

World Singles Ranking Points (Ladies) System

The ranking system is primarily designed to determine seedings for certain T&RA/NARA sanctioned singles tournaments AND for determining whether a player should be eligible for a World Singles Championship Challenge or Eliminator match. The rules governing the system were written by a Sub Committee of the T&RA Rackets Committee and can be found on the "Ranking rules" link on the Rankings Homepage. The system, launched in April 2020, is based on actual results collected since 2011.

Qualifying Tournaments

The **World Singles Ranking Points (Ladies)** is a system whereby players (amateur or professional) have the opportunity to gain points in tournaments each season that fall under the classification of being a Singles Qualifying Tournament (QT). These events are tiered from 1 to 3. Tier 1 tournaments carry the most weighting and Tier 3 the least. The total number of points available in a particular tournament will be dictated solely by its weighting for the time being. As more tournaments are added on the Ladies Rackets calendar (in the near future), the intention is to take into account the quality of the draw. In light of developments in the women's game we have amended the ranking points system effective of 2024/25 with new tournaments carrying weighting, and, in the interests of fairness, school girls tournaments no longer carrying ranking points. Players aged 16+ should be encouraged to enter senior tournaments with the sanctioning of their school professional or representative.

The Tier system is displayed below:

- a. Ladies British Open (4.0 weighting)
- b. World Championships (6.0 weighting)
- c. British Amateur (2.0 weighting)
- d. US Invitational (1.5 weighting)

Scoring points

It is only possible to win ranking points if a player progresses to the quarter-finals or better of a QT. The rewarding of points goes as follows:

Winner of the tournament	10 x Rating of event
Runner-up	6 x Rating of event
Losing semi-finalists	3 x Rating of event
Losing quarter-finalists	1 x Rating of event

Rating of the event: Tier 1 tournaments will be rated 4 or 6; Tier 2 as 2 and Tier 3 as 2 or 1.5.

For example: The Winner of the Ladies British Open would receive $10 \times 4 = 40$ World Ranking (WR) Points. The Runner Up would receive $6 \times 4 = 24$ WR Points. Both semi-finalists would receive $3 \times 4 = 12$ WR Points and each quarter-finalists would receive $1 \times 4 = 4$ WR Points.

Eliminator and Challenge matches for the World Singles Championship will be entered into the ranking system. Additional ranking points will be awarded as follows:

- a. The player who wins the World Singles Challenge Match will be awarded 60 points
- b. The runner up in the World Singles Challenge Match will be awarded 36 points
- c. The runner(s) up in any World Singles Championship Eliminator Match(es) will be awarded 18 points

After each ranked event the ranking will be updated, after which they will be displayed online on <https://www.tennisandrackets.com/rackets/singles-world-championships-ladies>. For the next tournament, the date from which the rankings were taken, which will be the closing date for entries, will be published on the draw. The date on which the latest updates were made will also be displayed. It is essential that Tournament Organisers use the most current rankings for seeding their tournament; in the event of doubt, please email the T&RA office.

Seeding

It is recommended that Tournament Organisers follow the T&RA Tournament Rules & Procedures whereby approximately one in three entrants in an event would be seeded. This means that seeds 1 & 2 shall be placed at the top and bottom of the draw and seeds 3 & 4 shall be drawn to potentially play seeds 1 & 2 in the semi-finals. Seeds 5, 6, 7 & 8 shall be drawn to potentially play seeds 1, 2, 3 & 4 in the quarter finals.

Erosion

The Ladies Ranking Points System is based on results in the previous three-year cycle, using an erosion algorithm. All ranking points gained in a twelve-month rolling cycle will count fully towards an individual's ranking. Points gained in the prior twelve months rolling cycle will be eroded by a factor of one third. Points gained in the preceding twelve months will be eroded by a factor of two thirds. A player's points erode to zero for an individual event three years on from the point in which they were awarded.

For example: At the end of the 2025 season a player's ranking points will be the sum of the following: Points gained in season 2025 + ($\frac{2}{3}$ x Points gained in season 2024) + ($\frac{1}{3}$ x Points gained in season 2023).

World Singles Challenge & Eliminator

Points gained by a player in a QT will count towards her standing on the World Singles Ranking Points (Ladies) System, reflecting how the players currently stand in the race to qualify for the next Eliminator and/or Challenge Match. Invitations to participate in the next Eliminator(s) match(es) for the World Singles Championships will therefore be solely based on the World Singles Ranking Points (Ladies) standings, taken at a cut off date previously set by the T&RA.

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