

Tennis Jamaica Professional Circuit

January 2020- December 31, 2022

Senior Circuit Ranking Guidelines

The Tennis Jamaica Pro Circuit Rankings is a system of ranking players according to several performance based criteria during the Twelve(12) month period prior to the current month.

Applicability

Tennis Jamaica promulgates these guidelines for the purpose of providing fair and reasonable rules for the orderly and uniform conduct of sanctioned national professional tennis tournaments. These guidelines shall be applied to the Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles events that either offer prize money or are amateur events based on eligibility defined below and sanctioned by the National Association – Tennis Jamaica, known as the Tennis Jamaica Senior /Pro Circuit.

Eligibility / Open Competition / No Discrimination

Tennis Jamaica Pro Circuit tournaments are open to all tennis players, who are fully paid up members of the National Association – Tennis Jamaica, based on merit and without discrimination subject only to the conditions herein set forth and provided, however, that minors under the age of fourteen (14) shall not be eligible for entry. For purposes of this Rule, the player's age as of the first day of the tournament's Main Draw shall be used.

If requested, a player must provide a proof of identity and/or age through photo identification (e.g. passport, drivers licence, etc.) to the tournament director/referee on site.

Player Registration

All players entering Tennis Jamaica Pro 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 register for Tennis Jamaica membership and to accept the related terms and conditions will result in the player, , being ineligible to receive ranking points from such participation.

Selection of Competitors

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

- ATP/WTA World Ranking
- National Pro Circuit Ranking
- If players have no ATP/WTA 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.

Rules of Tennis

The ITF Rules of Tennis and Code of Conduct shall apply in all Tennis Jamaica Pro Circuit tournament matches.

Match Format

Each singles match shall be the best of three tie-break sets, unless otherwise approved by Tennis Jamaica.

In each doubles match, No-Ad scoring shall be used throughout the match and when the score is one set all, a match tie-break (10 points) shall be played to decide the match.

Lucky Losers

For Grade A events only, if a qualifying event is held, players losing in the final round(s) of qualifying, 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.

Draw Sizes

The Singles Main Draw shall consist of not more than 32 players. If more than 32 players enter then a qualifying round(s) shall be played. Doubles draws shall consist of at most 16 teams.

Event	Max Draw Size	Direct Acceptance	Wild Cards	Qualifiers
Singles Main Draw	32	20	4	8
Singles Qualifying	32	26	6	-
Doubles Main Draw	16	13	3	-

Wild Cards are awarded at the discretion of the tournament committee. Unused Wild Card and/or Qualifier places shall become Direct Acceptances and filled as normal.

Number of Seeds

The number of players/teams to be seeded will be as follows: 32 Draw – 8 Seeds, 16 Draw – 4 Seeds, and 8 Draw – 2 seeds.

Tournament Grades and Allocation of Points

Tournaments shall be classified into grades, based mainly on the amount of prize money offered and taking into consideration an evaluation of their upholding of sanctioning requirements at previous staging(s).

Tournament Classification		Tournament Grade
Prize Money (Ja\$)	Type	
\$500,000 & above	Davis Cup /Fed Cup Group 1	A
\$200,000 >= x < \$500,000	Davis Cup/Fed Cup Group 2	B
below \$200,000		C

To receive points a player must reach a round where points are available (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. Winning a qualifying match is not equivalent to winning a round. Points will **not** be awarded for events with less than 6 participants (i.e. an 8 player draw with maximum 2 byes/walkovers).

No points will be awarded to a player until he/she has won a round. Advancement through a bye in the first match will not be equivalent to winning a round. Advancement by virtue of default, walkover or retirement following the commencement of a match will be equivalent to winning a round. Ranking points are awarded as set out below:

Points Table

Event (inc. Trials)	Singles			Doubles (Each Player)		
	A	B	C	A	B	C
Winner	250	150	100	180	100	75
Runner-up	180	100	75	120	75	60
Semi-Finalists	120	80	60	80	50	30
Quarter-Finalists	80	60	30	50	30	20
Losers in last 16	50	30	20	30	10	–
Losers in last 32	30	10	–	–	–	–
Davis/Fed Cup L 1- Win (ea)	120					
Davis/Fed Cup L 2- Win		60				
Davis/Fed Cup L 3- Win			20			

Defaults/Withdrawals

A match won by default or walkover will count as a match won for computer ranking points and prize money. No points or prize money will be awarded to a player or team who withdraws or is a “No Show” without playing their first match.

Any player or team who is defaulted/abandons a match shall lose all prize money and points earned for that event at that tournament, unless:

- i) The player or team was defaulted for a Violation of the Punctuality or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct
- ii) The player or team was defaulted as a result of a medical condition
- iii) A member of a doubles team did not cause any of the misconduct Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted in which case the partner of the player who caused the default shall receive points and prize money from the previous round.

A doubles team withdrawing after the first round, or retiring, will receive points and prize money for the previous round reached.

Byes

A player or doubles team who receives a Bye in the first round and thereafter loses in the second round will not receive any ranking points but will receive second round loser's prize money.