

Return to Australian Ranking Tournaments FAQs

When will Australian Ranking Tournaments return?

Australian Ranking (AR) Tournaments will return in January 2021, with the first tournaments expected to commence on 2 January 2021.

Tournaments will be required to follow government restrictions in place in their respective State/Territory and provide relevant information around these restrictions to entered players.

What happens if I can't play Australian Ranking Tournaments in my state/territory due to government restrictions?

Your UTR (Universal Tennis Rating), which will be used for entry acceptance into AR Tournaments, should remain virtually unchanged while you are unable to play. This should not affect your entry into future AR Tournaments when your state/territory is able to host AR Tournaments again, as the UTR will be used for your entry acceptance.

Tennis Australia and your state tennis body also has the option to use discretionary seeding based off the UTR if they feel that the player has not had the opportunity to gain Australian Ranking points due to government restrictions halting AR Tournaments in that state/territory.

When will the Australian Ranking tournaments calendar be released?

The 2021 AR calendar will be released shortly. This calendar will only display AR Tournaments between 1 January and the end of March 2021.

An update to the AR calendar for April to the June/July School Holidays in each State/Territory will be released in February 2021.

Why are we using the UTR for entry acceptance?

As AR Tournaments have been suspended in each State/Territory since March 2020 it is thought that the UTR rating would be a more accurate reflection of a player's current standing at this time. Players have had more opportunities to play UTR events during this time therefore giving a better indication of how a player is currently rated.

How will this work?

Tennis Australia will work with the UTR weekly to gain the most up-to-date list to determine the entry acceptance into the AR Tournament as at the time of the Entry Deadline.

Why are we using the Australian Rankings for seedings?

The Australian Rankings have been the predominant means of establishing a player's level since its inception in 2008.

Players have been committed to securing their current Australian Rankings and as such should still be rewarded for the ranking that they have attained. Rankings are also a strong indicator of performance in the tournament environment specifically, so recognise historic performance in similar events.

Will the UTR replace the Australian Rankings?

Not at this stage. Tennis Australia will continue to employ both the UTR and the Australian Rankings in a side-by-side comparison until such times as we have confirmed a solid outcome from the Competitive Play Review.

How can I improve my UTR?

Tennis Australia encourages players to participate in a good mix of both individual and team tennis; playing against better players as well as players with a lower rating can help improve your rating. Tennis Australia is currently working towards all competition and tournament results being counted towards your UTR.

How does the suspension of the Australian Rankings in 2020 affect 2021?

The Australian Rankings have been suspended since Week 11-2020. This suspension included results from AR Tournaments earned between week 12-2019 until week 11-2020 (52 weeks).

To allow all players the opportunity to keep these AR points and their Australian Ranking, Tennis Australia will extend the drop date of these results by 52 weeks.

For Example:

Results from a tournament played in week 30-2019 should have dropped off the Australian Rankings in week 29-2020, however the new drop date for these results to come off a player's Australian Ranking will now be week 29-2021.

When will AMT Platinum & Gold and JT Gold tournaments return?

A decision on the return of AMT Platinum & Gold tournaments and JT Gold tournaments will be based on the return of unrestricted travel across the country and domestic borders being open, allowing all players the opportunity to participate in these higher level tournaments.

While we ease back into AR Tournaments after a 10-month suspension of the AR calendar, we encourage players to remain local within their means and to access these tournament opportunities, at all times following the government restrictions in place in their State/Territory. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Will the Australian Claycourt / Grasscourt / Teams Championships still be played?

The Australian Claycourt, Grasscourt and Teams Championships are still planned to go ahead for 2021.

How will we gain access to the Australian Claycourt / Grasscourt Championships?

As with AR Tournaments, the acceptance into these Championships will also be based on a player's UTR.

Further information will be released when entries open for these Australian Championships.

Will there still be qualifying events for the Australian Claycourt / Grasscourt Championships in each State/Territory?

Each State/Territory has the opportunity to conduct qualifying events for these Championships as they have previously. It will be at the discretion of each State/Territory Member Association if they can host these events.

When will the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors come back?

ITF World Tennis Tour junior tournaments will return to Australia with the traditional April tournaments in Victoria, including the Gallipoli Cup. We are still working through with the ITF on what status these events will have.

When will the ITF World Tennis Tour come back?

Tennis Australia is continually working with the International Tours (ITF, ATP and WTA) on the return of Australian Pro Tour events to Australia post January 2021.

Whilst the international borders remain closed in the foreseeable future, we continue to discuss and evaluate what hosting possibilities could open up during the course of 2021.