WTA, ITF Junior or ETA points accredited to their Australian Ranking. The points will only be officially recognised within their Australian Ranking when their nationality on the ATP, WTA, ITF Junior or ETA website is listed as Australian ("AUS") or have submitted to Tennis Australia the relevant immigration documents.

### (b) Ranking Calculation Method

An athlete's Australian Ranking is calculated using the best eight (8) singles results plus 25% of their best six (6) doubles results. The mix of an athlete's best results is modified dependent on their age (see section 3).

The official Australian Ranking system works on a 12 month rollover system – calculated by athletes' total points in the immediate 12 months. Once this 12 month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athlete's AR.

### (c) Ties

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

- i) The athlete with the most total singles points, and if still tied, then,
- ii) The highest number of points from one singles tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on, and if still tied, then
- iii) Drawn by lot by Tennis Australia

### (d) Release Dates

The Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the end of each month. The updated ranking lists will appear on the Tennis Australia website by the 8th of the following month.

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 Australian Rankings should be emailed to Kathryn Oyeniyi via [rankings@tennis.com.au](mailto:rankings@tennis.com.au). Information pertaining to these corrections must be received no later than the end of the month and these changes will not be made until the next release of the Australian Ranking. However, Tennis Australia reserves the right to release revised rankings at any time if it determines that the amendments are in the best interest of the athletes and the Australian Rankings.

## 2) AR SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

The Australian Ranking system positions Australian tournament athletes from pro tour competitors through to 12s state level performers according to results. The following tours and tournaments are recognised by the Australian Ranking system and contribute to an athlete's ranking points –

### (a) ATP/WTA Events & ITF Pro Circuits (includes Australian Pro Tour)

An athlete's total singles ranking points on the ATP/WTA tour will be multiplied by five-hundred (500) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking singles result.

An athlete's total doubles ranking points on the ATP/WTA tour will be multiplied by fifteen (15) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking doubles result.

ATP Calendar: <http://www.atpworldtour.com>

WTA Calendar: <http://www.wtatennis.com>

ITF Pro Circuits Calendars: <http://www.itftennis.com/womens>

<http://www.itftennis.com/mens>

Aust. Pro Tour Calendars: <http://www.tennis.com.au>

Tournaments > Pro Tour

### (b) ITF World Junior Circuit (18s)

An athlete's total ranking points (both singles & doubles) on the ITF World Junior Circuit will be multiplied by three (3) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking singles result.

ITF World Junior Circuit Calendar: <http://www.itftennis.com/juniors>

### (c) Tennis Europe Junior Tour

An athlete's performance on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour will be devised based on the following conversion to the Australian Rankings Points Table. This tour will convert to one (1) Australian Ranking singles result.

ETA Tour Calendar: <http://www.tenniseurope.org>

### (d) Australian Money Tournaments (AMTs)

The AMT's offer between \$1500 and \$10,000 in total prizemoney

AMT Calendar: <http://www.tennis.com.au>

Tournaments > AMT > Calendar



(e) Optus Junior Tour (OJT)

The Optus Junior Tour consists of an array of state and national junior (12s, 14s, 16s, 18s) tournaments, as well as National Junior Championships and Australian Junior ITFs. All tournaments are assigned ranking levels according to tournament strength.

Optus Junior Tour Calendar: <http://www.tennis.com.au>

Tournaments > Junior Tour > Calendar

### 3) BEST EIGHT SINGLES & BEST SIX DOUBLES RESULTS – REGULATIONS

The following information serves as the rules for the allocation of Australian Ranking points – An athlete's combined (singles and doubles) Australian Ranking will be made up of their best eight (8) singles plus 25% of their best six (6) doubles results. This mix is as follows –

(a) Athletes 12/u (i.e. up to 13th birthday)

Singles: Best eight (8) results will only be calculated from tournaments contested in either 12s or 14s tournaments;

Doubles: 25% of best six (6) results will only be calculated from tournaments contested in either 12s or 14s tournaments;

(b) Athletes aged 13 to 16 (i.e. 13th birthday through to 16th birthday)

Singles: Best eight (8) results can only include a maximum of four (4) post junior tournaments.

(Note that the mix here could – for example – include eight junior results, however can only have a maximum of four post junior results);

Doubles: 25% of best six (6) results can only include a maximum of three (3) post junior tournaments.

(Note that the mix here could – for example – include six junior results, however can only have a maximum of three post junior results);

(c) Athletes aged 16 and over (i.e. 16th birthday onwards)

Singles: No restriction on formation of best eight (8) results;

Doubles: No restriction on formation of 25% of best six (6) results;

Results will be grouped either junior or post junior (open) according to the following table

JUNIOR RESULTS	POST JUNIOR (OPEN) RESULTS
Optus Junior Tour	ATP / WTA Tour
ITF World Junior Circuit	ITF Pro Circuits (inc. Aust. Pro Circuit)
Tennis Europe Junior Tour	Australian Money Tournaments

## 4) POINTS ALLOCATION – GUIDELINES

### (a) Allocation of Singles points

Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded from the Rd 32 onwards provided the athlete has won at least one round (refer to 4c below).

### (b) Allocation of Doubles points

- i) Australian Ranking points will be awarded from the quarter final round onwards provided 16 teams play a match in that event and that the pair has won at least one round.
- ii) No Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation doubles events.

### (c) Defaults / No-Shows / Walkovers / Byes

- i) Advancement through a bye/withdrawal/walkover is not the equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of a retirement following the commencement of a match is the equivalent to winning a round.
- ii) No 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 AR 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 lose all AR 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 Behaviour
  - The athlete retired as a result of a medical condition
  - A member of a doubles team 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 reached.

Example: If only 3 of the 4 semi final spots have been determined when the tournament is abandoned, all relevant athletes will only receive QF points since the QF round was not fully completed.
- 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 amongst the two athletes / teams.
- iii) Tennis Australia has the final authority with regards to the awarding of points under points (i) and (ii) in this section.

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- (e) Awarding points based on the best result at a tournament
  - i) Athletes eligible for points in both the Main Draw and Feed-In Championship will have the higher number of points awarded – not both;
  - ii) At the discretion of the tournament committee, an athlete may enter and play in the 18/u event plus the Open event. In this instance, athletes eligible for points in more than one age group will have the higher number of points awarded – not both.
  - iii) In the instance that a tournament awards Australian Ranking points in Junior and Open events within the same tournament, athletes eligible for points in both events will have the higher number of points awarded.
  - iv) Athletes will only be permitted to compete in one age group (12/u, 14/u, 16/u or 18/u) within the same Optus Junior Tour tournament.
- (f) Small Draw Points Reductions
  - i) Draws with 4-9 athletes/pairs will receive 50% of the publicised AR points
  - ii) Draws with 10-15 athletes/pairs will receive 75% of the publicised AR points
- (g) Consolation / Feed-In Events
  - i) For singles consolation or feed-in events, points will be awarded for winners, finalists, semi-finalists and quarter-finalists only. No points will be awarded for tournaments that offer a doubles consolation event.
  - ii) Singles Consolation points will only be awarded in Optus Junior Tour tournament if 16 or more athletes compete in the main draw.
- (h) Australian Money Tournament Consolation Draw

Singles Consolation points will be awarded in Australian Money Tournaments based on the following entry numbers into the sign-in consolation event:

  - i) 8 Athletes or less = 25% of Advertised Consolation Points
  - i) 9-15 Athletes = 50% of Advertised Consolation Points
  - ii) 16-23 Athletes = 75% of Advertised Consolation Points
  - iii) 24 + Athletes = 100% of Advertised Consolation Points
- (i) Junior ITF points allocation

In line with ITF rules, on the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year all athletes who are entering their 19th birth year will lose all ITF Junior Ranking points that have been allocated towards their Australian Ranking, regardless of whether they have been earned within the previous 12 months.




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## 5) AUSTRALIAN RANKINGS POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES


2010 will see a simplified tournaments pathway in Australia, with easy to follow levels for both junior and open tournaments. Each AR tournament listed in the calendar on the following pages has been assigned an AR points level. These levels will correspond to the 2010 Australian Ranking points tables shown below. You can view your ranking at any time by going to [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au) > *Players* > *Rankings*

### (a) *12 & Under Tournaments*

 Australian Championships Nationals - Summer, Autumn & Winter	COMPASS DRAW - SINGLES														MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11 - 17	18	19 - 20	21 - 36	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	50	35	28.50	22	20	19	18	16	13	11	10	5	3.60	2.40	12.50	8.75	5.50	4
30	21	18.50	16	14	13	12	10	8	7	6	3	2.25	1.50	7.50	5.25	4	2.50	

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series is the National Junior Championships conducted by Tennis Australia. There will be four held during the year in the 12/u age group. The Summer Nationals (held on natural grass in Mildura in February), the Autumn Nationals (held on clay in Ipswich in April) and the Winter Nationals (held on Plexicushion in Brisbane in July) are a tier below the Australian Championships held on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December. These tournaments are important as participation and certain results at these events will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship.

In order to provide more quality matchplay opportunities, each Platinum series tournament in the 12/u age group will be played using the compass draw format. This draw type guarantees each athlete a minimum of four singles matches. However, athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw will be required to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The four platinum series tournaments will cater for 64 athletes in the main draw.

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	16	11	9	6	5.50	5	4.50	4	2	0.50	3.50	3	2.50	2	4	2.75	1.50	1

The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 11 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. The series includes 20 tournaments and will feature a new format of play that will allow athletes to play more quality match opportunities. The new format will require athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The compulsory consolation format will also be improved, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive).

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## 12 & Under Tournaments (cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	12	8	4	2	1	0.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1	3	2	1	0.50
<b>bronze series</b>	8	5	2	1	0.5	0.10	0.90	0.80	0.70	0.50	2	1	0.50	0.25
<b>white series</b>	5	3	1	0.50	0.25	0.05	0.45	0.40	0.35	0.25	1	0.50	0.25	0.13



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 12, 13 and 14 points tier in the 12/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 135 tournaments and will feature a new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive) and resulting in more quality match opportunities.

## (b) 14 & Under Tournaments

	COMPASS DRAW - SINGLES														MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11 - 17	18	19 - 20	21 - 36	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>platinum</b>	90	60	52.50	45	41	36	33	30	24	21	18	9	6.76	4.50	22.50	15	11.25	7.50
<i>Australian Championships</i>	70	49	42	35	32	28	26	22	18	15	12	6	3.75	2.50	17.50	12.25	8.75	5.50
<i>Nationals - Summer, Autumn &amp; Winter</i>																		

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series is the National Junior Championships conducted by Tennis Australia. There will be four held during the year in the 14/u age group. The Summer Nationals (held on natural grass in Mildura in February), the Autumn Nationals (held on clay in Ipswich in April) and the Winter Nationals (held on Plexicushion in Brisbane in July) are a tier below the Australian Championships held on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December. These tournaments are important as participation and certain results at these events will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship.

In order to provide more quality matchplay opportunities, each Platinum series tournament in the 14/u age group will be played using the compass draw format. This draw type guarantees each athlete a minimum of four singles matches. However, athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw will be required to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The Optus 14s Summer, Autumn and Winter Nationals will cater for 64 athletes in the main draw. The Optus 14s Australian Championships will also cater for 64 athletes in the main draw, but will also feature qualifying for 32 athletes.

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## 14 & Under Tournaments (cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>gold series</b>	24	17	15	12	11	10	9	8	4	1	7	6	5	4	6	4.25	3	2

The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 9 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. The series includes 20 tournaments and will feature a new format of play that will allow athletes to play more quality match opportunities. The new format will require athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The compulsory consolation format will also be improved, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive).

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	20	14	9	6	3	0.75	5.25	4.50	3.75	3	5	3.50	2.25	1.50
<b>bronze series</b>	16	11	6	4	2	0.50	3.50	3	2.50	2	4	2.75	1.50	1
<b>white series</b>	12	8	4	2	1	0.25	1.75	1.50	1.25	1	3	2	1	0.50



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 10, 11, 12 points tier in the 14/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 134 tournaments and will feature a new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive) and resulting in more quality match opportunities.

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## (c) 16 & Under Tournaments

<b>platinum</b> Australian Championships Autumn Nationals	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										QUALIFYING - SINGLES			CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Q3	Q2	Q1	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	300	225	187.50	150	135	122	109	90	60	20	10	5	0	70	67	64	60	75	56.25	37.50	22.50
180	135	112.50	90	81	73	66	60	45	15	7.50	3.75	0	55	52	49	45	45	33.75	22.50	15	

\*Please note – Athletes gaining direct acceptance into the main draw (by ranking or wildcard), but losing in the Round of 32 will still be awarded AR points.

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum Series is the National Junior Championships conducted by Tennis Australia. There will be two held during the year in the 16/u age group, the Australian Championships on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December and the Autumn Nationals on clay in Ipswich in April. These tournaments are important as participation and certain results at these events will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship. The Optus 16s Australian Singles Champions will also be rewarded with a main draw wildcard into the following years Australian Open Junior Championships.

In order to provide more quality matchplay opportunities, athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw will be required to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The Optus 16s Australian Championships will cater for 64 athletes in the qualifying and 32 athletes in the main draw. The Optus 16s Autumn Nationals will cater for 32 athletes in the qualifying and 32 athletes in the main draw.

<b>gold series</b>	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES										CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	30	21	18.50	16	14	12	11	10	6	2	8	7	6.50	6	7.50	5.25	4	2.50

The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 8 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. The series includes 20 tournaments and will feature a new format of play that will allow athletes to play more quality match opportunities. The new format will require athletes advancing to the quarter-finals of the main draw to play an additional three matches to determine who has finished in places 1 to 8. The compulsory consolation format will also be improved, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive).

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## 16 & Under Tournaments (Cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	24	17	12	8	4	1	7	6	5	4	6	4.25	3	2
<b>bronze series</b>	20	14	9	6	3	0.75	5.25	4.50	3.75	3	5	3.50	2.25	1.50
<b>white series</b>	16	11	6	4	2	0.50	3.50	3	2.50	2	4	2.75	1.50	1



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 9, 10 and 11 points tier in the 16/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 137 tournaments and will feature a new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive) and resulting in more quality match opportunities.

## (d) 18 & Under Tournaments

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						QUALIFYING - SINGLES			MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Finish 3rd in RR	Finish 4th in RR	Q3	Q2	Q1	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>platinum</b> Australian Championships	450	300	240	180	90	45	22.50	11.25	0	112.50	75	60	45

\*Please note – Athletes finishing fourth in their round-robin group without having won a match will still be awarded AR points.

The Optus Junior Tour Platinum tournament in the 18/u age group is the Optus 18s Australian Championships conducted by Tennis Australia on Plexicushion at Melbourne Park in December. 16 athletes are placed into four round-robin groups, with the top two from each group advancing to the knockout quarter-final stage. 16 athletes are accepted into qualifying for the event, with two advancing to the main draw. This tournament is important as participation at this event will help athletes towards satisfying the eligibility criteria for a National Academy scholarship. The Optus 18s Australian Singles Champions will also be rewarded with a wildcard into the following years Australian Open Men's or Women's Qualifying.

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## 18 & Under Tournaments (Cont.)

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>gold series</b>	70	49	35	22	12	4	12	7	5.25	3.50	17.50	12.25	8.75	5.50



The Optus Junior Tour Gold Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 6 points tier, but incorporating many of the same premier tournaments in each state. It is the second highest tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships. 18/u events held under the Optus Junior Tour banner must abide by the new compulsory consolation format, feeding in athletes losing between the first round and Round of 16 (inclusive). 18/u events held within an Australian Money Tournament will offer an optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the first two rounds of the main draw.

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>silver series</b>	50	35	22	16	9	3	9	5	3.75	2.50	12.50	8.75	5.50	4
<b>bronze series</b>	30	21	16	10	6	2	6	3	2.25	1.50	7.50	5.25	4	2.50
<b>white series</b>	24	17	12	8	4	1	4	2	1.50	1	6	4.25	3	2



The Optus Junior Tour Silver, Bronze and White Series is a new series of tennis tournaments held within Australia, replacing the Level 7, 8 and 9 points tier in the 18/u age group, but incorporating many of the same tournaments in each state. It is the next tier of tournaments after the Optus National Junior Championships and Gold Series events. The series includes a total of 26 tournaments held in conjunction with various Australian Money Tournaments. These 18/u events will offer an optional sign-in consolation for athletes losing in the first two rounds of the main draw.

**\*\* Points for AMT & 18/u consolation events will vary from formulas used for the junior events due to the consolation being an optional sign-in event for athletes losing in only the first two rounds of the main draw.**

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## (e) Australian Money Tournaments

	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
<b>platinum</b>	450	300	240	180	90	30	90	60	45	30	112.50	75	60	45
<b>gold series</b>	300	225	150	90	60	20	60	40	30	20	75	56.25	37.50	22.50
<b>silver series</b>	180	135	90	60	45	15	45	30	22.50	15	45	33.75	22.50	15
<b>bronze series</b>	120	90	60	45	30	10	30	20	15	10	30	22.50	15	11.25
<b>white series</b>	90	60	45	30	15	5	15	10	7.50	5	22.50	15	11.25	7.50

The Australian Money Tournaments was first introduced in 2005 with the objective to fulfill the gap for athletes' in-between finishing their junior careers and moving onto the Pro Tour. The Platinum brand is a series of 33 tournaments offering \$10,000 in total prizemoney.

The Australian Money Tournaments Gold, Silver, Bronze and White Series are a consolidation of the National Open Tournament brand. The series includes a total of 163 tournaments held in each state and territory around Australia. The points and prizemoney levels increase accordingly, with Gold Series offering a total of \$7,500 in total prizemoney, Silver Series offering \$5,000, Bronze Series offering \$3,000 and White Series offering \$1,500. Prizemoney is offered in the Men's & Women's Open Singles and Doubles categories only.

All Australian Money Tournaments will offer an optional sign-in consolation singles draw for athletes losing in the first two rounds of the main draw. *\*\* Points for AMT & 18/u consolation events will vary from formulas used for the junior events due to the consolation being an optional sign-in event for athletes losing in only the first two rounds of the main draw.*

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## (f) Ranking band events

In order to gain Australian Ranking points in a Ranking Band tournament, athletes must meet the following conditions:

- i. Compete in all four main draw singles matches. Australian Ranking points will only be granted if athletes are medically unfit to compete in all four singles matches. This must be supported by a valid medical certificate that must be received by the tournament and Tennis Australia within seven (7) days of the tournament's completion.
- ii. The Australian Ranking points distribution will be scaled based on the following entry numbers.
  - Less than 16 players - Consider cancellation of event
  - Between 16 and 31 players – 50% of advertised points to be awarded
  - Between 32 and 47 players – 75% of advertised points to be awarded
  - Between 48 and 64 players – 100% of advertised points to be awarded

Below is the Australian Ranking points table for the ranking band tournament format. Please note the AR points conditions above.

## Australian Money Tournaments – Ranking Band Points Tables

1	AMT - Tier 1		
	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	180	120	90
2nd	135	90	60
3rd	112.5	75	52.5
4th	90	60	45
5th	80	55	40
6th	70	50	35
7th	65	47.5	32.5
8th	60	45	30
9th	55	40	25
10th	53	38	23
11th	51	36	21
12th	49	34	19
13th	48	33	18
14th	47	32	17
15th	46	31	16
16th	45	30	15

2	AMT - Tier 2		
	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	45.0	30.0	22.5
2nd	33.8	22.5	15.0
3rd	28.1	18.8	13.1
4th	22.5	15.0	11.3
5th	20.0	13.8	10.0
6th	17.5	12.5	8.8
7th	16.3	11.9	8.1
8th	15.0	11.3	7.5
9th	13.8	10.0	6.3
10th	13.3	9.5	5.8
11th	12.8	9.0	5.3
12th	12.3	8.5	4.8
13th	12.0	8.3	4.5
14th	11.8	8.0	4.3
15th	11.5	7.8	4.0
16th	11.3	7.5	3.8

3	AMT - Tier 3		
	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	11.25	7.50	5.63
2nd	8.44	5.63	3.75
3rd	7.03	4.69	3.28
4th	5.63	3.75	2.81
5th	5.00	3.44	2.50
6th	4.38	3.13	2.19
7th	4.06	2.97	2.03
8th	3.75	2.81	1.88
9th	3.44	2.50	1.56
10th	3.31	2.38	1.44
11th	3.19	2.25	1.31
12th	3.06	2.13	1.19
13th	3.00	2.06	1.13
14th	2.94	2.00	1.06
15th	2.88	1.94	1.00
16th	2.81	1.88	0.94

4	AMT - Tier 4		
	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	2.81	1.88	1.41
2nd	2.11	1.41	0.94
3rd	1.76	1.17	0.82
4th	1.41	0.94	0.70
5th	1.25	0.86	0.63
6th	1.09	0.78	0.55
7th	1.02	0.74	0.51
8th	0.94	0.70	0.47
9th	0.86	0.63	0.39
10th	0.83	0.59	0.36
11th	0.80	0.56	0.33
12th	0.77	0.53	0.30
13th	0.75	0.52	0.28
14th	0.73	0.50	0.27
15th	0.72	0.48	0.25
16th	0.70	0.47	0.23



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Below is the Australian Ranking points table for the ranking band tournament format. Please note the AR points conditions on the previous page.

## Optus Junior Tour – Ranking Band Points Tables

1	16 & Under - Tier 1			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	30	24	20	16
2nd	21	17	14	11
3rd	18.5	14.5	11.5	8.5
4th	16	12	9	6
5th	14	11	8	5.5
6th	12	10	7	5
7th	11	9	6.5	4.5
8th	10	8	6	4
9th	9.5	7.5	5.5	3.75
10th	9	7	5	3.5
11th	8.5	6.5	4.5	3.25
12th	8	6	4	3
13th	7.5	5.5	3.75	2.75
14th	7	5	3.5	2.5
15th	6.5	4.5	3.25	2.25
16th	6	4	3	2

2	16 & Under - Tier 2			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	7.50	6.00	5.00	4.00
2nd	5.25	4.25	3.50	2.75
3rd	4.63	3.63	2.88	2.13
4th	4.00	3.00	2.25	1.50
5th	3.50	2.75	2.00	1.38
6th	3.00	2.50	1.75	1.25
7th	2.75	2.25	1.63	1.13
8th	2.50	2.00	1.50	1.00
9th	2.38	1.88	1.38	0.94
10th	2.25	1.75	1.25	0.88
11th	2.13	1.63	1.13	0.81
12th	2.00	1.50	1.00	0.75
13th	1.88	1.38	0.94	0.69
14th	1.75	1.25	0.88	0.63
15th	1.63	1.13	0.81	0.56
16th	1.50	1.00	0.75	0.50

3	Age Exempt - Tier 3			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	1.88	1.50	1.25	1.00
2nd	1.31	1.06	0.88	0.69
3rd	1.16	0.91	0.72	0.53
4th	1.00	0.75	0.56	0.38
5th	0.88	0.69	0.50	0.34
6th	0.75	0.63	0.44	0.31
7th	0.69	0.56	0.41	0.28
8th	0.63	0.50	0.38	0.25
9th	0.59	0.47	0.34	0.23
10th	0.56	0.44	0.31	0.22
11th	0.53	0.41	0.28	0.20
12th	0.50	0.38	0.25	0.19
13th	0.47	0.34	0.23	0.17
14th	0.44	0.31	0.22	0.16
15th	0.41	0.28	0.20	0.14
16th	0.38	0.25	0.19	0.13

4	Age Exempt - Tier 4			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	White
1st	0.47	0.38	0.31	0.25
2nd	0.33	0.27	0.22	0.17
3rd	0.29	0.23	0.18	0.13
4th	0.25	0.19	0.14	0.09
5th	0.22	0.17	0.13	0.09
6th	0.19	0.16	0.11	0.08
7th	0.17	0.14	0.10	0.07
8th	0.16	0.13	0.09	0.06
9th	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.06
10th	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.05
11th	0.133	0.102	0.070	0.051
12th	0.125	0.094	0.063	0.047
13th	0.117	0.086	0.059	0.043
14th	0.109	0.078	0.055	0.039
15th	0.102	0.070	0.051	0.035
16th	0.094	0.063	0.047	0.031

\*Please note that Tier 1 & Tier 2 of a junior ranking band tournament will be classified as a 16/u age group tournament. Only players that are 13 years and older will gain Australian Ranking points if they are in Tier 1 and Tier 2 of a junior ranking band event as per Rule 3(b). Australian Ranking points in Tier 3 and Tier 4 of a junior ranking band event will be age exempt.

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## (g) Optus 12s & 14s Australian Teams Championship

The Optus 12s & 14s Australian Teams Event will be conducted in November and December at Melbourne Park with a maximum of ten (10) teams competing. The competition will comprise of a team from each Australian state/territory and two (2) international teams. Each team will be allowed to nominate a maximum of three (3) athletes. The following points table and rules will apply for Australian athletes in this event. AR points accrued at the Optus 12s or 14s Australian Teams Championships will count as one singles result.

<i>Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships</i>	Round Robin #1	Round Robin #2	Round Robin #3	Round Robin #4	Playoff Matches *	Semi-Finals	Final	Bonus Points**
<i>No.1 Singles Rubber</i>	2	2	2	2	2	4	8	10
<i>No.2 Singles Rubber</i>	1	1	1	1	1	2	4	5
<i>Doubles - Deciding Match</i>	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1	2	2.50
<i>Doubles - Dead Rubber</i>	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.50	1	

<i>Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships</i>	Round Robin #1	Round Robin #2	Round Robin #3	Round Robin #4	Playoff Matches *	Semi-Finals	Final	Bonus Points**
<i>No.1 Singles Rubber</i>	5	5	5	5	5	10	20	20
<i>No.2 Singles Rubber</i>	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	5	10	10
<i>Doubles - Deciding Match</i>	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	2.50	5	5
<i>Doubles - Dead Rubber</i>	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.25	2.50	

\* *Playoff Matches* – Ties that determine if a team finishes in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> positions. These ties are played after the round-robin phase of the tournament.

\*\* *Singles Bonus Points* – Athletes must win a minimum of five singles matches and be part of the winning team in order to earn the Bonus Points. If an athlete wins the required amount of singles matches to earn the bonus points, but has played at either No.1 or No.2, bonus points will be based by the greater number of matches played at the No.1 or No.2 position.

\*\* *Doubles Bonus Points* – Athletes must be a part of a minimum of five winning doubles matches (regardless if they are dead or deciding rubbers) and be part of the winning team in order to earn the Bonus Points.

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## (h) School Sport Australia 12/u Tennis Championships (Bruce Cup)

The Bruce Cup is a state representative team's event for athletes aged 12s & under played in September/October each year. For athletes to be eligible, they must compete in the regional trials and still be registered and attending a legitimate school program. AR points accrued at the Bruce Cup will count as one singles result. The following Australian Ranking point's breakdown will apply for this prestigious team's event –

<i>Bruce Cup</i>	Round Robin #1	Round Robin #2	Round Robin #3	Round Robin #4	Round Robin #5	Round Robin #6	Round Robin #7
<i>No.1 Singles Rubber</i>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<i>No.2 Singles Rubber</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>No.3 Singles Rubber</i>	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
<i>No.4 Singles Rubber</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>No.5 Singles Rubber</i>	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
<i>No.6 Singles Rubber</i>	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50



*Please note that there are no bonus team points awarded on where your team finishes. There are also no points awarded for doubles or mixed doubles matches.*

## (i) School Sport Australia 19/u Tennis Championships (Pizzey Cup)

The Pizzey Cup is a state representative team's event for athletes aged 19s & under played in May/June each year. For athletes to be eligible, they must compete in the regional trials and still be registered and attending a legitimate school program. The following Australian Ranking point's breakdown will apply for the individual event (the Tennis Australia Cup) only. As agreed with School Sport Australia prior to the event, here will be no Australian Ranking points awarded to the team event aspect of the Pizzey Cup.

<i>Pizzey Cup (Tennis Australia Cup - Individual Event)</i>	MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES			
	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
	50	35	22	16	9	3	9	5	3.75	2.50

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## (j) Conversion of ITF Junior Circuit Points

The ITF Junior Circuit is comprised of the best international junior tournaments staged by its Member nations worldwide. In 2011, only Boys and Girls born between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1998 may participate. However, athletes may not participate unless they have reached their 13th birthday before the start of the Main Draw. An athlete's total ranking points (both singles & doubles) on the ITF World Junior Circuit will be multiplied by three (3) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking singles result. To view more information about the ITF Junior Circuit, go to <http://www.itftennis.com/juniors/>

## (k) Australian ITF Junior Events - Qualifying

JUNIOR ITF - QUALIFYING			
	Main Draw Round of 32	Main Draw Round of 64	Qualifying Final Round
Grade A	Junior ITF Points	Junior ITF Points	Junior ITF Points
Grade 1	Junior ITF Points	30	0
Grade 2	20	0	0
Grade 3	15	0	0
Grade 4	10	0	0
Grade 5	5	0	0



There are a total of eight Junior ITF Tournaments held in Australia each year. Outside of the Grade A and Grade 1 events in January, Junior ITF points are not awarded until an athlete has won through to the Round of 16.

The following points table on the left represents the allocation of Australian Ranking points for athletes failing to reach the Round of 16 of the main draw singles at the other six Junior ITF tournaments held in Australia in 2011.

## (l) Conversion of ATP/WTA Tour Points

An athlete's total singles ranking points on the ATP/WTA tour will be multiplied by five-hundred (500) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking singles result. An athlete's total doubles ranking points on the ATP/WTA tour will be multiplied by fifteen (15) and stand as one (1) Australian Ranking doubles result.

## (m) ITF Pro Circuit Events – Qualifying Points Table

PRO TOUR - QUALIFYING			
	Main Draw Round of 32	Qualifying Round 3	Qualifying Round 2
\$25,000 and above	ATP / WTA Points	250	125
\$15,000 and below	200	100	50

The following points table above represents the allocation of Australian Ranking points for athletes failing to acquire ATP/WTA points in the main draw singles at any Pro Tour event (i.e. Satellite, Futures or Challenger) held in Australia and internationally during 2011. The above table has been devised based upon a 64-draw qualifying event.

For 128-draw qualifying events, athletes reaching the final round will be awarded Qualifying Round 3 points, athletes reaching the Qualifying Round of 32 will be awarded Qualifying Round 2 points and athletes losing in the Round of 128 or Round of 64 of qualifying will not be awarded any Australian Ranking points.

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## (n) Tennis Europe Junior Tour

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour is divided into three age groups; under-16s, under-14s and (since 2000) under-12s. In 2010, these three categories combined for a total of some 300+ tournaments, staged across 43 of the 49 member nations of Tennis Europe. **Tennis Australia will convert results achieved by Australian's in the U/16 and U/14 events only.** 16/14 & Under Tour events are played at three levels, ranging from the elite Category 1 events, which attract the strongest draws, to the more numerous and accessible Category 2 and 3 events. Boys and girls events in both singles and doubles events are held at all tournaments, with some offering additional consolation tournaments for early losers. Player parties, cultural exchanges and tourist trips during events encourage all players to focus on more than just their results.

An athlete's performance on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour will be devised based on the following conversion to the Australian Rankings Points Table. This tour will convert to one (1) Australian Ranking singles result. To view more information about the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, go to <http://www.tenniseurope.org>



### Under 16 Tournaments

Category 1 = AMT

**silver series**

MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
180	135	90	60	45	15	45	30	22.50	15	45	33.75	22.50	15
120	90	60	45	30	10	30	20	15	10	30	22.50	15	11.25
90	60	45	30	15	5	15	10	7.50	5	22.50	15	11.25	7.50

Category 2 = AMT

**bronze series**

Category 3 = AMT

**white series**



### Under 14 Tournaments

Category 1 = AMT

**white series**

Category 2 = 18/U

**silver series**

Category 3 = 18/U

**bronze series**

MAIN DRAW - SINGLES						CONSOLATION - SINGLES				MAIN DRAW - DOUBLES (each player)			
Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Round of 16	Round of 32	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist	Winner	Finalist	Semi Finalist	Quarter Finalist
90	60	45	30	15	5	15	10	7.50	5	22.50	15	11.25	7.50
70	49	35	22	12	4	12	7	5.25	3.50	17.50	12.25	8.75	5.50
50	35	22	16	9	3	9	5	3.75	2.50	12.50	8.75	5.50	4

## 6) PROTECTED AUSTRALIAN RANKING

### (a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a Protected Australian Ranking, an athlete:

- Must have been out of competition a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of two (2) years; and
- Must be ranked inside the Top 500 at the time they stopped playing

### (b) Application Procedure and Timing

#### i) Request due to Injury/Illness

All injury/illness Protected Ranking applicants must complete a Protected Ranking Application form and submit to Tennis Australia –

- within six (6) months after their last Australian Ranking tournament played before being out of competition; and
- No less than 10 business days before they plan to enter an event with their Protected Ranking for the first time.

The signed Protected Ranking Application form must be submitted to Tennis Australia for the approval of a Protected Ranking status along with the following medical documentation:

- The diagnosis of condition;
- Evidence of clinical visit(s);
- Physicians notes/documentation (subject to applicable laws); and
- All relevant laboratory tests and applicable surgical reports.

If an athlete is requesting a Protected Ranking due to more than one (1) injury, every one (1) of these injuries must be documented.

#### ii) Request due to Pregnancy

Maternity and injury/illness Protected Ranking requests will be governed by the same rules. However, in cases of absences due to maternity leave, for an athlete to be eligible for a Protected Ranking, the athlete must be ready to play her first tournament within 12 months of the birth of her child.

#### iii) Medical Documentation Handling and Requests for Subsequent Medical Status Reports

Subsequent medical status reports may be requested by Tennis Australia, and if an athlete fails to comply promptly with such requests, Tennis Australia may revoke their Protected Ranking status. All medical documentation will be provided to the Tournaments & Competitions Department to be kept in the athlete's confidential medical file and will not be released to any third party without the athlete's prior written approval.



## (c) Usage Criteria and Guidelines

### i) Definition

An athlete's Protected Ranking will be the ranking they earned immediately after the points of the last Tournament they played are added to the Australian Rankings.

### ii) Number of Tournaments and Timing

An athlete will be granted a Protected Ranking for four (4) Australian Ranking Tournaments or three (3) months (whichever comes first) in which to use their Protected Ranking.

## (d) Procedures

### i) Mandatory Out-of-competition Period

The six-month mandatory out-of-competition period is calculated using the last day of the last tournament an athlete played, whether in singles or in doubles.

The earliest an athlete may return to competition is at a tournament scheduled to start after the six-month period expires.

### ii) Tournament Entry and Acceptance

All requests for use of a Protected Ranking in Australian Ranking Tournaments must be received by Tennis Australia before the advertised tournament entry deadline. No requests received after the entry deadlines will be considered.

## (e) Using the Protected Ranking

### i) Interchange Protected Ranking with actual Australian Ranking

An athlete may use their Protected Ranking and actual Australian Ranking interchangeably; however, once an athlete designates which ranking they are using to enter a Tournament, they may not change the designation after the entry deadline. It should be noted that in instances where multiple athletes with the same ranking enter the same Tournament, for acceptance purposes, an athlete using the actual Australian Ranking shall supersede an athlete using their Protected Ranking.

### ii) National Junior Championships

An athlete may enter a maximum of one (1) National Junior Championship using their Protected Ranking as part of their four (4) Protected Ranking Tournaments. However, a Protected Ranking may not be used to gain entry into either the Optus 12s, 14s, 16s or 18s Australian Championships at Melbourne Park each December.

### iii) Tournament Withdrawal Prior to Playing a Match

If an athlete has been accepted into an event using their Protected Ranking but withdraws from the tournament before they play their first match in that event, it will not count as a Protected Ranking tournament. An athlete will, however, be responsible for any code violations for late withdrawals or no-shows.

### iv) Wild Cards

If an athlete has been accepted into a Main Draw event using their Protected Ranking, they may not accept a Wild Card into the same event. However, an athlete accepted into the Qualifying of a Tournament using their Protected Ranking may accept a Wild Card into the Main Draw up until the close of Qualifying Sign-In.

v) Seeding

An athlete may be seeded using their actual Australian Ranking even if they have been accepted into the Tournament using their Protected Ranking.

vi) Lucky Loser Status

An athlete's Protected Ranking may be used to determine their Lucky Loser status. It must be noted that the order of ranked losers from the final round of qualifying shall be randomly drawn. Ranked athletes from the final round of qualifying will be drawn separately to unranked athletes and have the higher priority when determining a lucky loser(s).

(f) Athlete Responsibilities

i) Athlete Responsibilities

Upon their return, the athlete is obligated to report to Tennis Australia the first tournament they actually play, whether they are accepted using their Protected Ranking, actual Australian Ranking or a Wild Card.

ii) Tracking Tournament Usage

It will be the athlete's responsibility to track the number of tournaments in which they use their Protected Ranking. An athlete will forfeit all ranking points earned over and above the four (4) allowed Australian Ranking Tournaments under this policy.

iii) Abuse of Protected Ranking Privilege

If the Protected Ranking privileges are abused, the athlete's Protected Ranking will be revoked automatically.

## 7) PLAYING 'IN AGE' AT NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

All athletes must play 'in age' at National Championships (12s, 14s, 16s) when these tournaments are played concurrently. Once an athlete wins a National Championship, they can apply to Tennis Australia to play out of age when age group nationals are placed concurrently. This application will be assessed by Tennis Australia's Selection Panel. If national championships are not played concurrently, athletes can play in older age group championships.

## 8) AMENDMENTS

The Australian Ranking Guidelines may only 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 Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the Tennis Australia website – [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au)