



# **ITA RANKINGS MANUAL**

**2011-2012**



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**Campbell Soup Company to Serve as Title Sponsor for  
ITTA Rankings and ITA Player of the Year Awards**

**SKILLMAN, N.J.** - The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA), the governing body of college tennis, is pleased to announce that a multi-year agreement has been reached between the ITA and the Campbell Soup Company in which the company will serve as the title sponsor for the ITA College Tennis Rankings and the ITA College Players of the Year awards.

“We are delighted to enter into a partnership with Campbell,” said David A Benjamin, ITA Executive Director. “We are sure that this will be a wonderful way of helping further promote the ITA and our world of college tennis.”

In addition to its relationship with the ITA, Campbell is a supporter of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and is the title sponsor of the Campbell’s Hall of Fame Tennis Championship.

“Campbell Soup Company is pleased to play a role in the International Tennis Association,” said Jerry S. Buckley, Senior Vice President, Public Affairs, Campbell Soup Company. “College tennis players represent the best of college athletics and help promote tennis to young people across the country. Campbell has long been committed to encouraging young people to lead a healthy lifestyle, including getting an appropriate amount of exercise.”

In 2003, Campbell was a founding sponsor of Shaping America’s Youth, an initiative that promotes childhood and adolescent physical activity. The company also sponsors the Harlem Globetrotters C.H.E.E.R. program which teaches elementary school children about the benefits and fun of physical activity, as well as encouraging good citizenship. In 2006, Campbell became a participating company in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a partnership between the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation, by adopting their voluntary guidelines for snacks and side items sold in schools.

**Campbell/ITA College Tennis Rankings**

The ITA College Tennis Rankings are designed to track the top men and women teams and singles and doubles players at the NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and Junior/Community College levels.

At the NC AA Division I level the ITA Rankings are determined by a computerized system, using the ITA’s average points-per-match formula. National rankings are

released 17 times during the collegiate tennis season (beginning with the pre-season rankings in September, followed by the fall and then spring which includes 15 consecutive weeks). The Division I rankings include the top 75 teams, top 125 singles players and top 60 doubles. Division I regional rankings are released twice a year (fall and year-end) - the top 15 teams, top 30 singles players and top 15 doubles teams are ranked for men and women in each of the eight ITA regions. The ITA Rankings are also used in selection of all ITA National Championships as well as the ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

ITA Rankings at the Small College level (NCAA Divisions II and III, NAIA and Junior/Community Colleges) are determined by committee vote and released from 4-6 times a season depending on the division. Typically the top 25 teams, top 50 singles players and top 25 doubles teams are ranked nationally in each of the small college divisions. Regional rankings are administered at the Division II and III levels and will include the top 10-20 teams, 15-20 singles players and 10-15 doubles teams.

All told, more than 600 men's and women's tennis programs from across the country will receive a regional and/or national ranking during the course of a given season. And over 1,200 student-athletes will receive regional and/or national singles/doubles rankings in a season.

The ITA College Tennis Rankings are one of the ITA's most visible programs, garnering national exposure in newspapers, magazines and websites across the country after each release date.

Campbell/ITA College Tennis rankings can be found at [www.itatennis.com](http://www.itatennis.com).

### **About the Intercollegiate Tennis Association**

As the governing body of collegiate tennis, the ITA promotes both the athletic and academic achievements of the collegiate tennis community. The ITA, which was founded in 1956 and is based in Skillman, N.J., administers numerous regional and national championships, the ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit, presented by the USTA, and the ITA Rankings for men's and women's tennis at the NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and Junior College levels. The ITA also has a comprehensive awards program for players and coaches to honor excellence in academics, leadership and sportsmanship. The official ITA web site is [www.itatennis.com](http://www.itatennis.com).

### **About Campbell Soup Company**

Campbell Soup Company is a global manufacturer and marketer of high-quality foods and simple meals, including soup, baked snacks, and healthy beverages. Founded in 1869, the company has a portfolio of market-leading brands, including "Campbell's," "Pepperidge Farm," "Arnott's," and "V8." For more information on the company, visit Campbell's website at [www.CampbellSoup.com](http://www.CampbellSoup.com)

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# **NCAA DIVISION I ITA RANKINGS GUIDE**

**2011-2012**

1. Regional/National Ranking Report/Publish Dates
2. Regional/National Ranking Chairs/Committees
3. ITA Rankings Point Chart (Division I ONLY)
4. ITA Rankings FAQ (Division I ONLY)
5. New Business

## Division I - 2011-12 Ranking Dates (Men & Women)

Report Date	Release Date	Type of Ranking	Method
Tuesday, August 23, 2011	Friday, September 09, 2011	Singles/Doubles	ballot
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	Regional Singles/Doubles	ballot
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	National Singles/Doubles	computer (double-run)
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	Tuesday, January 03, 2012	National Team	team ballot
Sunday, January 22, 2012	Tuesday, January 24, 2012	National Team	ballot
Monday, January 30, 2012	Thursday, February 02, 2012	National Team	ballot
Sunday, February 05, 2012	Tuesday, February 07, 2012	National Team (men only)	ballot
Sunday, February 12, 2012	Tuesday, February 14, 2012	Team (women only)/Singles/Doubles	team ballot/ singles&doubles computer
Sunday, February 19, 2012	Tuesday, February 21, 2012	National Team	ballot
Sunday, February 26, 2012	Tuesday, February 28, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles (Computer Rankings)	computer
Sunday, March 04, 2012	Tuesday, March 06, 2012	National Team	computer
Sunday, March 11, 2012	Tuesday, March 13, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles	computer
Sunday, March 18, 2012	Tuesday, March 20, 2012	National Team	computer
Sunday, March 25, 2012	Tuesday, March 27, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles	computer
Sunday, April 01, 2012	Tuesday, April 03, 2012	National Team	computer
Sunday, April 08, 2012	Tuesday, April 10, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles	computer
Sunday, April 15, 2012	Tuesday, April 17, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles	computer
Sunday, April 22, 2012	Tuesday, April 24, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles	computer
Sunday, April 29, 2012	Monday, April 30, 2012	Team/Singles/Doubles	computer (double-run for NCAA selections)
Wednesday, May 16, 2012	unpublished	Team/Singles/Doubles (unpublished)	computer: results after 1st & 2nd rd. NCAA team championships
Wednesday, May 23, 2012	Tuesday, May 29, 2012	Team (Final)	computer (double-run)
Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Wednesday, June 06, 2012	Singles/Doubles (Final)	computer (double-run)
Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Wednesday, June 06, 2012	Regional (Final) Team/Singles/Doubles	ballot

### Notes:

**Report Date:** Date that all match results must be entered into the Results Reporting system by each program to ensure that these results are included for weekly rankings purposes. Deadline for entry is 10pm local time.

**Release Date:** Date that the rankings are announced and posted on the ITA website.



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	John Whitlinger	Stanford
	Ryan Redondo	Univ. of the Pacific
<b>Southwest</b>	Adam Steinberg (chair)	Pepperdine University
	Tad Berkowitz	Arizona
	Brett Masi	San Diego
	Trevor Kronemann	UC Irvine
<b>Mountain</b>	Danny Westermann (chair)	University of Denver
	Alan Dils	New Mexico
	Mike Phillips	Montana State
	Jeff Beaman	University of Idaho
	Owen Hambrook	UNLV
<b>Texas</b>	Steve Moore (chair)	Texas A&M/Corpus-Christi
	Carl Neufeld	Southern Methodist University
	Matt Knoll	Baylor
	Ron Smarr	Rice
<b>Central</b>	Vince Westbrook (chair)	Tulsa
	John Roddick	Oklahoma
	Robert Cox	Arkansas
	Kendell Hale	UMKC
	Geoff Young	Minnesota
<b>Midwest</b>	Steve Rodecap (chair)	Marquette
	Bobby Bayliss	Notre Dame
	Ty Tucker	Ohio State
	Arvid Swan	Northwestern
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	Bobby Pennington	Colgate
<b>Ohio Valley</b>	Paul Goebel (chair)	Memphis
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	Steve Secord	James Madison
	Jeff Zinn	Penn State
	Nate Feldman	Norfolk State

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	Ramsey Smith	Duke
	Thomas Mozur	UNC Greensboro
	Chris Powers	Coastal Carolina
	Josh Goffi	South Carolina
<b>Southern</b>	Per Nilsson (chair)	Mississippi State University
	Mark Booras	Tulane
	Jeff Brown	LSU
	Eric Shore	Auburn
	Nic Brochu	South Alabama
<b>Southeast</b>	Dwayne Hultquist (chair)	Florida State
	Andy Jackson	University of Florida
	J. Webb Horton	Florida Gulf Coast
	Manny Diaz	Georgia
	Kenny Thorne	Georgia Tech

### **2011-12 Division I Women's Regional Committees**

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	Jamie Sanchez	Loyola Marymount
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	Jeremy Wurtzman	University of Denver
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	Jeff Conyers	Southern University
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## ITA Rankings

### Point chart and guidelines for NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis – 2011-12

#### POINT CHART – TEAM

Win over		Win over	
<u>No.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
#1	106	#39	43
#2	102	#40	42
#3	98	#41	41
#4	94	#42	40
#5	91	#43	39
#6	88	#44	38
#7	85	#45	37
#8	82	#46	36
#9	79	#47	35
#10	77	#48	34
#11	75	#49	33
#12	73	#50	32
#13	71	#51	32
#14	69	#52	31
#15	67	#53	31
#16	66	#54	30
#17	65	#55	30
#18	64	#56	29
#19	63	#57	29
#20	62	#58	28
#21	61	#59	28
#22	60	#60	27
#23	59	#61	27
#24	58	#62	26
#25	57	#63	26
#26	56	#64	25
#27	55	#65	25
#28	54	#66	24
#29	53	#67	24
#30	52	#68	23
#31	51	#69	23
#32	50	#70	22
#33	49	#71	22
#34	48	#72	21
#35	47	#73	21
#36	46	#74	20
#37	45	#75	20
#38	44		

Win over	
<u>No.</u>	<u>Pts</u>
#76-85	16
#86-95	14
#96-105	10
#106-115	8
#116-125	6
Not ranked	4

Note: The scale for below #75 is not in use until February 26.

#### **Points deducted for losses:**

Loss to team ranked #1-5	0.1 match played
Loss to team ranked #6-10	0.2 match played
Loss to team ranked #11-15	0.3 match played
Loss to team ranked #16-20	0.4 match played
Loss to team ranked #21-25	0.5 match played
Loss to team ranked #26-30	0.6 match played
Loss to team ranked #31-40	0.7 match played
Loss to team ranked #41-50	0.8 match played
Loss to team ranked #51-64	0.9 match played
Loss to team ranked #65-75	1 match played
Loss to team ranked #76-100	1.1 match played
Loss to team ranked #101-125	1.2 match played
Loss to unranked team	1.3 match played

#### **Countable matches played (report dates):**

Feb. 26	4 matches
March 4-11-18	5 matches
March 25	6 matches
April 1	7 matches
April 8	8 matches
April 15-22	9 matches
April 29 *	9 matches
May 16 **	10 matches
May 23 Final*	10 matches

Note: 125 teams will be ranked starting February 26, However Nos. 76-125 will not be published.

\* April 29 & May 23 ranking are run twice on the computer, second run is published.

\*\* May 16 ranking is unpublished

#### **Bonus points for road victories:**

All road wins 10%

Note: Points not awarded for wins at neutral site

#### **Bonus points for NCAA Team Championships**

Advance to second Round	1 point added to overall average
Round of 16	2 points
Quarterfinals	3 points
Semifinals	4 points
Final	6 points
Champion	Automatically ranked No. 1

# **ITA Rankings**

## **GUIDELINES AND RULES – TEAM**

1. The first six national top 75 team rankings of the spring will be decided by vote of the ITA National Ranking Committee. For the remainder of the spring dual match season, the rankings will be based on the ITA computer ranking system (beginning February 26). For each countable victory and all losses a team receives a prescribed number of points (see point chart) based upon the national ranking of the opponent defeated. Victories and losses in ITA-sanctioned college dual matches will count towards the team ranking.
2. A team is worth its current value/ranking. If a team drops or climbs during the season, it will always be worth its current ranking each given period. Each ranking period, the ranking average will be figured with the total of countable victories and all losses. If the team has fewer ranked victories than the countable victory total for the period, the rest of the counted victories will be its unranked victories. If the team has more ranked victories than the countable victory totals, the team's highest countable victories will be those counted. All losses will be considered as countable matches, but losses are also weighted according to opponent rank.
3. The way the points are distributed – points for wins; percentages deducted for losses – they consider a team's won-loss record, strength of schedule and depth of wins and losses; and significant wins and losses (with bonus points for road wins). The formula works as follows: Sum of points from 'x' best wins for that rankings period divided by [(the 'x' best countable wins for that particular ranking period + Points from all losses)].
4. The ITA National Ranking Committee can review Nos. 51 through 75 in the first five ITA computer team rankings and has the authority to adjust the rankings in that area to ensure the most-deserving teams enter into the rankings.
5. Shortened or different formats approved by the ITA can also count towards rankings (if both coaches have agreed on this prior to the match).
6. Non-division I opponents count as unranked wins and/or losses.
7. The NCAA team champion automatically goes to No. 1 in final ranking. Bonus points are awarded for advancement in the NCAA Team Championships (see point chart).

## ITA Rankings

### Point chart and guidelines for NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Tennis – 2011-12

#### POINT CHART – SINGLES AND DOUBLES

Opp. Rank	Points for wins	Points deducted for losses	report date	<u>Singles</u>	
				Countable victories	(# ranked published/internal run)
1-5	80	.10	Nov. 15	5	(125/175)
6-10	75	.20	Feb. 12-19-26	7	(125/175)
11-15	70	.30	Mar. 11-25	8	(125/175)
16-20	65	.40	April 8-15-22	10	(125/175)
21-25	60	.50	April 29	10	(125/175)
26-30	55	.60	May 16	12	(125/175)
31-35	50	.70	Final May 30	15	(125/175)
36-40	45	.70			
				<u>Doubles</u>	
41-45	40	.80	report date	Countable victories	(# ranked published/internal run)
			Nov. 15	4	(60/80)
46-50	35	.80	Feb. 12-19-26	6	(60/80)
51-55	30	.90	Mar. 11-25	7	(80/125)
56-60	25	.90	April 8-15-22	8	(90/125)
61-65	20	1.00	April 29	8	(90/125)
66-80	15	1.05	May 16	9	(90/125)
81-100	12	1.10	Final May 30	12	(90/125)
101-125	10	1.15			
126-150	8	1.20			
151-175	7	1.25			
NR Singles	5	1.25 (Nov 15 through Jan. 3)			
NR Singles	4	1.35 (Feb. 12 through Final Ranking)			
NR Doubles	12	1.20 (Nov 15 through Jan. 3)			
NR Doubles	6	1.25 (Feb. 12 through Final Ranking)			

**Note: Maximum of top 125 (singles) and top 90 (doubles) are published  
Nov. 15, April 29 & May 30 rankings are run twice  
May 16 rankings are not published**

# ITA Rankings

## GUIDELINES AND RULES – SINGLES/DOUBLES

1. The Top 125 singles players and Top 90 doubles rankings will be based on the ITA computer ranking system. For each victory, a player receives a prescribed number of points based upon the national ranking of the opponent defeated (see point chart).
2. Each ranking period, the ranking average will be figured with the total countable victories and losses. If the player has fewer ranked victories than the countable victory total for that period, the rest of the victories will be computed as unranked victories. If the player has more ranked victories than the countable total, the player's highest-ranked victories will be those counted. All losses will be considered as countable matches, losses against higher ranked players will not count as full matches but rather as percentages of matches played (see point chart). A player's/team's worth changes each rankings period since the computer does its calculation using the opponent's rankings from the most recent previous rankings period.
3. A ranking is figured by the individual receiving points for each countable victory in ITA-sanctioned tournament and dual matches to date. The sum of all the countable wins for the ranking period is the player's ranking point total for that period. The total ranking points is divided by the number of countable wins added to the points from losses. The computer calculated average =  $\text{Sum of points from 'x' best wins for that rankings period} \div [\text{the 'x' best countable wins for that particular ranking period} + \text{Points from all losses}]$ .
4. A match must have started for a player to receive ranking credit for the win or the loss. Players do not receive or lose points for defaults or walkovers.
5. In a team dual match competition, if the team match has been clinched and matches are stopped before completion, those unfinished individual matches do not count toward rankings (if both coaches have agreed on this prior to the match).
6. The way the points are distributed – points for wins; percentages deducted for losses – they consider a player/team's won-loss record, strength of schedule and depth of wins and losses; significant wins and losses.
7. There are no bonus points for advancement at tournaments.
8. Wins and losses to non-Division I players count as unranked wins and losses (this does not include opponents at ITA National Indoor Championships, whose value is that of the lowest ranked non-wild card player/team in the field).
9. Only results from ITA-sanctioned tournaments can count towards a player's ranking.
10. Shortened or different formats approved by the ITA may also count towards rankings (if both coaches have agreed on this prior to the match).
11. Through the second computer singles rankings, players who play an opponent who was listed as insufficient data in the preseason and/or January ranking and is currently unranked will receive credit/discredit for a win/loss at their opponent's final 2011 ranking and/or preseason ranking (for first and second computer rankings only).
12. The ITA National Ranking Committee reviews the first computer rankings in January and can make adjustments to those due to the limited results in the fall.
13. Players will receive credit for wins and losses against ranked players, or doubles teams that are considered inactive (due to injury, leaving team, etc.). Inactive players will be listed at the bottom of the rankings with their ranking (value) had they been active and in the rankings.



## ITA Rankings: Frequently Asked Questions

### SINGLES/DOUBLES RANKINGS

Q: I beat the No. 40 and 70 players in this ranking, but am unranked - how can this be?

A: This is probably because these players were unranked in the last (preseason) rankings, or they were not ranked as high. Credit is given to where player/teams are in the previous set of rankings. Wherever opponents are ranked in the previous rankings (the September preseason rankings) are what a player/team will receive credit for in the next rankings. Losses are also a factor in ranking. So expect more big changes throughout the next set of rankings on February 17. These will be a reaction to all the changes from this set of rankings. As the season goes on there are less and less big jumps, drops.

Q: What is the formula?

A: The formula works as follows: Points from x best wins divided by [Points from all losses + the countable matches/wins for that particular ranking period] = overall average. If player had a 2 wins over No. 50 and No. 80 (and several unranked wins) and 2 losses - 1 to No. 40 and an unranked loss, his/her average would work as follows: 62 points from wins divided by [1.90 losses + 5 countable matches] = 8.98 average

Q: Does last season count for anything? A player's reputation?

A: No, each season everyone starts at 0-0. The computer is blind to a player's reputation or performances from previous seasons.

Q: Does the player's/doubles team's preseason ranking matter? I'm 60 spots lower than where I was ranked in the preseason - how can this be? And/or that player jumped 80 spots?!!

A: As stated earlier, everyone starts at zero for this first computer ranking. The player who was ranked No. 1 in the preseason is starting at the same point as someone who was unranked. The only thing the No. 1 ranking meant was that was the value his or her opponents received for wins and losses to him/her during the fall. So if the No. 1 player's results or lack of results warrant a No. 60 ranking, their preseason No. 1 ranking had nothing to do with them moving to this spot. Along these lines, a player that was No. 100 and is now No. 20 really didn't jump 80 spots. The No. 100 ranking was based on a vote and has no impact where they will be when the results are calculated by the computer.

Q: Is my season ruined if I'm not ranked right now?

A: Not at all. Not even close. Every year many players are ranked outside the top 100 at this point in the season who make strong runs towards the top of the rankings. Last year in the 2009-10 season, Henrique Cunha from Duke, started the season as an unranked freshman, but was number three by



season's end. Florida's Allie Will also was an unranked freshman when she started the 2009-10 season, but finished No. 11 in the Final Rankings. That said each year there are also players who start the season in the top 20, but who eventually dropped outside the top 80, 100, etc.

Q: Is there any type of vote involved in the spring dual-match season for singles/doubles rankings?

A: No. The preseason rankings in September for singles and doubles were a committee vote, based mainly on where players finished in the rankings from the previous season. All spring single/doubles rankings are solely computer generated, but giving the ITA National Ranking Committee the ability to review the rankings and adjust 2 players/teams in singles in doubles per region that were significantly out of line with how their regional rankings reflected those players. The first computer ranking for January 4 is the only computer singles/doubles ranking during the season that has a committee review.

Q: Why is a player I beat ranked in front me?

A: Direct head-to-head wins and losses do not factor into the formula. Players and teams should really root for their opponents to stay as high as possible in the rankings. A win over a player over No. 15 is obviously worth a lot more than a win over No. 30. There is no way humanly possible to have every player ranked in front of all the players they beat. If you beat No. 40, but don't have any other ranked wins and/or several unranked losses, you will probably be ranked below 40. You need to also look at where that player was in the last ranking - he/she may be No. 40 now, but they could have been No. 80 in the last ranking, and that is what was used for the calculation.

Q: Are there bonus points for winning singles or doubles tournaments?

A: No. There have not been bonus points awarded for advancement in tournament play since the 1999 season.

Q: What happens if a player I beat moves up or down in the rankings?

A: A player or team's value is what they are in the most current ranking. If you beat the No. 10 player from the previous rankings, you are given credit for a win over No. 10. If that player is No. 5 in the new rankings, you'll get credit for a win over No. 5 in the next rankings. However, it also works the same when players drop in the rankings.

Q: What should I pay attention to when looking at the averages?

A: It's very important to look at the averages, especially later on in the season. A player may be down at No. 80 but just a few tenths of a point away from No. 60, or just one good win away. Sometimes one really good win could mean the difference in at least 15-20 spots.

Q: Does the score of a match factor into the formula?

A: It does not. A 6-0, 6-0 loss counts the same as a 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 loss, and a 7-0 team loss counts the same as a 4-3 team loss.

Q: Do walkovers or defaults count as wins or losses?

A: No. A point must have been played in a match for it to count for ranking purposes.

Q: Do players with longer records do better in the rankings?

A: Not necessarily. Each week the computer uses a certain amount of wins. For a ranking in which a player's 10 best wins counted towards their point average, it would not matter if they were 10-2 or 23-2. For this first ranking a player's 5 best wins in singles, 4 best wins in doubles and all losses were calculated.

Q: I keep winning, but my ranking keeps dropping?

A: There are a few reasons why this could happen. First and foremost, what did your best wins/losses do in the last ranking? If most of them dropped in the rankings, that will affect your ranking. Also as the season goes along we count more and more wins. One week we used each player's 5 best wins, but the next week used the 6 best wins, and you could get passed if other players ranked behind you have a better sixth win. Also, sometimes you don't really drop but get "passed" by a team or player with some recent big wins.

Q: My regional ranking doesn't seem to mesh with my national ranking?

A: Keep in mind that regional rankings are done by committee vote and not by computer. A regional committee gets a preview of the national rankings and sometimes uses those as a guideline, however regional rankings tend to use the regional tournament, ITA National Indoors, and the All-American championships as more of a guideline for placement than a computer ranking would. The national rankings do not have to be in the same order a region placed its players (and vice versa) and often are not.

Q: Are any bonus points given in the Singles and Doubles rankings calculations?

A: Yes, a road win gives an added bonus of 10% to the Singles player or Doubles Team for that individual win

Q: What can I do if after looking at the way the points work, there appears to be a mistake in a player's math-points?

A: After looking at the points and something still doesn't look quite right, an ITA coach should first view their player's results on [collegtennisonline.com](http://collegtennisonline.com) to make sure they were entered correctly. It is not uncommon for a school to miss a few player results (we try to check, but it's impossible to know what is missing or not missing for the thousands of singles/doubles results). After that, an ITA coach can contact the ITA office – Josh Rey (Men's rankings coordinator, [jrey@itatennis.com](mailto:jrey@itatennis.com)) and Nick Snow (Women's rankings coordinator, [nsnow@itatennis.com](mailto:nsnow@itatennis.com)). If there is ever a mistake, we'll be sure to fix it immediately.

## TEAM RANKINGS

Q: How do the team computer rankings work?

A: The main thing to remember for the first team computer ranking in March is that it is administered in an entirely different method than the rankings published during the first five weeks of the spring season. The weekly poll is based primarily on week-to-week results. For example, a voter looks at the No. 10

team and asks themselves, "what did this team do last week (or recently)," and then decides to move them up, drop them or keep them in the same spot. Whereas each week the computer determines what a team has done up to that point in the entire season. Where a team is ranked on one week has no impact where it will be ranked the next week - it is where its opponents are ranked that matters most. This is a scenario that typically happens during the first computer rankings to several teams: a team is No. 20 this week; it started there in the preseason ranking and stayed within a couple spots of that ranking in the ensuing weeks; it has a 6-3 record - all of its losses are to teams ranked in front of them, while all its wins are ranked past No. 50. This team is probably going to drop some. Also, for about 50-60 of the top 75 teams in the rankings there will be likely little change in their March 1 ranking. But there are going to be about 15-25 teams that make significant moves (up, down and out) and that will impact the second computer rankings (so if you beat a team that was No. 40 in the first computer ranking that drops to No. 60 in the second computer ranking, it will hurt you in the third computer ranking). There is still some voting in these rankings. For the fourth straight season the ITA National Ranking Committee continued to vote on and review spots No. 50-75 in the first few computer rankings.

Q: When do the team rankings go to the computer?

A: The first week of March. And not that, while convenient, it's actually not entirely correct to say a team "climbed" or "dropped," in these first rankings since we are administering the first computer ranking in an entirely different method than the previous ranking. These are the first "computer" rankings of the season. One more thing to remember - a team is given credit for where its opponents are ranked the previous week. So if you beat a team when it was No. 40 back on Jan. 29 and it is No. 10 on Feb. 24 - you'll be given credit for a win over No. 10. Conversely, if that team went from No. 10 to No. 40, you'd be given credit for a win over No. 40. Each week you'll want to keep a close tab on where teams you've played go in the rankings because it will impact your ranking average in the next ranking.

Q: Are the singles and doubles rankings calculated the same way?

A: They are calculated using the same method but points allotted for wins and points deducted for losses are different.

Q: Are any bonus points given in the team rankings calculations?

A: Yes, a road win gives an added bonus of 10% to the team for that individual win. Additional points are also given to teams that progress further in the NCAA Team championships at the end of the year.

Q: Why is the computer formula secret?

A: It's not. Many ITA coaches already have it and any coach who doesn't can request a point chart. Also, an ITA staff member can work with a coach to explain it in greater detail upon request. **The point chart is only available to ITA-member coaches.** This 2011-12 season the ITA will continue to conduct an aggressive campaign to arm the coaches with as much information on the rankings they wish to have. We always welcome comments and encourage suggestions to improve the formula in future seasons.



## **I. Reminder of 2011-12 Campbell/ITA College Tennis Rankings Procedures\***

- Use the end of year published rankings as the following year's preseason rankings (for singles and doubles).
- Creation of a freshman/newcomer ranking (top 10) that would include all freshman and non-Division I transfers.
- A player can be ranked with multiple partners in doubles throughout the spring season only (where match results have been established).
- For preseason rankings, a player with multiple doubles partners can only appear once in the highest doubles team ranking.
- Spring Regional Rankings will decrease from 30 singles/15 doubles to 20 singles/10 doubles.

**II. REGIONAL CHAIR VOTING RESPONSIBILITIES:** A new procedure was implemented prior to the 2010-11 season for completing the team rankings early during the spring team season, with each Regional Chair responsible to vote on only a designated section of the rankings.

- There are six ITA Ranking periods conducted by ballot prior to computerized rankings.
- There are 12 Men's Regional Ranking Chairs and 12 Women's Regional Ranking Chairs.
- To assure accuracy and accountability, two regional chairs will pair up for each ranking period and will be responsible for carefully voting on a designated section.
- Since the most important and focused areas of voting are the teams 1-20, ALL Regional Chairs will be expected to vote on the top 20 as well as their designated section.
- Each section will be divided by increments of 20 with an overlap of an increment of 10 to allow for further cross-reference and accuracy. Even though the published rankings will include only to 75, the voting will be conducted to 80 so that the five teams just outside of the rankings will be accounted as a reference for all Regional Ranking Chairs.
- Each week the pair of Regional Chairs will be responsible for the next set of 20 rankings to allow each set of Chairs to vote ONE time for each designated section.
- EXAMPLE PROVIDED BELOW:

ALL Chairs: 1-20  
Chairs 1/2: 20-40  
Chairs 3/4: 30-50  
Chairs 5/6: 40-60  
Chairs 7/8: 50-70  
Chairs 9/10: 60-80  
Chairs 11/12: 70-80 and 20-30

**III. Additional Rankings Exploration:** Please provide any and all Rankings suggestions to ITA Managers of Communications, Josh Rey and Nick Snow, and National Ranking Chairs, Billy Pate and Nicole Kenneally, for further discussions to be conducted after the 2012 spring season.

*\*Please note that this information was approved by the ITA Division I Operating Committee at the 2010 ITA Convention and is currently available on the ITA web site.*

		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities	
Ranking Chairs		Week 1	1/22 - 1/24	Week 2	1/30 - 2/2	Week 3	2/5 - 2/7	Week 4	2/19 - 2/21
1	Peter Bartlett	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70	1-20	30-50
2	Adam Steinberg	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70	1-20	30-50
3	Danny Westerman	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80	1-20	40-60
4	Steve Moore	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80	1-20	40-60
5	Vince Westbrook	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	50-70
6	Steve Rodecap	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	50-70
7	Lee Nickell	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40	1-20	60-80
8	Paul Goebel	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40	1-20	60-80
9	Jim Thompson	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50	1-20	70-80, 20-30
10	Michael Leonard	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50	1-20	70-80, 20-30
11	Per Nilsson	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60	1-20	20-40
12	Dwayne Hultquist	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60	1-20	20-40
Rankings Chairs		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities	
by Groups of 10		Week 1	1/22 - 1/24	Week 2	1/30 - 2/2	Week 3	2/5 - 2/7	Week 4	2/19 - 2/21
	1-20	All		All		All		All	
	21-30	1,2,3,4		3,4,5,6		5,6,7,8		9,10,11,12	
	31-40	3,4,5,6		5,6,7,8		7,8,9,10		1,2,11,12	
	41-50	5,6,7,8		7,8,9,10		9,10,11,12		1,2,3,4	
	51-60	7,8,9,10		9,10,11,12		1,2,11,12		3,4,5,6	
	61-70	9,10,11,12		1,2,11,12		1,2,3,4		5,6,7,8	
	71-80	1,2,11,12		1,2,3,4		3,4,5,6		7,8,9,10	

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Ranking Chairs		Week 1	1/22 - 1/24	Week 2	1/30 - 2/2	Week 3	2/12 - 2/14	Week 4	2/19 - 2/21
1	Jill Hultquist	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50
2	Gary Victor	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50
3	Jon Messick	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60
4	Joey Scrivano	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60
5	Michael Hegarty	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70
6	Brian Fleishman	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70
7	Robert Dallis	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80
8	Lee Taylor Walker	1-20	40-60	1-20	30-50	1-20	70-80, 20-30	1-20	60-80
9	Mark Guilbeau	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30
10	Jeff Trivette	1-20	50-70	1-20	40-60	1-20	20-40	1-20	70-80, 20-30
11	Kristen Hall	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40
12	Jennifer Gabou	1-20	60-80	1-20	50-70	1-20	30-50	1-20	20-40
Rankings Coverage		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities		Voting Responsibilities	
by Groups of 10		Week 1	1/22 - 1/24	Week 2	1/30 - 2/2	Week 3	2/12 - 2/14	Week 4	2/19 - 2/21
	1-20	All		All		All		All	
	21-30	1,2,3,4		3,4,5,6		7,8,9,10		9,10,11,12	
	31-40	3,4,5,6		5,6,7,8		9,10,11,12		1,2,11,12	
	41-50	5,6,7,8		7,8,9,10		1,2,11,12		1,2,3,4	
	51-60	7,8,9,10		9,10,11,12		1,2,3,4		3,4,5,6	
	61-70	9,10,11,12		1,2,11,12		3,4,5,6		5,6,7,8	
	71-80	1,2,11,12		1,2,3,4		5,6,7,8		7,8,9,10	