

HONG KONG JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS & RANKING



The Hong Kong Tennis Association will sanction 4 categories of junior tournaments.

1. Satellite
2. Challenger
3. Grand Prix
4. National Championship



Satellite Tournaments will provide events for players from 9U to 14U and have the following restrictions:

- Players ranked in the top 16 of any monthly Hong Kong National Junior Rankings or in the top 8 of a younger age division moving up, are ineligible to take part.
- Players who have had an ITF ranking are ineligible to take part.
- The tournament may use any match format recognized by the HKTA (single elimination, FIC, MFIC, FRC, round robin, compass).

Challenger & Grand Prix Tournaments are open to all players in age divisions 10U-18U and must meet the following requirements:

- Tournament is strongly encouraged to provide open draw (unlimited entries)
- If draw size is limited, players are accepted based on ranking/performance.
- Tournament must be open to all players age divisions 10U-18U, regardless of past or current rankings.
- Tournament may use any singles scoring format recognized by the HKTA.
- Tournament is strongly encouraged to use best of 2, or 2 out of 3 sets.
- Tournament is strongly encouraged to provide feed-in event.

National Championship Tournaments are open to all players in age divisions 10U-18U, and must meet the following requirements:

- Open draw – unlimited entries
- Open to all players age divisions 10U-18U, regardless of past or current rankings.
- Must use best of 2, or 2 out of 3 sets.
- Must have a full feed-in event
- May use any doubles scoring format

Junior National Ranking Events

The HKTA sanctions the following events to be used to determine HK National Junior Rankings:

Boys: 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under

Girls: 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under



2002 HKTA Tennis Age Eligibility Chart

Age Division	Born	End of Eligibility
9	1993 or after	Last day of 2002
10	1992 or after	Last day of 2002
12	1990 or after	Last day of 2002
14	1988 or after	Last day of 2002
16	1986 or after	Last day of 2002
18	1984 or after	Last day of 2002

Scoring

For ranking purpose, a match must consist of at least an 8-game pro-set. Recognized scoring formats are:

- Best of 3 sets
- Best of 2 sets (tie break as 3rd set)
- Short Sets (4 game - Satellite tournaments only)
- 21 point matches (Satellite tournaments only)
- Pro-Sets
- Regular Scoring
- No ad scoring

Junior Rest Periods and Daily Match Limitations

Rest Periods Between Matches

A minimum rest period of 30 minutes must be offered after all matches.

Daily Singles Playing Limitations

Players are limited to three matches per day and under extreme circumstances, players may play a fourth match, provided the Referee and both players agree. If playing Pro Sets, players may play up to four matches, with five being played under extreme circumstances

Rain Outs and Make-up Procedures

If a tournament is rained out, juniors entered will receive credit for matches played in the tournament for ranking purposes. The Tournament Director will determine a tournament rain out.

If a tournament, because of inclement weather, elects to allow players, with their mutual agreement, to complete suspended matches or matches that have not been played after the scheduled dates, all matches must be completed within thirty days of the sanctioned completion date.

GENERAL RANKING INFORMATION

1. Eligibility for ranking by HKTA shall be limited to juniors who possess a current HKTA membership card.
2. There will be only one ranking for all junior events; the Hong Kong National Junior Rankings for juniors who participate in HKTA sanctioned events and ITF Singles events.
3. In 2002 HKTA will update the National Junior Rankings at its web site every month.
4. In ranking a particular age group, only results of matches played in that age group will be considered.
5. Results of feed-in competition or consolation tournament matches played will count towards a junior's ranking. Defaulting in playoff, feed-in competition or consolation rounds is the same as defaulting in the main draw - **The tournament was not played to completion.**
6. If a Singles player defaults prior to starting a particular match, the match will not count as either a win or a loss and the tournament will not count as a tournament played toward meeting the minimum number required for ranking eligibility. However, once a match has started, a player not completing the match will be recorded as the loser and the opponent as the winner. Such a tournament will count as a tournament played for the loser toward meeting the minimum number required for ranking.



7. After the first year of rankings, ranking points will be carried over to the next year on an event by event rollover – with players defending points from the same event held the year before. Players moving up an age group at the end of the year will carry forward 10% of the previous year's ranking points and keep 100% of the points earned from playing in the higher age group the previous year. (if they played up an age group the previous year) i.e. a player who played in both 12U & 14U events in 2001 and moves up to 14U in 2002, will keep 10% of the 12U points and 100% of the 14U points from 2001.

JUNIOR OPEN RANKING REQUIREMENTS

To receive a year end National ranking, junior players must meet the following requirements:

1. Play to completion a minimum of 3 Satellite, Challenger or Grand Prix tournaments, or play to completion a minimum of 2 ITF Singles tournaments or the Hong Kong National Junior. Championships - AND
2. Singles players must win a minimum of seven (7) matches in Satellite, Challenger, Grand Prix or Championship tournaments or win at least one ITF match, throughout the year.
3. Only results of matches in HKTA sanctioned tournaments and ITF Singles Tournaments will be considered.
4. A junior's best five tournament results will count towards his/her year end ranking
5. The Grand Master Events will not count toward the minimum number of tournaments required for ranking, however, the match results will count for ranking.

THE RANKING PROCESS

Player record corrections and reporting

- It is each player's responsibility to maintain a personal tournament record during the year that indicates the date, name, and location of each tournament played. The player must also indicate name of each opponent, along with the score and round of each match.
- Player record corrections will be an ongoing process. During the year, corrections in writing to the HKTA Office or email, within 7 days of the tournament, may be made to computer-generated player records published on the HKTA web site. Player's name, age division, name of tournament, results, and name of opponent must accompany each correction.
- Players who play ITF tournaments must report the results of each tournament in writing or email to the HKTA. Results must be reported within 14 days of the tournament. Player's name, name of tournament, results, and name of opponent must accompany each result.

Following the close of the calendar ranking period, all players who have qualified for rankings will be mailed a copy of their player records as they appear in the HKTA computer. Players will have 7 days from the date of the mailing of their records in which to make corrections and inform the HKTA Office.

PRELIMINARY & FINAL RANKINGS

1. Following the correction of records, the Preliminary Rankings will be mailed to all players eligible to be ranked. Players have 7 days to appeal their Preliminary Rankings to the Ranking Committee.
2. After the Junior Ranking Committee has received appeals to the Preliminary Rankings, the Tentative Rankings will be released. All players whose Preliminary Rankings have been changed will be mailed a copy of their Tentative Rankings. Where no changes to the Preliminary Rankings have been made, rankings become Final.
3. Players whose Preliminary rankings were changed with the release of the Tentative Rankings will have five days to appeal to the HKTA Ranking Review Board.
4. The Final Rankings released by the HKTA Ranking Review Board may not be appealed.

RANKING PENALTIES

Withdrawals, Defaults, Retirements, and Junior Suspension Points may impact a player's ranking. Definitions are listed below:

- Withdrawals – A player leaves the tournament after the draw has been made but prior to the beginning of the first match of the event in the tournament.
- Default - A default will be given if a player is defaulted from a match in progress in accordance with Point Penalty System for code violations. Such a default will count as a win for the opponent.
- Walkover – (1) the player elects not to play a scheduled match or (2) the player is walked over for time and lateness. All walkovers will count as a loss against the player being walked over regardless of the reason. This applies to all age groups, whether in the main draw or feed-in. **Such walkovers will only be counted as a win for the opponent if the opponent wins in the next round.**
- **A player who withdraws, is walked over or defaults three times (in total) in any ranking division in any calendar year will not be eligible for a ranking in that age division.** Defaults/walkovers/withdrawals shall be limited to one per player, per event, in any one tournament. If a player is walked over for medical reasons, the walkover will not count as one of the three allowed infractions.
- Retirement – A player is unable to continue a match in progress because of a loss of natural condition, an accidental injury, or personal emergency. A retirement counts as a loss for the retired player and a win for the opponent. **If the retirement is in the main draw and the player cannot continue in the feed-in, the feed-in match will not count as a default. If the retirement is in the main draw, the player plays a round in the feed-in and then defaults, the player will be assessed with a default.** The tournament will be counted as a tournament played, as well as all prior wins and losses in the tournament.

ITF Tournaments Endorsement Procedure for Juniors

Hong Kong juniors seeking endorsement to ITF Tournaments and other International Events should write directly to the Tournament Committee for approval.

Junior Suspension Point System

The following HKTA Point Penalty System will be in effect in all HKTA sanctioned tournaments including the CRC Open (school boys/girls) and the South China Open (school boys/girls). The System applies to violations during the warm-up as well as the match.

For each penalty imposed under the Point Penalty System (excluding unintentional time violations) the following Junior Suspension Points will be imposed

- one point shall be assessed for Warning
- one point shall be assessed for default of a match
- three points shall be assessed for default for a flagrantly unsportsmanlike act
- one point shall be assessed for default due to late arrival for a match
- two points shall be assessed for default by a player from any round for reasons other than lateness
- two points shall be assessed for leaving the court during a match without the permission of the umpire or Referee
- two points shall be assessed for not using best effort to win
- two points shall be assessed for unsportsmanlike conduct at a tournament site (excluding on-court)
- one point shall be assessed for withdrawal from a tournament after entry deadline



- two points shall be assessed for entering another tournament held during the same time in whole or part, unless each tournament committee concurs in writing

If a player receives six or more Junior Suspension Points during a 12-month period, the player will be suspended from competing in HKTA sanctioned junior events for eight (8) weeks.

Extreme abusive conduct as defined in the Point Penalty System could result in a suspension from six to twelve months. Additionally, the player would not be eligible for a HKTA ranking.

The Junior Suspension Point System procedure will be as follows:

- Upon receipt of a Junior Suspension Point, the Referee will fill out and sign, along with the player's signature, a Code of Conduct Report. The Tournament Director will be responsible for mailing it to the HKTA within 48 hours after the completion of the tournament. The player will also receive a copy of the report. The HKTA Office will record and keep track of all Junior Suspension Points.
- If timing permits, any player accumulating a minimum of four Junior Suspension Points will be notified by the HKTA office. If a player is assessed two or more additional suspension points prior to notification, the player is subject to the Suspension Point process immediately.
- The player will be notified when he/she reaches six or more Junior Suspension Points. The player will have five days to submit a written appeal to the HKTA office – attention Grievance Committee. After the appeal and if the suspension is deemed appropriate, the suspension from any HKTA sanctioned event will immediately be effective for a period of eight weeks.
- After a suspension, the first six Suspension Points will be cancelled.
- Tournament Directors will be notified of the suspension.
- **Repercussions from suspension will be elimination of selection for any special programs sponsored by the HKTA such as the Rice Bowl, HKTA Player Development programs, HKTA Squad Training Programs, HKTA Overseas Training Camps and all ITF Tournaments sponsored by the HKTA and HKSDB. A ranking for that year might also be withheld.**

HKTA Ranking Points Table

Satellite Tournaments – Based on wins only

Participation	5 point
Main Draw	25 points per round + 25 point bonus for Champion
Feed-in	5 points per round
Bye	Point not counted unless there is a win the next round
Default	Count as a win

Challenger Tournament – Based on wins only

Participation	10 points
Main Draw	100 points per round + bonus for loser in QF – 15 / SF – 45 / F – 90 / CH - 150
Feed-in	25 points per round
Bye	Point not counted unless there is a win the next round
Default	count as a win

Grand Prix and Grand Master Tournament – Based on wins only

Participation	10 point
Main Draw	150 points per round + bonus for loser in QF – 20 / SF – 60 / F – 120 / CH - 200
Feed-in	35 points per round
Bye	Point not counted unless there is a win in the next round
Default	Counts as a win

National Championship – Based on wins only

Participation	10 points
Main Draw	200 points per round + bonus for loser in QF – 30 / SF – 90 / F – 180 / CH - 300
Feed-in	50 points per round
Bye	Points not counted unless there is a win in the next round
Default	Count as a win

ITF Conversion

Each ITF point would count as 50 HK ranking points in the 18U age division only

- Any ATP points earned by juniors will go to their Hong Kong Open National Rankings

NB. This provisional ranking system will be used in 2001 & 2002, following which a review will be held. From time to time and at it's discretion, the Tournament Committee may amend the regulations and points structure of this system. Input is welcome from coaches, parents and players throughout the year. Any suggestions should be made to the HKTA Tournament Committee.

2001 Provisional Year End Standings

For the purpose of determining the 2001 year end provisional rankings, results were entered from the following tournaments :

2001 National Junior Championships (32 draw maximum)

For events where players were made to qualify into a R16, results from this event will be taken as from a 32 draw. Players who won through qualifying to the R16 will receive 200 points for winning their R32 match. Direct acceptance players who won their R16 match will also receive points for their R32 bye. Direct acceptance players who lost their R16 match will only receive participation points. In events in which there was no qualifying, players will receive points based on the Ranking Points Table.

2001 CRC Schoolboy's/girl's Championships (18U only / 32 draw maximum)

The same calculations will be used for this event as for the Nationals above, except that 12 players were given direct acceptance and 4 players qualified. Once again, in the case of small draw sizes, points will be awarded based on the Ranking Points Table.

2001 HKTA Junior Tennis Series (Open Draw)

This event was the first series on which all future competition will be based. All events held an Open Draw with full feed-in event. Points will be awarded to all players who won matches both in the Main Draw and Feed-in event, based on the Ranking Points Table and the following draw size restrictions :

4-11 entrants 8 draw
12-23 entrants 16 draw
24-47 entrants 32 draw
48-95 entrants 64 draw
96-191 entrants 128 draw

i.e. in the event of 68 players entering, points will only be award from the R64. Those 8 players playing in the R128 will only receive points if they win their 2nd match. The same principle will be applied throughout.

