



# 2005 WTA RANKING SYSTEM

The WTA Rankings are the worldwide computer rankings for women's professional tennis. It's a ranking system that reflects both a players' performance in Tournament play (Round Points) as well as her record against other players (Quality Points). The ranking system is a 52-week, cumulative system in which the number of Tournament results that comprise a player's ranking is capped at Seventeen (17) Tournament results for Singles and Eleven (11) Tournament results for Doubles. The results used to determine the players' ranking are the Tournaments that have yielded the players' highest Ranking (Round and Quality) Points over the past Fifty-two (52) weeks. The rankings determine player acceptances and seeding for all Tournaments. The WTA Rankings are computed and published weekly by the WTA Tour from its U.S. Headquarters office in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA. **NOTE:** ITF Women's Circuit Tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 or less are processed a minimum of one (1) week following the conclusion of the Tournament.

#### SINGLES and DOUBLES ROUND POINTS

Description	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	QLFR	Q3	Q2	Q1
Grand Slam (Singles)	650	456	292	162	90	56	32	2	26	21	12.5	2
Grand Slam (Doubles)	650	456	292	162	90	56	2		22	-	-	-
Tour Championships	485	340	218	121	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tier I (128) \$2,000,000	325	228	146	81	45	28	16	1	11	-	6.25	1
Tier I (32) \$2,000,000	325	228	146	81	45	1	-	-	20	-	-	-
Tier I (16) \$1,300,000	300	210	135	75	1	-	-	-	19	-	-	-
Tier I (32) \$1,300,000	300	210	135	75	42	1	-	-	18.5	10.5	5.75	1
Tier I (64) \$1,300,000	300	210	135	75	42	25	1	-	10.5	-	5.75	1
Tier II (16) \$650,000	220	154	99	55	1	-	-	-	13	-	-	-
Tier II (32) \$650,000	220	154	99	55	29	1	-	-	13.25	7.75	4.5	1
Tier II (64) \$650,000	220	154	99	55	29	15	1	-	7.75	-	4.5	1
Tier II (16) \$585,000	195	137	88	49	1	-	-	-	11.75	-	-	-
Tier II (32) \$585,000	195	137	88	49	25	1	-	-	11.75	6.75	4	1
Tier II (64) \$585,000	195	137	88	49	25	14	1	-	6.75	-	4	1
Tier III (16) \$225,000	145	103	66	37	1	-	-	-	9.5	-	-	-
Tier III (32) \$225,000	145	103	66	37	19	1	-	-	8.5	4.5	2.75	1
Tier III (64) \$225,000	145	103	66	37	19	10	1	-	4.5	-	2.75	1
Tier III (16) \$170,000	120	85	55	30	1	-	-	-	7.5	-	-	-
Tier III (32) \$170,000	120	85	55	30	16	1	-	-	7.25	3.75	2.25	1
Tier III (64) \$170,000	120	85	55	30	16	9	1	-	3.75	-	2.25	1
Tier IV (16) \$140,000	95	67	43	24	1	-	-	-	6.25	-	-	-
Tier IV (32) \$140,000	95	67	43	24	12	1	-	-	5.5	3.5	2	1
Tier V (16) \$110,000	80	56	36	20	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Tier V (32) \$110,000	80	56	36	20	10	1	-	-	4.5	3	2	1
ITF \$75,000 <b>+ H</b> * (16)	65	46	29	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$75,000 <b>+ H</b> * (32)	65	46	29	16	8	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$75,000 (16)	55	38.5	24.5	14.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$75,000 (32)	55	38.5	24.5	14.5	7	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$50,000 + H* (16)	45	31.5	20	11.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$50,000 <b>+ H</b> * (32)	45	31.5	20	11.5	5.5	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$50,000 (16)	35	24.5	15.5	8.5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$50,000 (32)	35	24.5	15.5	8.5	5	1	-	-	2.5	2	1.5	1
ITF \$25,000 (16)	25	17	11.5	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$25,000 (32)	25	17	11.5	7	3.5	1	-	-	1.50	-	.5	.25
ITF \$10,000 (16)	6	4	2	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITF \$10,000 (32)	6	4	2	1.5	1	-	-	-	.75	-	-	-

"+H" indicates that Hospitality is provided









# NOTES

- 1. With the exception of the Grand Slams and the WTA Tour Championships, all singles and doubles 1<sup>st</sup> round losers in Tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 and higher receive one (1) Round point regardless of draw size. Players receive two (2) Round points for a 1<sup>st</sup> round loss at Grand Slams (in singles, doubles and qualifying singles). In the WTA Tour Championships singles event, players are awarded Round of 16 Round points for fourth place in the round robin competition and in the WTA Tour Championships doubles event players are awarded Semi Finals Round points for a 1<sup>st</sup> round loss. See chart above for details.
- 2. For the purposes of awarding Ranking Points, in all ITF Tournaments with prize money of \$25,000 or greater, the round of 32 will be considered to be the FIRST round of Qualifying and all rules will apply as if that were the first round of play. In these ITF Tournaments, the WTA Tour will only award Round Points in Qualifying starting in the round of 32 and play in any round prior to the round of 32 will not be considered as having taken place for ranking purposes.
- 3. All prize money totals in the chart above represent the Minimum prize money that will be awarded.
- 4. Weekly rankings are not published during the mid-week of any two-week event, therefore the most current rankings will be used to calculate quality points for those events.

Losers' Rank		Points	Grand Slam Points
1	=	100	200
2 *	=	75	150
3	=	66	132
4	=	55	110
5	=	50	100
6-10	=	43	86
11-16	=	35	70
17-25	=	23	46
26-35	=	15	30
36-50	=	10	20
51-75	=	8	16
76-120	=	4	8
121-250	=	2	4
251-500	=	1	2
501- >	=	0	0

#### SINGLES AND DOUBLES QUALITY POINTS

\* Doubles Quality points are awarded according to the losing team's combined ranking, with two (2) being the lowest possible combined ranking.

### **GENERAL RULES**

### Singles and Doubles

- <u>Rankings</u> Players are ranked on the basis of their total points (Round and Quality).
- Processing of Rankings WTA Tour Tournaments (Tier I through V) plus ITF \$75,000 and \$50,000 events (as long as completed by the Sunday of that week) are processed on a weekly basis. ITF \$10,000 through \$25,000 events are processed a minimum of one (1) week following the completion of the Tournament. Points stay valid for fifty-two (52) weeks from the week in which a Tournament is included in the Ranking Totals.
- <u>Eligibility</u> Players must have at least three (3) valid Tournaments to appear on the rankings. Players under the age of fourteen (14) cannot obtain a computer ranking. If a player under the age of fourteen (14) plays singles or doubles in a Tournament, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player. If a player plays singles or doubles in a Tournament that exceeds the number permitted to be played under the Age Eligibility Rule, that Tournament and the points acquired during play will not be counted for ranking purposes for that player.

## Byes/Defaults/Withdrawals -

- If a Player or Team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and loses her/their first match played, 1<sup>st</sup> round losers' points will be awarded and the Player or Team shall receive Prize Money for the round reached.
- If a Player or Team receives one (1) or more consecutive byes and withdraws from her/their first match, no ranking points shall be awarded, the Tournament will not count on her/their record and no Prize Money shall be paid out.





- If a Player or Team receives a walkover in the 1<sup>s</sup> found and there is no Alternate or Lucky Loser to take the spot, or if a Player or Team receives a walkover in a subsequent round without having yet played a match, the walkover will be treated as a bye for ranking data purposes.
- A Player or Team who receives a walkover in any round except the 1<sup>st</sup> round, after having played and won a match, shall be awarded Round points, but not Quality points for the walkover from their opponent. For any disciplinary default occurring in a Tournament after the match begins, the advancing player or team will be awarded Round points and Quality points over her opponent or team.
- Players or Teams who withdraw from a Tournament before playing their 1<sup>st</sup> match will not have the Tournament count on their record.
- Players or Teams who receive Wild Cards are awarded the same Round points as any other player.
- If the Singles or Doubles event of a Tournament is cancelled due to poor weather and there has been no play, firstround Prize Money will be paid out to the players. If play has commenced and been terminated before the Tournament is concluded, players will be paid loser's Prize Money for the individual round reached. Additionally, if the first round has been completed, all players/teams will receive their Round and Quality Points earned through the last completed round only and the Tournament will count as a Tournament played. If a Tournament is officially terminated and the finals have not been completed, the finalists will each receive finalist's Prize Money and Ranking Points. The difference between the winner and finalist Prize Money will revert back to the Tournament.
- In determining which Tournaments are considered to be the Best of 17 for Singles and the Best of 11 for Doubles, if two or more Tournaments should have the same Total Ranking Points, the Tournament with the most Quality Points will take precedence in order to give the player the advantage in breaking a tie for a Ranking position should two or more players have the same Ranking Points.
- When two or more players have the same number of Ranking Points, the tie for the ranking position will be decided according to the following priorities:
  - a) The player with the greater number of Quality points.
  - b) The player with the most Number of Tournaments in a 52 week period.

If both these items are the same, the Rank for any remaining players will be considered to be the same or tied for that Ranking Position. Last Name followed by First Name will list the players who are tied in the Ranking Alphabetically. If both the First and Last Names are the same, the players will be listed according to whichever one is encountered first during the ranking process.

• If a player qualifies but is unable to play the Main Draw for any reason, she will receive last-round Qualifying prize money and QLFR points.

### Singles

- Players are awarded Round points for the highest round they reach as well as Quality points for each win over a player ranked in the Top 500. Quality points are awarded according to the losing players' ranking current at the time the Tournament is played. Quality points awarded for Grand Slams are set forth in the separate column above.
- In Tournaments where prize money is \$25,000 or greater:
  - Qualifiers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column, and the Quality points earned in both the Main Draw and Qualifying.
  - Qualifiers who lose in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Main Draw are awarded only the Round Points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column and the Quality points earned in the Qualifying.
  - Lucky Losers earn only the Main Draw Round and Quality points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw (including Quality Points earned in the Qualifying) unless they lose in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Main Draw in which case they receive only the Round and Quality points earned in the Qualifying.
- In Tournaments where prize money is less than \$25,000, no Qualifying Round or Quality points are awarded to Qualifiers or Lucky Losers. With regard to the Main Draw: Qualifiers who lose in the first round of the Main Draw are awarded only the points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column. However, Qualifiers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column. Lucky Losers earn only Main Draw Round and Quality points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw.
- Entries and seeding are determined by highest rank. In the event of a tie, the First tie-break procedure is a players' greatest number of Quality points. The Second tie-break procedure is the highest ranking from the previous week.
- Weekly rankings are not published during the mid-week of any two-week event, therefore the most current rankings will be used to calculate quality points for those events.

### Doubles













- Players are awarded Round points for the highest on of the heach as well as Quality points for each win over a team consisting of two ranked players ranked in the Top 500. Quality points are awarded according to the losing teams' combined ranking current at the time the Tournament is played.
- In Tournaments where prize money is \$110,000 or greater in which there is a minimum of four teams playing in the Qualifying, and the last round of Qualifying is played as a best-of-three-sets match, Qualifiers earn Main Draw Round points based on the highest round reached in the Main Draw plus the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column; however, Qualifiers who lose in the first round of the Main Draw are awarded only the Round points specified in the Qualifier (QLFR) column.
- Doubles Qualifying Points shall be awarded to the qualifying team(s), if a minimum of four (4) teams have played the Doubles Qualifying and a best of three (3) set match has been decided. No Quality points will be awarded in the Doubles Qualifying. If the last round is not played due to a Main Draw withdrawal, the QLFR points shall be split evenly between the finalist teams.
- Entries and seeding are determined by highest combined rank. In the event of a tie, the First tie-break procedure is the team with the highest combined Total points. The Second tie-break procedure is the team with the highest combined Quality points and the Third tie-break procedure is the team with the highest combined ranking from the previous week.
- For entries, unranked players will be assigned a rank equal to one plus the rank of lowest player on the latest rankings. Teams who receive wild cards are awarded the same Round points as any other team.
- Lucky Losers who lose in the Main Draw are awarded Main Draw Round and Quality points only.

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