



# **2024 AUSTRALIAN RANKING GUIDELINES**

**DEAF & HARD OF HEARING**

## OVERVIEW

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHoH) Australian Ranking is the mathematical method of ranking Australian tennis athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing on a calendar year basis. The Australian Ranking is the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in some tournaments for singles and doubles. DHoH Australian Rankings will be effective as of 1 January 2024.

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

Australian citizens and permanent residents who have participated in a DHoH Australian Ranking event after 1 January 2024 and satisfied the point accumulation requirements (outlined in section 8) are eligible for a DHoH Australian Ranking. Athletes with an overseas citizenship who are competing in Australia must provide evidence of Australian permanent residency status to Tennis Australia before being eligible for a DHoH Australian Ranking.

Athletes must meet the appropriate classification eligibility requirements to be eligible for a DHoH Australian Ranking (refer to section 2 (a)).

### 2. CLASSIFICATIONS

#### (a) NATIONAL LEVEL

- Athletes must be eligible according to the Deaf Sports Australia eligibility criteria.

#### (b) SIGNATURE & COMMUNITY LEVEL

- Athletes must be eligible according to the Deaf Sports Australia eligibility criteria.

If unsure, please visit the [Tennis Australia](#) or [Deaf Sports Australia](#) websites for more information.

### 3. RANKING CALCULATION METHOD

Each athlete will have a separate ranking for singles and doubles. An athlete's DHoH Australian Singles Ranking is calculated using the best four (4) singles results over the last 12 months and their DHoH Australian Doubles Ranking is calculated using their best four (4) doubles results over the last 12 months:

The official DHoH Australian Ranking system works on a 12-month rollover system – calculated by athletes' total points in the preceding 12 months from when they first obtain a DHoH Australian Ranking. Once this 12-month period expires, acquired points will cease to contribute to an athlete's DHoH Australian Ranking.

*e.g. Player A is a finalist in the Australian DHoH Tennis Championships in November 2023 and acquires 225 DHoH Australian Ranking points. These points will cease to contribute to Player A's DHoH Australian Ranking at the beginning of December 2024.*

### 4. RESOLVING TIES

#### SINGLES

When two or more athletes have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- (a) Whoever finished higher in the most recent event in which both/all athletes played. If the tie is not broken then,
- (b) The athlete with the highest number of points from an individual event, then, if needed, the second best, and so on, and if still tied, then
- (c) Drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

## **DOUBLES**

When two or more athletes have the same total number of doubles points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- (a) Whoever has the higher singles ranking will be ranked higher in doubles, or
- (b) If both athletes do not have a singles ranking, then drawn by lot by Tennis Australia.

## **5. RELEASE DATE**

The DHoH Australian Ranking is adjusted and updated by the end of the week after the completion of the event. The rankings are listed on the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website. It is an athlete's responsibility to check that his or her ranking is correct. Any perceived anomalies, incorrect spellings, change of address/date of birth or queries regarding the rankings should be emailed to [deaftennis@tennis.com.au](mailto:deaftennis@tennis.com.au). Any such email must be received no later than seven (7) days after the applicable release of the updated DHoH Australian Ranking. After this time, amendments will not be made until the next DHoH Australian Ranking is released.

## **6. AUSTRALIAN RANKING SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS**

The following tournaments are recognised by the DHoH Australian Ranking system and contribute to a player's national ranking:

### **(a) NATIONAL SERIES**

- Australian DHoH Tennis Championships

### **(b) SIGNATURE SERIES**

- ACT DHoH Open
- NSW DHoH Open
- NT DHoH Open
- QLD DHoH Open
- SA DHoH Open
- VIC DHoH Open
- WA DHoH Open

### **(c) COMMUNITY SERIES**

- Regional events and Australian Deaf Games events will be added to the calendar and will enter the calendar at Community level with no ranking points for 2024.

## 7. EVENTS

### (a) NATIONAL (based on UTR & gender)

- Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles
- Junior Boys & Girls Singles & Doubles

### (b) SIGNATURE (State) (based on UTR & gender)

- Men's & Women's Singles & Doubles
- Junior Singles & Doubles (split gender when entry numbers permit)

### (c) COMMUNITY (Region/Club) (based on UTR)

- Open Singles & Doubles
- Junior Singles & Doubles

## 8. POINTS ALLOCATION

### (a) ALLOCATION OF SINGLES POINTS

- (i) DHoH Australian Ranking singles points will be awarded on the draw (usually round robin & playoff) final placing from DHoH Australian Ranking tournaments provided that the athlete has won at least one match (except for Division 1 events) and upon the following conditions (outlined in section 8 (c) & (d)).
- (ii) No DHoH Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments.
- (iii) If a playoff match isn't played (i.e. 3/4 playoff, 5/6 playoff) then both athletes are awarded the lower points.

### (b) ALLOCATION OF DOUBLES POINTS

- (i) DHoH Australian Ranking doubles points will be awarded on the draw (usually round robin & playoff) final placing from DHoH Australian Ranking tournaments provided that the pair have won at least one match (except for Division 1 events) and upon the following conditions (outlined in section 8 (c) & (d)).
- (ii) No DHoH Australian Ranking points will be awarded for feed-in/consolation singles tournaments.
- (iii) If a playoff match isn't played (i.e. 3/4 playoff, 5/6 playoff) then both athletes are awarded the lower points.

### (c) DEFAULTS / NO-SHOWS / WALKOVERS / BYES

- (i) Advancement through a bye/withdrawal/walkover is not the equivalent to winning a match. Advancement by virtue of a retirement following the commencement of a match is the equivalent to winning a match.
- (ii) No points will be awarded to an athlete who forfeits a match unless the forfeit is due to illness or injury as verified by the Referee and supported by a medical certificate.
- (iii) No points will be awarded to an athlete or team who withdraws or is a 'no-show' without playing their first match.
- (iv) Any athlete who is defaulted shall not receive any points earned for that event at the tournament, unless:
  - the athlete was defaulted for a violation of the Commencement of Play or Dress and Equipment sections of the Code of Conduct

- the athlete retired as a result of a medical condition
- that athlete is a member of a doubles team and did not cause any of the misconduct
- Code Violations that resulted in the team being defaulted.

**(d) ABANDONED MATCHES / ABANDONED FINALS**

- (i) If a tournament is abandoned due to inclement weather (or other extraordinary circumstances) before the final, then all remaining participants will receive points for the last round that has been fully completed e.g. if only three of the four semi-final spots have been determined when the tournament is abandoned, all relevant athletes will only receive quarterfinal points since the semi-finalists was not fully decided.
- (ii) If a final is abandoned due to inclement weather (or other extraordinary circumstances), the total amount of points on offer (winner and runner-up) will be added together and then divided equally among the two athletes/teams.

## POINTS ALLOCATION TABLES

### SINGLES

**Table 1: DHoH National Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (Quarter Finalist)	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Division 1	400	300	240	180	150	120	90	60
Division 2	60	45	30	15				

**Table 2: DHoH National Series (Events with only one division)**

Participants	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (Quarter Finalist)
16+	400	300	240	180	120	90
4 – 15	300	225	150	90	60	30
<4*	150	90				

**Table 3: DHoH Signature Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (Quarter Finalist)	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Division 1</b>	200	150	120	90	75	60	45	30
<b>Division 2</b>	30	15						

**Table 4: DHoH Signature Series (Events with only one division)**

Participants	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (Quarter Finalist)
<b>16+</b>	200	150	120	90	60	30
<b>4 – 15</b>	150	90	60	45	30	15
<b>&lt;4*</b>	90	60				

\* Must win at least one match to be awarded ranking points

## DOUBLES

**Table 5: DHoH National Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (Quarter Finalist)
<b>Division 1</b>	112.5	75	60	45	30	15
<b>Division 2</b>	15	11.25				

**Table 6: DHoH National Series (Events with only one division)**

Teams	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> / Semi Finalist	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> / Quarter Finalist
<b>8+</b>	112.5	75	60	45	30	15
<b>4 – 7</b>	75	56.25	37.5	22.5		
<b>&lt;4*</b>	30	22.5				

**Table 7: DHoH Signature Series (Events with more than one division)**

Division	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> (Semi Finalist)	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> (Quarter Finalist)
<b>Division 1</b>	56.75	37.5	30	22.5	15	11.25
<b>Division 2</b>	11.25	7.5				

**Table 8: DHoH Signature Series (Events with only one division)**

Teams	Winner	Finalist	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> / Semi Finalist	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> / Quarter Finalist
<b>8+</b>	56.75	37.5	30	22.5	15	11.25
<b>4 – 7</b>	30	22.5	15	11.25		
<b>&lt;4*</b>	22.5	15				

\* Must win at least one match to be awarded ranking points

## 9. TENNIS AUSTRALIA'S DECISIONS

Tennis Australia's decisions in relation to the award of DHoH Australian Ranking points in accordance with these Guidelines are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

## 10. AMENDMENTS

The DHoH Australian Ranking guidelines may be amended, repealed or otherwise modified, in whole or in part, by Tennis Australia at any time including with retrospective effect.

Tennis Australia reserves the right to review and amend the Australian Ranking guidelines during the year, including with retrospective effect, if it determines that the amendments are in the best interest of the athletes and the DHoH Australian Rankings. These amendments will be published on the [Tennis Australia](https://www.tennisaustralia.com.au) website.



Tennis acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, rest and play, and pay our respect to Elders past and present.