

ITF Seniors Tour – Rankings Explained

The official ITF Seniors World Rankings are calculated on a 52-week rollover system and are published weekly throughout the year. This will include rankings for Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

Changes to the ITF Seniors Ranking Points were brought into effect on Monday 1 July 2019. Information below relates to the ITF Seniors from 1 July 2019 up to 31 December 2020.

Each ranking takes into account only points earned in the preceding 12 months from the ranking date. At any given time, however, only the latest Young Seniors, Seniors and Super-Seniors World Championships count for ranking purposes.

To receive ranking points in a singles, doubles or mixed doubles tournament, a player must reach a round where points are available. The number of points available varies depending upon the grading of the tournament and the round reached.

The best four singles results in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments are taken into consideration for the final singles ranking.

The best four doubles results in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments are taken into consideration for the final doubles ranking.

The best four mixed doubles results in ITF Seniors Circuit tournaments are taken into consideration for the final mixed doubles ranking.

Additional tournaments will be listed as 'non countable tournaments'.

Tournaments eligible for ranking for ranking points are Category WC (World Championships), Category A, Category RC1, RC2 and RC3 (Regional Championships), Category C1, C2 and C3 (Team Championships), and Grades 1-4. See below for information on the Ranking Points available at the World Team Championships.

If two or more players receive the same number of points, their ranking will follow the number of points they scored in the Senior World Championships (Category WC), if this figure is among the players' best four results. If two or more players are still equal, their ranking will follow the number of points scored in Grade RC1 tournament, if this figure is among the players' best four results. based on the grading of tournaments where points have been won. If two or more players are still equal, their ranking will follow the number of points scored in Grade A tournament and so on down to Grade 4 tournaments, excluding Grade C1, C2 and C3 (Team Competitions)

Allocation of points

Tournaments are graded based mainly on a computer evaluation of the standard of participants competing in the previous year's tournament, while maintaining a geographical balance.

Points are awarded for singles, doubles and mixed doubles play. No points are awarded to a player until he/she has won a round. Walkovers count as a match won. Byes do not count as a match won. If a tournament is abandoned, players will receive points for the round reached up to that point.

Should any age category in an ITF Seniors Circuit tournament be amalgamated with a lower age category event, and players in the former be forced to play down, then those players shall be awarded points in his/her own age category provided that the tournament organiser notifies the ITF of the amalgamation, and the date of birth of the player winning points is known.

When there are fewer than eight players entered in an event a round robin format should be played. See section 19.iii of the ITF Seniors Regulations for more details.

2019 & 2020 Circuit Tournaments - Knockout Events

Grade	WC	RC1	A	1	2	3	4
Winner	1600	800	700	575	400	200	75
Runner-up	1100	575	500	400	280	140	50
Semi-finalist	800	400	330	275	190	90	35
Quarter-finalist	550	250	210	175	120	60	25
Loser in Last 16	375	160	140	110	80	40	15
Loser in Last 32	220	85	75	65	40	20	-
Loser in Last 64	130	45	35	30	-	-	-

Circuit Tournaments - Knockout Events (Consolation*)

Grade	WC	RC1	A	1	2	3	4
Consolation Winner	125	45	35	30	25	20	15
Consolation Runner Up	80	35	27	22	17	15	10
Consolation Semi Finalist	50	25	20	15	10	10	-
Consolation Quarter Finalists	30	15	-	-	-	-	-

*(Consolation points effective from 1 January 2020)

Participation Point – 1 ranking points will be awarded to all who lose their first match (effective from 1 January 2020)

Circuit Tournaments - Knockout Events (Qualifying)

Grade	WC	RC1	A
Qualifier	80	40	25
Loser in last round of qualifying	50	25	15

2019 & 2020 Circuit Tournaments - Round Robin Events

Grade	WC	RC1	A	1	2	3	4
1st	1600	800	700	575	400	200	75
2nd	1100	575	500	400	280	140	50
3rd & 4th	800	400	330	275	190	90	35
5th, 6th & 7th	550	250	210	175	120	60	25

Points will only be awarded if a player has won a minimum of 1 singles match. Full points will only be awarded if the player has won a minimum of 2 singles matches.

If the player has won 1 singles match only 50% of the points will be awarded.

Age categories

The ITF Seniors World Rankings are calculated for the following age categories:

- Men: 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85
- Women: 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85

To be eligible to participate in any age category, a player shall have reached the minimum age limit by 31 December of the year in which the competition is held. A player may play in more than one age category if the rules permit, and therefore may appear in more than one age category ranking.

Moving age category

All players moving to an older age category take all their ranking points with them. These players are marked as 'BIS' on the ranking list. Players continue to be marked 'BIS' until their ranking no longer includes points won in the previous age category. This could be because points have been won in the age category or because the points have expired after 52 weeks. See Section 18 of the ITF Seniors Regulations for more details.

Individual Ranking Points in the World Team Championships

Players can compete in a maximum of 6 matches during the Team event. For example, in a 23-team event, a team may play in a Round Robin Box of 4 teams (3 matches) and progress to Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Final. Whilst some teams can play 5 or 6 matches, several teams may play only 4 matches.

Only the best four (4) results – based on ranking points earned - will be included in the final count. Ranking Points will be earned based on the round in which the match was played.

Players will continue to earn accumulated ranking points for each rubber won. Singles and Doubles points will be applied separately as is the case in Circuit Tournaments. The following tables demonstrate how points will be awarded:

Round Robin Stage

All match wins at the Round Robin stage will earn players the same value of ranking points.

Round of Match	#1 Singles and #1 Doubles	#2 Singles
Round Robin Stage	100 points per win	75 points per win

Knockout Stages

Following the round robin stages, additional points may be earned from players competing in the Main Draw rounds to recognise the increased strength of opponent.

Round of Match	#1 Singles and #1 Doubles	#2 Singles
Non-Main Draw Playoff Matches	100 points per win	75 points per win
Main Draw Quarter Finals and 5 th -8 th place playoffs	175 points per win	125 points per win
Main Draw Semi Finals and 3 rd /4 th place playoff	225 points per win	175 points per win
Main Draw Final	350 points per win	300 points per win

Example

Team qualifies for Main Draw

- Wins 2 matches at #2 singles in the Round Robin Stage
= 75 points + 75 points
- Wins match at #2 singles in the Quarter Finals = 125 points
- Loses match in the Semi Finals = 0 points
- Wins match at #1 singles in 3rd/4th Playoff = 225 points
- Player total = 500 points (75 + 75 + 125 + 225)