



ICSD Tennis Rankings

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1. Introduction

The ICSD Tennis Rankings have been created and modified especially for ICSD Tennis with the help of the Rankings in WTA (Women's Tennis Association), ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) and the ATP World Team Championships.

The Singles and Doubles Rankings will be created, actualized and published separately by gender and competition at the end of each calendar year by the ICSD Tennis Director.

In the following the word "player" is to be equated with male player and female player. Differences specific for gender are to be renounced here.

2 Eligibility for inclusion

2.1 Minimum number of competitions

In order to achieve the Ranking a player must earn points from a minimum two of the in 2.2 named ICSD approved competitions over a four-year period.

2.2 Approved competitions for the Ranking assessment

To fulfil the purpose of the ranking rules, the following competitions are recognized (in singles as well as in doubles) by the ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf):

- **Summer Deaflympics**
(Deaf Tennis competitions in singles and doubles during the Summer Deaflympics)
- **ICSD World Deaf Tennis Championships**
- **Regional Confederation Deaf Tennis Championships or Regional Confederation Deaf Games**
in the regions Panamdes, Europe, Africa and AsiaPacific
- **Deaf Tennis Open Competitions**
(Named as "<country> Deaf Tennis Open" or "<city> Deaf Tennis Open")

All competitions listed above except the Deaf Tennis Open Competitions take part every 4 years.

3 Applicability to approved competitions

Every player who owns a valid player's ICSD ID may take part in the competitions which are approved by the ICSD.

If the ICSD Technical Regulations in Tennis and the international valid rules of ITF (International Tennis Federation) are obeyed, all results of these competitions which have been confirmed by the respective competition organisations with valid signature are to be put down in the Rankings by the ICSD Tennis Director.

Competition points for a played competition are determined only in the concerning rounds whose number is listed in the point table (see 4.1.2).

Other matches in the rounds which are not covered in the point table completely are not counted as a carried-out competition and also not as played competition points.

4 ICSD Tennis Rankings

4.1 The Ranking system

The ICSD Tennis Ranking is a worldwide valid Ranking for women and men in single and double competitions in Tennis.

It is a Ranking system which shows the achievements of the players with the help of the ranking points from the direct match in tabular form.

The results serve to return the highest-ranking points of the player in the time of the last four years. The ranking evaluation determines the admission of the player in the draw and in the seeding list for the concerning competition.

The competition management as well as the upper referee may request for the updated Single and Double as well as the Mixed Double Rankings from the ICSD Tennis Director at the latest one week before beginning of the competition draw by email.

The ICSD Tennis Rankings is acquired electronically (by computer) and published by the ICSD Tennis Director.

4.1.1 Structure of the Ranking system

The ICSD Tennis Ranking will be structured by following schemata:

No.	Name	Country	Names of the competition	Total Points
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The structure of this ranking is the same for singles as well as for doubles.

4.1.2 Ranking points

The ranking points overview is divided into Men / Women, Boys / Girls (individual) and Team and will be used for the period of four years or after the decision by the ICSD Tennis Director.

The results of the Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be listed together in the Doubles rankings.

4.1.3 Men's and Women's competitions (individual)

	Winner	Runner Up	*3/4	5/8	9/16	17/32	33/64	65/128
Summer Deaflympics	1200	1000	880/800	600	400	200	100	50
World Championships	1100	900	780/700	500	300	150	75	35
Regional Championships								
EDSO	1000	800	680/600	400	200	100	50	25
APDSC	950	750	630/550	350	150	75	40	20
PANAMDES	900	700	580/500	300	100	50	25	12
CADS	700	500	380/300	100	50	25	12	6
Open Competitions	500	300	230/150	75	40	20	10	5

* At every competition the player who has won the 3rd place he/she receive more points than the opponent who get the 4th place, only if the match for the 3rd / 4th place will be conducted.

If there is no match for 3rd / 4th place, then get the 3rd place and the points which are marked second.

Notes:

- 1) During the Summer Deaflympics and the Open Championships no consolation matches will be played.
- 2) The competition points from the main and consolation round will be added and awarded to the players who have played in the consolation round.
- 3) The competition points of the preceding rounds will not be added with the points of the finished round, but the competition points will be awarded only for the finished round to the player!
- 4) In Doubles, the doubles pairs divide their competition points by two always.

Ranking points for consolation round (individual):

	Winner	Runner Up	3	5/8	9/16	17/32	33/64
World Championships	60	50	40	30	20	10	5
Regional Championships							
EDSO	40	30	20	15	10	5	3
APDSC	30	20	15	12	8	4	2
PANAMDES	20	12	8	6	5	3	1
CADS	10	8	6	4	3	2	1

During the Summer Deaflympics and the Open Championships no consolation matches will be played.

4.1.4 Boys' and Girls' competitions (individual)

	Winner	Runner Up	* 3/4	5/8	9/16	17/32
Youth Games	1000	800	680/600	400	200	100
World Championships	900	700	580/500	300	150	75
Regional Championships						
EDSO	800	600	480/400	200	100	50
APDSC	750	550	430/350	150	75	40
PANAMDES	700	500	380/300	120	60	30
CADS	500	300	180/100	75	40	20
Open Tournaments	300	200	120/80	50	25	15

* At every competition the player who has won the 3rd place he/she receive more points than the opponent who get the 4th place, only if the match for the 3rd / 4th place will be conducted. If there is no match for 3rd / 4th place, then get the 3rd place and the points which are marked second.

Notes:

- 1) The competition points of the preceding rounds will **not be added** with the competition points of the finished round, but the competition points will award only for the finished round to the player.
- 2) In every youth competition no consolation match will be played!
- 3) In individual Youth competitions the K.O. system and the Robin rounds will be accepted for ranking points.
- 4) In each system with max. 8 participants minimum four (4) participants / pairings will be accepted for ranking points.
- 5) In Doubles, the doubles pairs divide their competition points by two always.

4.1.5 Team competition – Dresse & Maere Tennis Cup

Match type	Each round robin and placement match	Semifinals	3 rd /4 th place	Finals	Max. possible points
Singles 1	35	45	60	75	390
Singles 2	25	35	50	65	300
Deciding match (doubles)	20	30	45	60	255
Dead rubber (doubles)	10	15	20	30	125

Note:

- Players who only play the finals will be awarded points from the previous round.
- The summary of the Team singles and Team doubles matches in the Team ranking list will be calculated with **50%** only for the Singles and Doubles ranking lists!
The results after the calculation will be rounded up.

Dead rubber is a term used in sporting parlance to describe a match in a series where the series result has already been decided by earlier matches. The dead rubber match therefore has no effect on the winner and loser of the series, other than the total number of matches won and lost.

4.2 Deaflympics Qualification

Tennis athletes who want to participate in the Deaflympics must follow the following qualification criteria:

Event	Number of entries per country	Number of entries per country if marked top 50	Wildcard	Maximum number of entries
Men Singles	2	4	4	128
Women Singles	2	4	4	128
Men Doubles	2	4	4	64
Women Doubles	2	4	4	64
Mixed Doubles	2	4	4	128

Participants:

1. A maximum of six athletes per gender from the same NDSF will be allowed to participate
2. A maximum of 2 singles per gender from the same NDSF.
A maximum of 4 per gender if the 3rd and 4th players are top 50 in the ranking list.
3. A maximum of 2 doubles per gender from the same NDSF.
A maximum of 4 pairs if the 3rd and 4th pairs are top 50 in the ranking list.
4. A maximum of 2 mixed doubles from the same NDSF.
A maximum of 4 pairs if the 3rd and 4th pairs are top 50 in the ranking list.
5. A maximum of 1 team from the same NDSF.

4.3 Deaf Youth Games Qualification

For Youth Tennis athletes there is no qualification needed for the Deaf Youth Games.

4.4 General rules

4.4.1 Ranking

The players are listed on the base of her whole point score (competition points) in Singles and Doubles Ranking.

4.4.2 Eligibility

The players have to take part in at least two valid competitions within four years so that they can be taken up in the Ranking evaluation.

Players who are less than 14 years old may not be taken up in the Ranking evaluation.

If, nevertheless, an appropriated application together with the medical certificate and consent explanation of the parents is submitted, the ICSD Tennis Director will decide over the admission of the player who less than 14 years old. If the ICSD Tennis Director has decided for this player the point assignment is valid.

If a player plays single or double during a competition and fulfils the age eligibility rule (see "Age Eligibility Rule for ICSD Tennis Competitions") fully, the points which he has acquired will be awarded to him for the respective Ranking.

4.4.3 Byes

If a player receives one or several byes and loses her first played match, this player gets only the competition points from the lost first round as well as the prize money only for the first round.

If a player receives one or several byes and does not line up in the next round, no competition points will be awarded to him and he is not allowed to play other competition matches. Also, this player gets no prize money.

4.4.4 Disciplinary reprimands

A disciplinary reprimand is covered by an upper referee or by the ICSD Tennis Director to a player if this player has not followed the ICSD Technical Regularies in Tennis and ITF rules before or during the competition.

A player, who has received a disciplinary reprimand in a round except the first round, after he has played and won a match, receives competition points of the previous match only.

Players, which get a disciplinary reprimand during the competition, before they play her first match, get no points.

4.4.5 Cancellations

If the competition should be cancelled due to the bad weather and not be carried out any more, ranking points for the first round to all players.

If the match, which has been begun and however should be broken off before the competition has been finished, the players get ranking points for the just achieved round.

In addition to it, if the first round has been concluded completely, all players get their ranking points which they have reached during the last complete round and the competition has been counted as played.

If a competition should be officially broken off and the final matches could not be carried out completely, the finalists get the same ranking points as a runner-up.

4.4.6 Delays

The player, who appears late to a competition, before he plays his first match, gets no ranking points.

If he had played previous matches and appears late to the next match (see ICSD Technical Regularies in Tennis), he gets no ranking points for this match.

4.4.7 Withdrawals

If a player has started his match and then withdrawn because of injury or illness, gets ranking points for this match.

The winner of this match receives only ranking points.

But, if this winner should lead at the time of this withdrawal, he gets ranking points.

4.4.8 Defaults

If a player doesn't line up a match due other reasons than described in 4.4.7, he gets no ranking points for this match and he is not allowed to play further matches.

4.4.9 Equal point score

If two or several players have the same ranking point score, the position is decided according to the following rules:

1. The player with most competition participation within four years is preferred.
2. The player with the participation in the highest competition level is preferred.

If these conditions should apply, nevertheless, with both or several players, then the ranking position is arranged alphabetically after the family name.

4.4.10 Point assignment

Players get ranking points for the highest round, which they have reached.

Registrations and seeding lists are carried out after the highest order of rank.

4.5 Validity for the drawn and the seeding list

4.5.1 Singles

The ICSD Tennis Singles Ranking is fixed for the drawn and the seeding list of the respective competition and may not be changed from the day of the drawn until the end of the competition.

4.5.2 Doubles

For doubles an arrangement of the double partners which have announced for the competition must be put up with the help of her own order of rank in the doubles Ranking as an overview descending of their common Ranking position.

This overview is valid for the drawn and seeding list of the double competition and is fixed.

5 Special Ranking criteria

A player who is not put from some circumstances in the Ranking (i.e., he is announced newly, or has taken part in ITF competitions etc.), may be used as a seeding player for the concerning competition.

Moreover, the draw rules are to be taken into consideration strictly.

For these criteria the ICSD Tennis Director reserves himself the decision, together with the participants present during the draw to use the concerning players for the concerning competition.

6 Actualization of the Rankings

The ICSD Tennis Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Rankings are updated at every end of the year by the ICSD Tennis Director.

Because of the constantly bigger number of the ranking points these points for all players performed in the Rankings will be reduced all 4 years in the end of the year of the Deaflympics on an adequate minimum.

For this the following rule must be compliance in their order:

- 1) The ranking points from the competitions, which are older than 4 years from the actual date of the updated ranking will be cancelled.
- 2) The ranking points of the last-placed player in the Rankings will be reduced with the point number that at last 20 points remain to the last-placed player.
Then this thereby ascertained point number is used with all players from first-placed up to the pre-last player for the reduction.
The order of players in these Rankings remains completely unchanged.

7 Finishing of the point assignments

The ICSD Tennis Director is obliged to put down the ranking points in the Rankings after the end of the competition, based on the competition results.

8 Further information

Requires as well as further information according to the Ranking system can be forwarded to the ICSD Tennis Director by his email address tennis@ciss.org.