

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“ button on the Rankings Home page. 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), we would also be looking to take into account the quality of the draw.

The Tier system is displayed below:

- a. Ladies British Open (Tier 1 in every season)
 - b. Ladies US Open (**upcoming**) (Tier 2 in every season)
 - c. Ladies UK Invitational (**upcoming**) (Tier 2 in every season)
 - d. Haileybury Gold Racquet (**upcoming**) (Tier 3 in every season)
 - e. National Schoolgirls Singles Championships (Tier 3 in every season)
- *Please note that the U16 carries a slightly lower weight than the U18*

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; Tier 2 as 3 and Tier 3 as 2. The U16 will be rated 1.5. *Please note that the rating of the events might change with the addition of new tournaments in the Ladies Rackets calendar. *

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 1 in 3 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.

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).

A player's points erode to zero for an individual event three years on from the point in which they were awarded.

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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