

# Top 10 Things to Know

## ITF World Tennis Number

### 1. What is the ITF World Tennis Number?

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) developed the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) for singles and doubles, providing a global standard for players. Using a 40-1 scale, with 40 being a beginner and 1 being an elite professional, this scale is for all players, regardless of age, gender or ability.

### 2. Why did USTA adopt the ITF WTN?

ITF WTN is a global rating that has been adopted by 170 countries. It's a free tool that makes assessing your play and seeing your progression more fun and rewarding. ITF WTN allows players and coaches to facilitate level-based play, resulting in the most competitive matches possible.

### 3. How do I get an ITF WTN?

Participation in USTA and ITF tournaments, leagues, and match play events will result in an ITF World Tennis Number rating. Players can access their WTN on [usta.com](http://usta.com) and [worldtennisnumber.com](http://worldtennisnumber.com).

### 4. How does ITF WTN work?

WTN is calculated by an algorithm that takes into account pre-match rating, match score and results. A player's WTN changes depending on the match score and how it compares to the pre-match projection of the outcome. Current results carry more weight, and match results are analyzed at set level; the algorithm takes into account each individual set as its own result.

### 5. What are some benefits of the ITF WTN?

WTN benefits players, providers and coaches alike by:

- Identifying players at your level for closer matches, more fun and more improvement
- Tracking your progress, as well as your favorite players, friends, professionals and local competition, and making comparisons to improve your game
- As the official rating of the ITA, the ITF WTN helps college coaches evaluate prospective student-athletes worldwide

### 6. How does the USTA use ITF WTN?

ITF WTN is seamlessly integrated into Serve Tennis to help aid tournament directors and providers in seeding, selection, grouping and flighting. WTN tournaments and Match Play are also available for providers to run on Serve Tennis.

### 7. How does the ITF use WTN?

ITF WTN is the second selection criteria for ITF junior events.

### 8. Does the ITF WTN cost anything?

The ITF WTN is a no-cost solution for a dynamic rating for providers to group players, and for players, parents and coaches to track progress over time. It is a free tool for providers and players.

### 9. Will ITF WTN be replacing USTA rankings or NTRP?

ITF WTN is the exclusive rating of USTA junior sanctioned tournaments. USTA rankings will continue to guide seeding and selection for USTA junior and adult tournaments, while NTRP will remain the foundation of the USTA League program.

### 10. How does ITF WTN differ from a ranking?

Match wins make up your USTA ranking. Ranking points are awarded by either points per round or points per win, depending on the tournament level. Match scores make up your WTN rating. Match scores are analyzed at set level. The algorithm takes into account each individual set as its own result.

**For more information on the ITF World Tennis Number, please visit [usta.com/worldtennisnumber](http://usta.com/worldtennisnumber).**

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