



Key Changes and Rankings Explained

This document explains the current ITF World Tennis Tour Junior rankings calculations and addresses FAQs relating to drop date extensions and the year-end ranking process for 2021, among other key points for consideration.

Rankings Explained

In order to help clarify questions regarding the various ranking procedures for 2021, please review the top FAQs below.

What rank dates have had their ranking drop date extended?

Results earned between 18 March 2019 and 15 March 2020 (i.e. 52 weeks) are protected and their ranking drop date has been extended until the end of June 2021. The 'extended ranking period' therefore runs from 18 March 2019 – 4 July 2021.

From 5 July the extended ranking period will include results from the previous 104 weeks.

When will I lose my points from 2019?

Phase 1: The drop date of results since 18 March 2019 will be further extended until the end of June 2021. I.e. all results from 18 March 2019 to 1 July 2019 will remain protected until 5 July 2021.

Phase 2: From 5 July through to 13 December 2021, a player's ranking will be comprised of his/her best 6 results over the previous 104 weeks, i.e. all points from 18 March 2019 to 1 July 2019 will drop on 5 July 2021.

Phase 3: A 104-week ranking system will apply until 13 December 2021 and will then revert to a 52-week ranking system.

What happens if I play the same tournament twice in the extended ranking period?

Results from **higher-graded (JA, J1/B1, J2/B2, J3/B3) tournaments can be counted a maximum of once within a player's best 6 results during the extended ranking period**, i.e. double counting of the same tournament is not permitted. If a player competes in the same higher-graded tournament (JA, J1/J1, J2/B2, J3/B3) on two or more occasions within the extended ranking period, the best result achieved will be counted.

During 2022, a player may count their 'best result' from up to two (2) editions of the same Grade 3 (J3/B3) or better tournament, if both are included in the previous 52-week period. For example, a Grade 2 tournament that usually takes place in March 2021, took place in October 2021 (edition 1) due to initial postponement. The tournament returns to its normal calendar week in March 2022

(edition 2). Following completion of the tournament in March 2022, players will receive their 'best result' until the points drop for October 2021 edition of the tournament in October 2022.

During 2022, a player may count ranking points earned from the same **Grade 4 (J4) or Grade 5 (J5)** tournament if included in the previous 52-week period.

How will my ranking be calculated?

From the resumption of competition (31 August 2020) and until 04 July 2021, a player's combined ranking will be comprised of his/her best 6 singles results and 25% of his/her best 6 doubles results achieved between 18 March 2019 – 04 July 2021, during the 'extended ranking period'.

From 05 July 2021 a player's combined ranking will be comprised of his/her best 6 singles results and 25% of his/her best 6 doubles results achieved in the previous 104 weeks.

When will the ranking revert to a 52-week rolling ranking?

The 52-week ranking will be applied on **13 December 2021**. I.e. all points earned from 14 December 2020 or earlier will drop on 13 December 2021.

How long will I keep my points earned in 2021?

Ranking points earned during 2021 will drop after 52 weeks.

What date will the Year-End Ranking be calculated?

The ITF Junior Year-End Ranking will be calculated on **13 December 2021** based on the Year-End ranking criteria outlined in Regulation 14 of the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Regulations.

How many ranking points are on offer at 2021 ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments?

All tournaments now receive their **normal ranking points**, from Grand Slams through to Grade 5 tournaments, subject to appropriate travel accessibility levels being met based on the grade of tournament.

What are the ranking Criteria for the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals?

The top seven (7) ranked players in the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 13 September 2021, with extended 104-week ranking drop date, will qualify for the ITF World Tennis Tour Junior Finals. If this does not include a player from China, one (1) player from China will qualify if they're ranked inside the top 25 on 13 September 2021. If no player from China is ranked in the top 25, the 8th ranked player will qualify.

Questions on ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors rankings should be directed to juniors@itftennis.com.

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What is the current entry deadline for all ITF World Tennis Tour Junior tournaments?

All tournaments will continue with a **3-week entry-deadline** through 2021, unless otherwise stated.

How do I sign in for tournaments?

Players must sign-in via telephone conversation with the Supervisor. Some tournaments may offer online sign-in, please check the tournament fact sheet to see if this applies to your event.

In-person sign-in is not permitted.

Hospitality changes for 2021

For 2021 the following changes to hospitality are applicable:

- Grade 2 (J2) tournaments: shall be required to provide 'reduced hospitality' as it is stated in the ITF World Tennis Tour Juniors Organisational Requirements.
- Grade 3 (J3) tournaments: At a minimum, the tournament must provide reduced hospitality from the night prior to the singles quarter finals, and the night before the doubles semi-finals, until the day after a players' elimination from the tournament.
- At all grades where hospitality is provided, tournaments may consider an accommodation allowance for players (and coaches if applicable). This must be agreed with the ITF in advance of the event and made clearly available on the ITF Fact Sheet.

Where can I find the Player Declaration Form and how often must it be submitted?

The Player Declaration Form must be completed and submitted before arriving onsite at each tournament for the first time. Upon arrival, the COVID Officer will request you to show the email confirmation. You will only be asked to show this confirmation once, however, **a new form must be completed at each tournament.** The Player Declaration Form can be found [here](#). The Player Declaration Form link can also be found in all tournament fact sheets.