

1. OVERVIEW

The People with an Intellectual Disability (PWID) Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis athletes with an intellectual disability 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. PWID Australian Rankings will be effective as of 1 January 2010. No results achieved prior to that time will be taken into consideration.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in a PWID Australian Ranking tournament after 1 January 2010 and satisfied the point accumulation requirements (set out in section 1b below) are eligible for a PWID 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 PWID Australian Ranking.

a) RANKING CALCULATION METHOD

An athlete's PWID Australian Ranking is calculated using the best two (2) singles results plus their best two (2) doubles result:

PWID Australian Ranking will be effective as of 1 January 2010. The official PWID 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 PWID Australian Ranking. Once this 12 month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athlete's PWID Australian Ranking e.g. player A is a finalist in the Australian Tennis Championships in January 2010 and acquires 35 PWID Australian Ranking points. These points will cease to contribute to player A's PWID Australian Ranking at the beginning of February 2011.

b) 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 shall have the higher ranking. If the tie is not broken then,
- ii) The highest number of points from each athlete's best singles tournament, then, if needed, the second best, and so on, and if still tied, then
- iii) Drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

c) RELEASE DATE

The PWID Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated at the end of each PWID Australian Ranking tournament on the Tennis Australia website. www.tennis.com.au 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 btierney@tennis.com.au Any such email must be received no later than seven (7) days after the applicable release of the updated PWID Australian Ranking. After this time, amendments will not be made until the next PWID Australian Ranking is released.

3. PWID AUSTRALIAN RANKING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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

a) AUSTRALIAN TOURNAMENTS

- i) Platinum
 - Australian Tennis Championships – (national tournament, formerly known as Tennis Australian Classic)
 - International Tennis Championships – (INAS-FID World Championships/Global Games). Singles results will contribute only.
- ii) Gold
 - Victorian Tennis Championships – (formerly known as Victorian Hardcourt Championships)
 - NSW Tennis Championships
 - Queensland Tennis Championships
 - SA Tennis Championships – (formerly known as Tennis SA Classic)
- iii) Silver
 - (additional tournaments may be added to the calendar as required and will enter the calendar at silver level in the 1st year)

4. POINTS ALLOCATION – GUIDELINES

a) ALLOCATION OF SINGLES POINTS

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

b) ALLOCATION OF DOUBLES POINTS

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

- i) Doubles points are worth 25 per cent of the singles points allocation.
- ii) PWID Australian Ranking points will be awarded from fourth place provided eight (8) men's teams play a match in that tournament.
- iii) PWID Australian Ranking points will be awarded from fourth place provided six (6) women's teams play a match in that tournament.
- iv) No PWID 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 round. Advancement by virtue of a retirement following the commencement of a match is the equivalent to winning a round.
- ii) No PWID 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 PWID 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 lose all PWID 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 semifinal spots have been determined when the tournament is abandoned, all relevant athletes will only receive quarterfinal points since the quarterfinal 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 among the two athletes/teams.

e) POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES

i. Men's allocation table

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Australian Tennis Championships
International Tennis Championships

Draw size	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	QF
24 +	50	35	28.50	22	16
16 - 23	50	35	28.50	22	
8-15	35	28.50	22	16	
< 8	35	28.50			

gold series

Victorian Tennis Championships
NSW Tennis Championships
SA Tennis Championships
Queensland Tennis Championships

Draw size	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	QF
24 +	30	21	16	14	8
16 - 23	30	21	16	14	
8 - 15	21	16	14	8	
< 8	21	16			

i. Women's allocation table

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Australian Tennis Championships
International Tennis Championships

Draw size	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	QF
10 +	50	35	28.50	22	16
6 - 9	35	28.50	22	16	
< 6	35	28.50			

gold series

Victorian Tennis Championships NSW
Tennis Championships
SA Tennis Championships
Queensland Tennis Championships

Draw size	Winner	Finalist	3rd	4th	QF
10 +	30	21	16	14	8
6 - 9	21	16	14	8	
< 6	21	16			

5. TENNIS AUSTRALIA'S DECISIONS

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

6. AMENDMENTS

The PWID 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 PWID Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the Tennis Australia website – tennis.com.au. (Rankings and tournament levels were amended in Feb 2013)