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9.01 Definitions

- A. The 2011 ATP Doubles Team Rankings is the mathematical method of ranking men's doubles pairs on a calendar-year basis.
- B. The South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) and the ATP Doubles Rankings are the objective merit-based method used for determining qualification for entry and seeding in all tournaments for both singles and doubles, except as modified for the ATP World Tour Team Championship and Barclays ATP World Tour Finals (singles or doubles).
- C. The South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) and ATP Doubles Rankings are run approximately 45 times per year.
- D. Every player who has earned South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) or ATP Doubles Rankings points in an eligible professional tournament during the entry ranking period is included in the South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) or ATP Doubles Rankings.
- E. The South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) or ATP Doubles Rankings period is the immediate past 52 weeks, except for:
 - * Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, singles and doubles, which is dropped on the Monday following the last ATP World Tour event of the following year;
 - * Futures Series tournaments that are only entered into the system on the second Monday following the tournament's week.

Once entered, all tournaments, except for the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, remain in the system for 52 consecutive weeks.

9.02 Eligibility

Unless otherwise approved by the ATP, South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) and ATP Doubles Rankings points are awarded to all tournaments or series of tournaments that meet the following criteria. (An event seeking an exception must petition the ATP in writing at least 90 days in advance of the tournament.):

- A. Prize money must be a minimum of \$35,000 plus hospitality, except for Futures, which shall be a minimum of \$10,000 per event. Futures tournaments must be scheduled in a minimum of three (3) consecutive weeks of \$10,000 each or two (2) consecutive weeks of \$15,000 each in prize money.
- B. Prize money must be paid in a manner consistent with the breakdowns approved by the ATP.
- C. Selection of direct acceptances shall be determined according to the South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles and/or ATP Doubles Rankings). The South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) and ATP Doubles Rankings lists utilized shall not be more than 42 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- D. The minimum size for a draw is 28 singles players and 16 doubles teams unless otherwise approved by the ATP.
- E. The composition of the draws shall be consistent with the ATP rules. tournaments are required to provide hotel accommodation consistent with ATP rules.
- F. Unless otherwise approved by the ATP, South African Airways ATP Rankings points (singles and doubles) are only awarded to Grand Slam and ATP World Tour tournaments that meet the above criteria.

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9.03 South African Airways ATP Rankings (Singles)

A. Commitment Players. The year-end South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from the four (4) Grand Slams, the eight (8) mandatory ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals of the ranking period, and his best four (4) results from all ATP World Tour 500 tournaments played in the calendar year, one (1) of which must follow the US Open and the best two (2) results from all ATP World Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and Futures tournaments. Commitment players who have fulfilled their commitment by entering (12 week deadline) and competing in four (4) ATP World Tour 500 events, one (1) of which must be held following the US Open, in the calendar year may count their next best other result in lieu of their lowest 500 result used for ranking purposes*. For every Grand Slam or mandatory ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournament for which a player is not in the main draw, and was not (and, in the case of a Grand Slam, would not have been, had he and all other players entered) a main draw direct acceptance on the original acceptance list, and never became a main draw direct acceptance, the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, is increased by one (1). In weeks where there are not four (4) Grand Slams and eight (8) ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in the ranking period, the number of a player's best results from all eligible tournaments in the ranking period will be adjusted accordingly. Once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, a special exempt or a lucky loser, or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates.

*A zero (0) point received as the result of a ranking penalty in the 500 commitment may not be replaced by an additional 250 result.

B. Non-commitment Players. The South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from the four (4) Grand Slams, the eight (8) mandatory ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals of the ranking period, and his best six (6) results from all ATP World Tour 500, ATP World Tour 250, ATP Challenger Tour and Futures tournaments, however, they cannot use more than four (4) results from the 500 level events in their ranking. For every Grand Slam or mandatory ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournament for which a player is not in the main draw, and was not (and, in the case of a Grand Slam, would not have been, had he and all other players entered) a main draw direct acceptance on the original acceptance list, and never became a main draw direct acceptance, the number of his results from all other eligible tournaments in the ranking period, that count for his ranking, is increased by one (1). In weeks where there are not four (4) Grand Slams and eight (8) ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments in the ranking period, the number of a player's best results from all eligible tournaments in the ranking period will be adjusted accordingly. Once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier, a special exempt or a lucky loser, or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates.

C. ATP World Tour 500 – Ranking Penalty. A player's (Commitment and Non-Commitment players) withdrawal from an ATP World Tour 500 event whether on time or after the 12 noon deadline, shall result in a zero (0) point ranking penalty. Further non-consecutive withdrawals shall result in a zero (0) point allocation replacing the

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next best positive result for each additional withdrawal. Players with multiple consecutive withdrawals who are out of competition for 30 days or longer due to injury will not be subject to a ranking penalty as long as verified and approved medical forms are provided; or, a player shall not have the ranking penalty imposed if he completes the Promotional Activities requirement as specified under "Repeal of Withdrawal Fines and/or Penalties" or if the on-site withdrawal procedures apply. Players may also appeal withdrawal penalties to a Tribunal who will determine whether the penalties are affirmed or set aside. A player who has received a zero (0) point ranking penalty for withdrawing from an ATP World Tour 500 event may replace the zero (0) point by playing an additional ATP World Tour 500 event in that same calendar year for a total of four (4) played. The replacement tournament must be after the 500 withdrawal that has resulted in a ranking penalty. Only one (1) additional ATP World Tour 500 event per year may be used to replace an ATP World Tour 500 ranking penalty.

D. Loser points for the rounds achieved are awarded to players in any tournament not completed.

E. Ties. When two or more players have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:

- 1) the most total points from the Grand Slams, ATP World Tour Masters 1000 mandatory tournaments and Barclays ATP World Tour Finals main draws, and if still tied, then,
- 2) the fewest events played, counting all missed Grand Slams, ATP World Tour Masters 1000 tournaments and Barclays ATP World Tour Finals they could have played (as described under A. above) as if played, and if still tied, then,
- 3) the highest number of points from one single tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, and so on.

F. Entry Protection

1) **Petition.** A player may petition the President, or his designee, for an entry protection when he is physically injured and does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a minimum period of six (6) months. The written petition must be received within six (6) months after his last tournament.

2) **Calculation and Use.** The entry protection shall be a position in the South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles), as determined by the player's average South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) position during the first three (3) months of his injury. The entry protection shall be for entry into the main draw or qualifying competition or for special exempt consideration. The entry protection shall not be used for seeding purposes or lucky loser consideration.

3) Limit of Use.

a) If a player is physically injured and does not compete in any tennis event for a period of at least six (6) months but less than twelve (12) months, the entry protection shall be in effect for either the first nine (9) tournaments that the player competes in using the entry protection (excluding wild cards and entries as a direct acceptance with his current position in the ATP Ranking) or for the period up to nine (9) months beginning with the first tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, that the player competes in, whichever occurs first.

b) If a player is physically injured and does not compete in any tennis event for a period of twelve (12) months or longer, the entry protection shall be in effect for either the first twelve (12) tournaments that the player competes in using the entry protection (excluding wild cards and entries as a direct acceptance with

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his current position in the ATP Ranking) or for the period up to twelve (12) months beginning with the first tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, that the player competes in, whichever occurs first.

- 4) **Expiration Date.** A player has three (3) years from the time that the injury occurred to activate his protected ranking. A player who does not compete in any tennis event, including Special Events – Exhibitions, for a period of three (3) years from the date of his injury will have his entry protection revoked.
- 5) **Re-injury Protection.** A player who has returned to competition using his protected ranking and re-injures himself may petition for a “freeze” of the nine (9) or twelve (12) month limit for competing using his protected ranking. To be eligible for the “freeze” the player must be out of competition for a minimum of three (3) months. Upon the player’s return to competition he shall have the same number of events and weeks remaining as were available when the “freeze” went into effect. A maximum of two (2) “freezes” are allowed during the nine (9) or twelve (12) month period.

Note: For purposes of this rule, three (3) months is calculated at thirteen (13) weeks; six (6) months is calculated at twenty-six (26) weeks; nine (9) months is calculated at thirty-nine (39) weeks; and twelve (12) months is calculated at fifty-two (52) weeks.

G. Points.

- 1) Points shall be allocated based on tournament category (Grand Slam, Barclays ATP World Tour Finals, ATP World Tour Masters 1000, ATP World Tour 500, ATP World Tour 250, Davis Cup, World Team Championship, ATP Challenger Tour and Futures Series).
- 2) Points are assigned to the losers of the round indicated. Any player who reaches the second round by drawing a bye and then loses shall be considered to have lost in the first round and shall receive first round loser’s points. Wild cards at Grand Slams and ATP World Tour Masters 1000 events receive points only from the 2nd round. No points are awarded for a first round loss at ATP World Tour 500 & 250 events, ATP Challenger Tour or Futures Series events.
- 3) Players qualifying for the main draw through the qualifying competition shall receive qualifying points in addition to any points earned, as per the following table, with the exception of Futures.
- 4) In addition to the points allocated as per the following table, points shall be allocated to losers at Grand Slam, ATP World Tour Masters 1000, ATP World Tour 500 and ATP World Tour 250 tournaments qualifying events, as follows:

Grand Slams	16 points for a last round loss 8 points for a second round loss
ATP World Tour Masters 1000	16 points for a last round loss (*) 0 points for a first round loss
ATP World Tour 500	10 points for a last round loss (**) 0 points for a first round loss
ATP World Tour 250	6 points for a last round loss (***) 0 points for a first and second round loss

* 8 points only if the main draw is larger than 56

** 4 points only if the main draw is larger than 32

*** 3 points only if the main draw is larger than 32

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5) Point table.

	W	F	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64	R128	Q
Grand Slams	2000	1200	720	360	180	90	45	10	25
Barclays ATP World Tour Finals	*1500								
ATP World Tour Masters 1000	1000	600	360	180	90	45	10(25)	(10)	(1)25
ATP World Tour 500	500	300	180	90	45	(20)			(2)20
ATP World Tour 250	250	150	90	45	20	(10)			(3)12
Challenger 125,000 + H	125	75	45	25	10				5
Challenger 125,000	110	65	40	20	9				5
Challenger 100,000	100	60	35	18	8				5
Challenger 75,000	90	55	33	17	8				5
Challenger 50,000	80	48	29	15	7				3
Challenger 35,000 +H	80	48	29	15	6				3
Futures** 15,000 +H	35	20	10	4	1				
Futures** 15,000	27	15	8	3	1				
Futures** 10,000	18	10	6	2	1				

*ATP World Finals 1500 for undefeated Champion (200 for each round robin match win, plus 400 for a semi-final win, plus 500 for the final win).

** ATP Doubles Rankings points will be awarded in Futures tournaments beginning with the semi-final round.

(1) 16 points only if the main draw is larger than 56

(2) 10 points only if the main draw is larger than 32

(3) 5 points only if the main draw is larger than 32

9.04 ATP World Team Championship Point Schedule

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Finals*	Cumulative Points	**Bonus Points	Total Points
Singles							
Singles 1	35	35	35	95	200	50	250
Singles 2	25	25	25	50	125	50	175
Doubles							
Deciding Match	35	35	35	95	200	50	250
Dead Rubber	10	10	10	20	50		50

Bonus Points:

* Players who only play the finals will be awarded points from the previous round.

** Players must win all 4 matches and be part of the winning team in order to earn the Bonus Points.

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9.05 Davis Cup

A. Point Table

Points per Live Singles Match Played

	<u>Match</u>	<u>Per Match Won</u>	<u>Team Bonus*</u>	<u>Performance Bonus**</u>	<u>Wins Cumulative</u>
Playoff Round	1	5			
Playoff Round	2	10			
First Round*	1	40			40
First Round*	2	40			80
Quarter-Final	3	65			145
Quarter-Final	4	65			210
Semi-Final	5	70			280
Semi-Final	6	70			350
Finals	7	75	75**		500
Finals	8	75		125***	625

* Participation: For the first round only, any player who competes in a "live" singles match(es), without a win, shall receive 10 ranking points.

** Team bonus awarded to player who wins 7 live matches in a calendar year and his team wins the competition.

*** Individual player bonus to player who wins 8 live matches in a calendar year.

B. Points per Doubles Match Played

* Participation: For the first round only, the team who competes in the doubles match, and loses, shall receive 10 ranking points.

** Team bonus awarded to doubles team who wins 4 matches in a calendar year and his team wins the competition.

	<u>Per Match Won</u>	<u>Team Bonus**</u>	<u>Wins Cumulative</u>
Playoff Round	10		
First Round*	50		50
Quarter-final	80		130
Semi-final	90		220
Finals	95		315
		35	350

C. Special Ranking Rules for Davis Cup

- 1) If a player does not compete in the singles of one or more rounds he will receive points from the previous round when playing singles at the next tie.
- 2) If a player does not compete in singles in either the 1st round or Quarter-final round and then plays singles in the Semi-final and Final rounds, he will receive Quarter-final points for his Semi-final match, but will then be eligible for Finals points when playing the final.
- 3) If a player is a late substitution to the team and was released from another tournament that same week, he will not be eligible to earn points for that Davis Cup tie. A player only has the opportunity to earn points in one event per week.

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- 4) If a particular Davis Cup round shows up twice within the 52-week window, the best one of those two results will count towards the player's Davis Cup result. (This will come into play when a tie is played earlier in the year compared to the previous year and both ties fall within the 52-week window.)
- 5) For doubles, 1-3 above also apply to the team as it applies to the 2011 ATP Doubles Team Rankings.
 - a) Team Bonus only applies if the doubles team is unchanged and wins all four matches and the team wins the competition.
 - b) The individual's doubles points will be based on that player's participation in each of the rounds.

9.06 ATP Doubles Rankings

- A.** The ATP Doubles Rankings is based on calculating, for each player, his total points from his best 18 results from all eligible tournaments, including the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals (Doubles) played in the Ranking period. For entry purposes there are no mandatory events, however, once a player is accepted in the main draw of one of these twelve (12) tournaments, as a direct acceptance, a qualifier or a lucky loser or having accepted a wild card, his result in this tournament shall count for his ranking, whether or not he participates.
- B.** Loser points for the rounds achieved are awarded to players in any tournament not completed.
- C. Ties.** When two or more players have the same total number of points, ties shall be broken as follows:
- 1) the fewest events played, and if still tied, then,
 - 2) the most total points from the Grand Slams, ATP World Tour Masters 1000 mandatory tournaments and the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals (Doubles), and if still tied, then
 - 3) the highest number of points from one single tournament, then, if needed, the second highest, etc.
- Note:** The method for breaking ties on site, between teams, is described under Selections of Entries.
- D. Entry Protection.** The Entry Protection, as described above for the South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles), applies for doubles under the same provisions.
- E. Points.** The provisions set forth under E.1), 2) and 3) related to the South African Airways ATP Rankings (singles) apply to doubles as well, the point table being similar, except that the second-round loser column becomes irrelevant. No points are awarded in the first round at any event. Should a doubles match in an ATP World Tour or ATP Challenger Tour event be uncontested or fail to be completed, the losing team shall only receive points and prize money from the previous round unless one of the following is applicable:
- a) Neither player was in the singles main draw;
 - b) The retiring/withdrawing player is still in the singles competition and at the time of the medical examination is declared unfit to play in the singles of that event or, if no longer involved in the singles competition of that event, is forced to withdraw from the singles or doubles* of the next tournament in which he is entered.
- * **For ATP Challenger events the withdrawal for doubles must be after the withdrawal deadline.**
- c) The retiring/withdrawing player had retired/withdrawn from his singles match,

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which was scheduled the same day; or, if the doubles match is scheduled for a following day the player is examined by the tournament doctor and is declared unfit for competition.

A team withdrawing from the first round will not receive prize money even if there is not an alternate team.

Case: *Player A retires / withdraws from the doubles for medical reasons. Player A is also in the singles draw but is not scheduled to play his next match until the next day. On the day of his scheduled singles match Player A withdraws from the singles and receives medical documentation from the Tournament Doctor declaring him unfit for competition. The medical condition is the same condition that caused the doubles retirement / withdrawal.*

Decision: *In this case the doubles team shall receive points / prize money from the round reached.*

Case: *Player A withdraws from the singles competition due to food poisoning, he is in the doubles competition but is not scheduled to play doubles until the next day. Player A would like to withdraw from the doubles immediately, however the tournament doctor says he cannot declare him unfit for play for a match scheduled the following day.*

Decision: *If Player A withdraws from the doubles without a medical from the tournament doctor declaring him unfit for play then the team receives ranking points / prize money from the previous round.*

Note: *In cases where the condition of the player is likely to improve in a short time period the tournament doctor should examine the player on the day of the match to determine his status and if he feels the player is fit for competition.*

9.07 2011 ATP Doubles Team Rankings

- A.** Each team is ranked according to its total points from its best 18 results from all eligible tournaments (Grand Slam, ATP World Tour, including the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals) played in the calendar year.
- B.** Loser points for the rounds achieved are awarded to players in any tournament not completed.
- C. Ties.** Ties between two or more teams having the same total number of points shall be broken using the same methods as for breaking ties between players in the ATP Doubles Rankings.
- D. Points.** The provisions set forth under 9.06 E. above, including a), b) and c), apply as well when calculating the ATP Doubles Team Rankings.

9.08 Retiring from the Professional Tennis Circuit

Any player wishing to retire from the professional tennis circuit must submit a written notice to the Chief Player Officer of the ATP in order to have his name removed from the South African Airways ATP Rankings.