

SEEDING GUIDELINES NATIONAL OUTDOOR & INDOOR MASTERS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduction

Seedings are intended to ensure that tournament draws are balanced to the extent possible, by placing players who have obtained exceptional results and rankings in predetermined lines on draws so that they do not confront each other in early rounds. These Guidelines will be considered by the Master's Committee when making its decisions regarding seedings and all decisions of the Committee are considered final.

Seeding Allocations

Seeds No.1 and No.2 are placed at the top and bottom of the draw respectively, and the position of all other seeds, to the extent applicable, is determined by random allocation. In the event there are more than 3 seeds, the Tournament Committee has the option to seed all remaining seeds as all 3T (3-4), as all 5T (5-8), as all 9T and 13T (9-12 and 13-16).

Singles and Doubles Seeding Criteria

Singles and Doubles Seedings shall be based on the **National Bank Singles and Doubles Ranking points** at the entry deadline.

The number of seeds in Knock-out draws shall be as follows:

Up to 10 Players: 2 seeds

11-20 Players: 4 seeds

21-40 Players: 8 seeds

41-80 Players: 16 seeds

The number of seeds in **Round Robin draws** shall be as follows: **3-5 players:** 0 seeds. **6-7 players:** 2 seeds.

Exempt Seeds

Players that have had an outstanding record over the course of their career (e.g., Davis Cup, Billie Jean Cup, ATP/WTA) who are returning to competition, as well as players who, after a long absence for personal reasons or injuries are returning, will be given due consideration for seeding. Consideration will also be given to players with a high WTN ranking. Players who are "aging up" (moving to an older age category) may also be considered as an exempt seed.

The following number of players can be included in the seeding as exempt seeds as indicated below:

For a draw-size of 8 - 32 - **up to 2**

For a draw-size of 48 - **up to 3**

For a draw-size of 64 - 128 - **up to 4**

Note: The above guidelines will be in effect commencing February 15, 2025.

