



## Open Ranking List Protocol

Four times per year Tennis Canada sends the top 500 (men and women's) list of our Canadian National Open rankings to the International Tennis Federation (ITF). This list used by the ITF for determining their acceptance lists for entry into professional events (main, qualifying, and alternate) for players that do not have any professional rankings.

The dates are as follows:

1. Last week of January
2. Last week of May
3. Last week of July
4. Last week of September

Please note that once a new rankings list has been sent, this list will only be used for events in which the entry deadline has not closed. If the entry deadline is closed, the previous list will be used.

Many players will see that their name doesn't appear on the open rankings list in the same position as it does on the Open National rankings. The reason for this is that Tennis Canada inserts top juniors with ITF junior rankings on the Open list sent to the ITF based on their ITF junior ranking.

The rationale for this is to ensure that juniors who are dedicating their time and focus on building their junior ITF ranking (may not have had the opportunity to build an open ranking), to have the chance to participate in entry level professional events by being inserted on the ITF list.

Upon careful review, it has been determined to insert junior players as follows:

### Boys

- Boys ranked in top 300 ITF will be placed starting at the 40<sup>th</sup> spot
- Boys ranked 301 - 500 ITF will be placed starting at the 55<sup>th</sup> spot
- Boys ranked 501 - 1000 ITF will be placed starting at the 70<sup>th</sup> spot
- Boys ranked 1001 - 1500 ITF will be placed starting at the 85<sup>th</sup> spot

### Girls

- Girls ranked in top 500 ITF will be placed starting just after the last female with a WTA point
- Girls ranked 501 - 1000 ITF will be placed starting at the 45<sup>th</sup> spot
- Girls ranked 1001 - 1500 ITF will be placed starting at the 60<sup>th</sup> spot

Notes:

For the junior players who have both and open and ITF ranking we will use the ranking which is higher of the two.

These protocols will be evaluated on an annual basis to ensure fairness

NCAA Players will be added by request in the 300th spot on the Boy's list and at the bottom of the Girl's list.

Please note that only Canadian Citizens playing under the Canadian flag (ITF/ATP/WTA) will be included on this list sent to the ITF even though you may appear on the Rogers Ranking website.

