

# Junior Circuit Ranking Guidelines

## 2020 Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit

The Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit Rankings is a system of ranking players according to points won in tournaments during the 12 month period prior to the current month.

### Applicability

The Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit Rankings shall be applied to the 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under and 18 & under age categories only.

### Age Eligibility

Only boys and girls meeting the following criteria may compete in any of the tournaments that comprise the 2020 Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit:

Age Category	Born Between	Minimum Age
18 & Under	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2002 and 31st December 2007	13
16 & Under	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2004 and 31st December 2007	13
14 & Under	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2006 and 31st December 2009	9
12 & Under	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2008 and 31st December 2010	7

For the purposes of this rule players must have reached the specified minimum age as at the start of the tournament. The Junior Circuit Committee may, at its discretion, permit a player below the minimum age requirement for a particular age category to participate therein, if it deems that the player's recent performances are at a sufficiently high level so as to be competitive.

### Player Registration

All players entering Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit tournaments agree, as a condition of their entry, to register for annual Tennis Jamaica membership, to accept the related terms and conditions and pay the appropriate fee. Failure by a player to complete the foregoing will result in the player, while not barred for participating, being ineligible to receive ranking points from such participation.

### Combined Rankings

The introduction of the Combined Junior Ranking aims to encourage the doubles game at junior level. A player's ranking is calculated using the six best singles results plus one half (50%) of the best six doubles results obtained in sanctioned junior tournaments.

In general the best singles players remain at the top of the Combined Ranking. However, the importance of the doubles points becomes evident when two players have the same or similar singles points totals, in this case the player who has achieved better doubles results is ranked higher. Therefore a player who does not participate in any doubles events will be at an automatic disadvantage.

### Selection of Competitors

In determining acceptances of players into the main draw and qualifying events, tournaments must use the following criteria:

- ITF World Junior Ranking
- National Junior Ranking
- If players have no ITF or National ranking the tournament committee should take into consideration a player's recent results

For players with equal ranking the tournament organizers may take into account recent tournament results of the players. Otherwise the tie may be broken by drawing lot.

### Draw Sizes

Tournaments events **must not** have draw sizes greater than 32 for singles events. If more than 32 players participate in such events a qualifying round(s) should be used to determine main draw acceptance. Doubles draw sizes shall be half that of their respective singles events.

Event Grade	Draw Size	Minimum Participants	No. of Seeds
A	32 + Qualifying	34	8
B	32	24	8
C	16	12	4
D	8	6 Knock-Out/4 Round Robin	2

Event grades are based upon total number of players actually participating in that event. If **less** than specified minimum participants actually play in the 1<sup>st</sup> round then that round shall be treated as a Qualifying Round and the next round shall be treated as the Main Draw 1<sup>st</sup> round. This may result in the event being classified at a lower grade. Winning a qualifying match is not equivalent to winning a round. Points will **not** be awarded for events with less participants than the minimum specified for Grade D events.

### Allocation of Points

To receive points a player must play and win a round where points are available in the **Main Draw** (see points table below). The number of points available in each round will vary depending upon the grade of the event and the round reached. Advancement through a bye in the first match will not be equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of a walkover, or by default or retirement following the commencement of a match, will be equivalent to winning a round.

Ranking points for any relevant tournament will **not** be awarded to any player in breach of the Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit Age Eligibility Rule.

### Points Table ( inserted from s/sheet)

POINTS STRUCTURE FOR NATIONAL JUNIOR RANKING SYSTEM										
	Winner (Singles)	Winner (Doubles)	Finalist (Singles)	Finalist (Doubles)	SF (Singles)	SF (Doubles)	QF (Singles)	QF (Doubles)	R16 (Singles)	R16 (Doubles)
CLASS A	150	100	100	80	80	60	60	45		
CLASS B	100	75	75	50	50	30	30	20		
CLASS C	60	45	45	30	30	20	20			
CLASS D	40	30	30	20	20					

### Lucky Losers

Players losing in the final round(s) of qualifying for Grade A events may be allowed to enter the main draw if a main draw player fails to show for his/her match. Lucky losers are drawn by lot.

### Graded Tournaments

If a tournament is assigned an overall grade (e.g. Super Series), all events categories will award points in accordance with the specified grade regardless of their draw sizes. Tournaments are graded based on an evaluation of their prestige, level of player participation, and consecutive number of years of operation.

### End-of-Year Rankings

To qualify for an end-of-year ranking players must have played and obtained points from at least three (3) tournaments within an age group for which they are qualified during the calendar year.

### National Junior Champions

At the end of each calendar year, the player (or players if tied) with the highest ranking in his/her age category will be the declared the National Junior Champion for that age category for that year.

### Publication of Rankings

The results from all recognized tournaments on the Tennis Jamaica Junior Circuit shall be processed and the rankings published on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each Quarter. These shall be made available to the press, tournament organizers, paid up members and, on request, to other interested individuals. -

\*2019 Rule Changes: 1) Bonus Points are no longer included in calculating player rankings, 2) a Walkover counts as a match win.