

2023 Year-End Ranking Guidelines

RANKING RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

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

EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS

Events shall include the Steve Stevens Masters Tennis Championships, the Masters Tennis Indoor Championships (East and West), ITF sanctioned events and those Masters Tennis 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: 30,35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85
- WOMEN: 30,35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and 85

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 may be allocated points in a lower tier.

The points tiers are:

The annual **Steve Stevens Masters Tennis Championships**

The annual **Masters Tennis Indoor Championships** – Easterns and Westerns.

Provincial Tier 1 The Masters Tennis 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 Masters Tennis events (**Grade 400 or higher**) are also considered as Tier 1 events.

Provincial Tier 2 (Grade 200 ITF) events and any Provincial Tier 3 events deemed to have a strength value that warrants Tier 2 points.

Provincial Tier 3 (Grade 100 ITF) The Masters Tennis 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 Masters Tennis national events a player must be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant.

(b) To be eligible for a Masters Tennis 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 Masters Tennis Championships.

The second qualifying tournament can be either one of the Masters Tennis Indoor Championships (East or West) events, Provincial Tier 1 and ITF events and all Provincial Tier 2 & 3 events. ITF Masters Tennis events in countries other than Canada can count as a player's second tournament.

3. Players will be nationally ranked in the category in which they compete in the Steve Stevens Masters Tennis Championships based on 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 Steve Stevens Masters Tennis Championships. Should a player compete in a lower age category event, they will be awarded points in that category. Players are requested and urged to study the points list of the various tiers to understand where they can accumulate the most points in the "second qualifying event".
4. Points will be awarded starting with the first round.
5. When a player withdraws after entry and before play, no points will be awarded.
6. A one- or two - group round-robin competition must be played when there are four to six entries in a singles event. Similarly, a one-group 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. If this is the case, players will still receive their points in their own age groups.
7. The points tables for all categories, shown as tiers, include separate tables for the Indoor and Outdoor Championship singles and doubles. It should be noted that the singles have a consolation feed-in format for Indoor and Outdoor Championships. There are 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 Masters Tennis Committee in August of 2018.

POINTS TABLES

Steve Stevens Masters Tennis Championships Table for singles with full feed-in for all losers up to the quarterfinals:

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 with full feed-in for all losers up to the quarterfinals:

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		

Provincial Tier 1 Table for singles and doubles:

FINAL POSITION	POINTS AWARDED
Winners	450
Finalists	270
Semis	162
Quarters	97
Round of 16	58
Round of 32	35
Round of 64	21

Steve Stevens Masters Tennis Championships 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

Provincial Tier 2 & 3 Tables for singles and doubles:

FINAL POSITION	2	3
Winner	300	150
Finalist	180	90
Semis	108	54
Quarters	65	32
Round of 16	39	19
Round of 32	23	12
Round of 64	14	7