

RANKING RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

The Seniors Committee shall be responsible to finalize and approve the seniors rankings on behalf of Tennis Canada.

EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS

Events shall include the Steve Stevens Senior National Championships, the National Senior Indoor Championships (East and West), ITF sanctioned events and those senior age group events/tournaments organized by the Provincial Tennis Associations for ranking eligibility.

AGE GROUPS

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the age groups, in years, to which ranking points will be awarded shall be:

- MEN: 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85
- WOMEN: 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80

To be eligible to play in an age group, the player will have reached or will reach the age of the age category on or before December 31 of the ranking year.

CATEGORIES OF EVENTS

The categories of events, listed as tiers, shall be determined by the Committee from time to time. All regional and provincial events designated for national ranking points **MUST** be open to all Canadians irrespective of residence. Any region or province which places restrictions on Canadian entrants will be allocated points in a lower tier.

The points tiers are :

The annual **Steve Steven Senior National Championships**

The annual **National Senior Indoor Championships** – Easterns and Westerns.

Provincial Tier 1 The senior age group events/tournaments designated (annually) for national ranking points by Tennis BC, the Ontario Tennis Association, the Federation Quebecoise de Tennis, Tennis Alberta, and the Atlantic Masters Event.

All ITF senior events with are also considered as Tier 1 events.

Provincial Tier 2 The senior age group events/tournaments designated (annually) for national ranking points by Tennis Manitoba, the Saskatchewan Tennis Association, the Nova Scotia Tennis Association, the New Brunswick Tennis Association, the P.E.I. Tennis Association and the Newfoundland & Labrador Tennis Association.

1. (a) To be eligible for participation in senior national events a player must be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant.
(b) To be eligible for a senior national ranking in either singles or doubles in a specific age category, a player must attain the specific age during the ranking year (which is the calendar year) or must have already reached that age.
2. A player must compete in **TWO** tournaments of which one **MUST** be the annual Steve Stevens Senior National Championships.

The second qualifying tournament can be either one of the National Senior Indoor Championships (East or West) events, Provincial Tier 1 and ITF events and all Provincial Tier 2 events.

2. Players will be nationally ranked in the category in which they compete in the Outdoor Nationals on the basis of a point system. Where a player competes in more than one of the “second qualifying” events, the best result, i.e. points, will be added to the points earned in the National Senior Outdoor Championships. Should a player compete in a lower age category event, they will be awarded points in their own age category. Players are requested and urged to study the points list of the various tiers so as to understand where they can accumulate the most points in the “second qualifying event”.
3. Points will be awarded starting with the first round.
4. When a player withdraws after entry and before play, no points will be awarded.
5. A round-robin competition must be played when there are four to six entries in a singles event. Similarly, a round robin may be played with four or less entries in doubles events. In the eventuality of a tie between any number of players in any of the above events, the points will be allocated via a “plus-minus” percentage system, counting firstly sets, and secondly games. If a tie exists between two players in the round robin, then the “head-to-head” results will determine the higher position. The event may be cancelled or combined with a lower age group when fewer than four entries are received. All other events will receive points according to the accompanying charts.
- 6.. The points tables for all categories, shown as tiers, include separate tables for the National Indoors and Outdoors singles and doubles. It should be noted that the singles have a consolation feed-in format for National Indoor and Outdoor events. There is no feed-in consolation points included in tiers 1 and 2, but the losing semifinalists may play off for positions 3 and 4.

These revised rules including the points table were approved by the Seniors National Tennis Committee in July of 2018..

POINTS TABLES

Nationals Table for singles feed-in for all losers up to the quarter-finals:

FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED	FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED
Winner	1500	9 - 12	240
Finalist	900	13 - 16	194
3 rd	668	17 - 24	144
4 th	540	25 - 32	117
5 th	458	33 - 48	87
6 th	400	49 - 64	70
7 th and 8 th	324		

Easterns/Westerns Table for singles feed-in for all losers up to the quarter-finals:

FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED	FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED
Winner	600	9 - 12	96
Finalist	360	13 - 16	78
3 rd	267	17 - 24	58
4 th	216	25 - 32	47
5 th	183	33 - 48	35
6 th	160	49 - 64	28
7 th and 8 th	130		

Nationals Table for doubles events with no feed-in:

FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED
Winners	1500
Finalists	900
Semis	540
Quarters	324
Round of 16	194
Round of 32	117
Round of 64	70

Easterns/Westerns Table for doubles events with no feed-in:

FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED
Winners	600
Finalists	360
Semis	216
Quarters	130
Round of 16	78
Round of 32	47
1 st Round Losers	28

Tiers 1 (including ITF) & 2 Tables for singles and doubles:

FINAL POSITION	1	2
Winner	400	150
Finalist	240	90
Semis	144	54
Quarters	86	32
Round of 16	52	19
Round of 32	31	12
Round of 64	19	7