

NEW USTA LOUISIANA POINTS PER ROUND BASED RANKING SYSTEM FOR 2004

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A new points-based ranking system was approved and will take effect on January 1, 2004. The Star System will no longer be used to determine standings/rankings. It is important that all junior players, parents and coaches become familiar with the new system.

Please visit the USTA Louisiana web site at louisianatennis.com for information about the Points per Round Based Ranking system. Contact the USTA Louisiana Junior Tennis Director Jana Fogleman, 504-391-0934 or fourtennis59@aol.com with any questions.

To earn a year-end ranking, you have to fulfill Louisiana's ranking requirements. See the LTA website for the 2004 junior ranking regulations: louisianatennis.com

- Throughout the year, your best 4 tournaments will determine your standing..
- To play Southern's, you have to fulfill Louisiana's endorsement requirements.
- Tournaments are weighted. The point levels per round are the "weighting" of a tournament. See the charts included.
- Players will earn bonus points as they advance in the draw depending on whom they beat (chart included). These points will be attached to the tournament in which they are earned. To be included, the tournament must be among the player's best 4.
- Byes do NOT qualify as wins in tournaments. No points awarded.
- Withdrawals, defaults or walkovers will earn the advancing player the points for that round, but NOT the bonus points.
- The determining factor for any player's standing / ranking is the number of points earned.

Primary Goals of Louisiana's Point System Program:

- Does not count losses.
- Encourages play.
- Easy to understand.