

US JUNIOR RANKING PROCEDURE (2017-2018 Season)

1. Introduction

1.1. The US Junior Ranking is a list of players/pairs with their collected ranking points.

1.2. Players/pairs earn points by participating in a ranking tournament sanctioned by USA Badminton (USAB). The ranking points are used to determine the rankings.

1.3. A Junior Sanctioned Ranking tournament awards ranking points regardless of the draw sizes.

1.4. Regions

There are six regions in United States

- Region 1: Northeast
- Region 2: Midwest
- Region 3: South
- Region 4: Northwest
- Region 5a: Southwest – North
- Region 5b: Southwest – South

2. Tournaments Included in the US Junior Ranking

The rankings are compiled from the results of junior ranking tournaments that are sanctioned by USAB. All international tournaments including World Junior Championships, Junior Olympic Games, and Pan Am Junior Championships and US Adult National Championship are not included in the junior ranking system.

All US Junior Tournaments may be attended by any junior players, subject only to age and residency requirements.

The ranking points earned from a regional tournament expire a year after the tournament is played. In national tournaments, the points earned expire as determined by JAG/USAB office. Every player that participates in the qualifying rounds of an event at a tournament but does not make it to the main draw in that event is given a single point to recognize their participation in the event at that tournament.

Grades	Category	Restrictions	Comments
National Tournaments	Junior International Trials for World Junior Championships Tournaments (JITW)	One per season (with caps) and no ranking points awarded	No ranking points awarded
	Junior International Trial (JIT)	One per season (with caps) and no ranking points awarded	
	Junior Nationals	One per season (with caps)	FOUR (4) highest ranking points earned in each event are counted for ranking
Regional Tournaments	Closed Regional Championship (CRC)	One per region per season (without caps)	
	Open Regional Championship (ORC)	One per region per season (with caps)	
	Open Local Championship (OLC)	Up to two per region per season (with caps)	
	Junior Development Series (JDS)	No restriction on the number and format	No residency requirements and no ranking points awarded, may include international players

Open Local Championship (OLC) is intended as a transition into the new structure and will be reviewed periodically/season.

3. Point System

- 3.1. Players/pairs are ranked using points. The player/pair with the most calculated points will be ranked number one, the player/pair with the second most calculated points will be ranked number 2nd and so on.
- 3.2. If two or more players/pairs have the same number of points, then the player/pair with a higher finishing result in the US Junior Nationals will be ranked higher. If the players/pairs are still tied, then the finishing result in the most recent JIT will be used to break the tie. If the players/pairs are still tied, then the most recent head-to-head result within 52 weeks will be used to break the tie. If they are still tied, a coin toss will be used in to determine the ranking.
- 3.3. There is no reformed pair penalty so each player in each pair gets his/her own ranking points. The points for the pair are their individual ranking points combined.
- 3.4. The Age Qualification Rule: To be eligible to play in an age category (e.g. U15), the player needs to be at least one year younger than the age indicated in the category (e.g. 15 in the case of U15) as of December 31st of the tournament year. To illustrate, the years of birth that qualify for different age categories for the next four years are shown here:

Age Category	Tournament Year			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
U11	2007 and later	2008 and later	2009 and later	2010 and later
U13	2005 and later	2006 and later	2007 and later	2008 and later
U15	2003 and later	2004 and later	2005 and later	2006 and later
U17	2001 and later	2002 and later	2003 and later	2004 and later
U19	1999 and later	2000 and later	2001 and later	2002 and later

- 3.5. **With the exception of JDS tournaments, no player/pair is allowed to play** in multiple age groups of the same event in the same tournament. E.g. a 14 year-old cannot play in U15-GS and U17-GS in the same tournament.
- 3.6. **For all tournaments, the events entered by a player may span no more than two consecutive age groups e.g., the combination of U13 GS, U15 GD, U13 XD is OK, but the combination of U13 GS, U15 GD, U17 XD is not OK.**
- 3.7. Shifting age group: A player, who is shifting up in age category for the following year, will carry the ranking points he/she earned from the previous year age group within the rolling 52 weeks' period. For example, a 14 years old player, who plays in U15 events this year and U17 events next year, will keep the points earned in the U15 events and carry them as his/her U17 events starting points.

4. Draws Structures and Points Earned

- 4.1. Points are awarded in the main draw only and consolation draws are optional at the discretion of the tournament's organizer and Referee, except in the Junior Nationals. See point tables at 5 for how the points are awarded based on the main draw finished positions.
- 4.2. All regions are recommended to host their Closed Regional Championships (CRC) in the same general time-window (i.e. after January 1 following the Junior National so there is no moving up of the age group).
- 4.3. OLC, ORC and CRC tournaments are required to have 3/4 playoffs. These tournaments will not award any consolation points.
- 4.4. Closed Regional Championships do not have caps on draw sizes, and may be held over two consecutive weekends with different age groups played on different weekends in order to be able to accommodate all participants. The Junior Nationals, JIT, JITW, Open Regional Championships and Open Local Championship should cap the draw sizes based on the capacity of the host facility. The Cap sizes will be determined by COAG.
- 4.5. A player/pair with byes and walkovers in the early rounds of main draw, earns points according to the following

rules:

- 4.5.1.Receives a bye in the first round and loses in the second -- earns first round loser's points.
- 4.5.2.Receives a bye in the first round, wins in the second and loses in the third – earns third round loser's points.
- 4.5.3.Receives a walkover in the first round and loses in the second – earns second round loser's points.
- 4.5.4.Receives a bye in the first round and walkover in the second and, loses in the third – earns third round loser's points.

4.6. Elimination Draws with Full Feed-In Consolations (Junior Nationals only)

- 4.6.1.Winner of the finals are awarded 1st place points followed by the runner up, who earn the 2nd place points.
- 4.6.2.Losing semi-finalists play a 3/4 playoff for 3rd and 4th places.
- 4.6.3.Players/pairs who have not reached semi-finals in the main draw, continue to compete in the Consolation draws.
- 4.6.4.Winner of the Consolation draw earn 5th place points followed by the runners up who earn 6th place points.
- 4.6.5.Semi-finalists of the Consolations are considered to be in 7th/8th place and both earn the 7th place points.
- 4.6.6.The remaining finishers earn points according to their last positions in the consolation draws, i.e. 9th to 12th finishers and 13th to 16th finishers.

4.7. Elimination Draws with optional First Match Consolations with draw size 8 or larger (Closed Regional Championships, Open Local Championship and Open Regional Championships)

- 4.7.1.Winner of the main draw, 1st place, receive the first place points, followed by the runner up, 2nd place, who receive second place points
- 4.7.2.Losers of semi-finals play for 3rd and 4th places. The winners of the 3/4 playoff are considered the 3th place winners and earn the third place points, followed by the losers, in the 4th place, who earn the 4th place points.

4.8. Round Robin with Playoff Draws (Applicable when entry size is 6 or 7)

- 4.8.1.Players/pairs compete in two separate pools and the top two winners from each pool play semi-final round
- 4.8.2.Winner of the main draw, 1st place, receive the first place points, followed by the runners up, 2nd place, who receive second place points
- 4.8.3.Losing semi-finalists play a 3/4 playoff for 3rd and 4th places.
- 4.8.4.The rest of the players/pairs receive 5th to 8th place points.

4.9. Single Round Robin Draws (Applicable when entry size is 3, 4, or 5)..."

- 4.9.1.Players/pairs compete in a single Round Robin pool based on the number of entries. Every player/pair plays one another in the pool.
- 4.9.2.Winner receive the 1st place points, followed by the 2nd place, etc.
- 4.9.3.If time constraints do not allow a round robin draw, an elimination draw can be used instead but rule 4.3 must be followed and 3/4 place must be played and no consolation shall be played.
- 4.9.4.The rest of the players/pairs receive 5th to 8th place points.

4.10.Events with less than 3 players/pairs will be canceled and the players/pairs given the opportunity to play in the next age group upwards providing this results in no change to the entries in any other events of the player/pair concerned or to any other players/pairs.

5. Point Table

USA Badminton Junior Ranking Points (2017-2018 Tournament Season)						
Grade	Junior Nationals (JN)		Closed/Open Regional (CRC/ORC)		Open Local (OLC)	
Age	Place	Singles & Doubles Pairs Points	Place	Singles & Doubles Pairs Points	Place	Singles & Doubles Pairs Points
U19	1	20,000	1	8,000	1	2,000
U19	2	18,000	2	6,800	2	1,700
U19	3	17,000	3	6,000	3	1,500
U19	4	16,000	4	5,600	4	1,400
U19	5	15,000	5 to 8	4,400	5 to 8	1,100
U19	6	13,000	9 to 16	3,200	9 to 16	800
U19	7 or 8	11,000	17 to 32	2,000	17 to 32	500
U19	9 to 12	9,000	33 to 64	800	33 to 64	200
U19	13 to 16	7,000	65 to 128	400	65 to 128	100
U19	17 to 24	6,000	129 to 256	160	129 to 256	60
U19	25 to 32	4,000				
U19	33 to 64	2,000				
U19	65 to 128	1,000				
U17	1	10800	1	4320	1	1080
U17	2	9720	2	3672	2	918
U17	3	9180	3	3240	3	810
U17	4	8640	4	3024	4	756
U17	5	8100	5 to 8	2376	5 to 8	594
U17	6	7020	9 to 16	1728	9 to 16	432
U17	7 or 8	5940	17 to 32	1080	17 to 32	270
U17	9 to 12	4860	33 to 64	432	33 to 64	108
U17	13 to 16	3780	65 to 128	216	65 to 128	54
U17	17 to 24	3240	129 to 256	86	129 to 256	32
U17	25 to 32	2160				
U17	33 to 64	1080				
U17	65 to 128	540				
U15	1	5,832	1	2,333	1	583
U15	2	5,249	2	1,983	2	496
U15	3	4,957	3	1,750	3	437
U15	4	4,666	4	1,633	4	408
U15	5	4,374	5 to 8	1,283	5 to 8	321
U15	6	3,791	9 to 16	933	9 to 16	233
U15	7 or 8	3,208	17 to 32	583	17 to 32	146
U15	9 to 12	2,624	33 to 64	233	33 to 64	58
U15	13 to 16	2,041	65 to 128	117	65 to 128	29
U15	17 to 24	1,750	129 to 256	47	129 to 256	17
U15	25 to 32	1,166				
U15	33 to 64	583				
U15	65 to 128	292				
U13	1	3,149	1	1260	1	315
U13	2	2,834	2	1071	2	268
U13	3	2,677	3	945	3	236

U13	4	2,519	4	882	4	220
U13	5	2,362	5 to 8	693	5 to 8	173
U13	6	2,047	9 to 16	504	9 to 16	126
U13	7 or 8	1,732	17 to 32	315	17 to 32	79
U13	9 to 12	1,417	33 to 64	126	33 to 64	31
U13	13 to 16	1,102	65 to 128	63	65 to 128	16
U13	17 to 24	945	129 to 256	25	129 to 256	9
U13	25 to 32	630				
U13	33 to 64	315				
U13	65 to 128	157				
U11	1	1,701	1	680	1	170
U11	2	1,531	2	578	2	145
U11	3	1,446	3	510	3	128
U11	4	1,360	4	476	4	119
U11	5	1,275	5 to 8	374	5 to 8	94
U11	6	1,105	9 to 16	272	9 to 16	68
U11	7 or 8	935	17 to 32	170	17 to 32	43
U11	9 to 12	765	33 to 64	68	33 to 64	17
U11	13 to 16	595	65 to 128	34	65 to 128	9
U11	17 to 24	510	129 to 256	14	129 to 256	5
U11	25 to 32	340				
U11	33 to 64	170				
U11	65 to 128	85				