

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I am a Masters player (30 years old +) what is the effect on my current ITF World Tennis Number?

Master players will see their numbers move down the scale (towards 40), this is to create some balance with Junior players and to ensure full use of the 1-40 scale.

Q: I am a Junior Player (under 18 years old) what is the effect on my current ITF World Tennis Number ?

Junior players aged 10 and under will most likely experience a movement down the scale, (towards 40) with players who are aged 17 and 18 moving up the scale (towards 1). The player ratings are now more of an accurate reflection of age, with a general incremental increase expected from aged 10 upwards.

Q: I am an adult player (18-29 years old) what is the effect on my current ITF World Tennis Number?

The majority of adult players should expect only minor changes to their World Tennis Number. Larger changes begin to occur as players approach Masters level and regularly play against Masters players.

Q Does this affect Doubles ITF World Tennis Numbers?

Yes, the same principles apply.

Q: Why is the ITF making these changes?

The effect of the modifications will be to position players on the scale to ensure that player populations all over the world are more accurately aligned, particularly with regard to age. This will increase the accuracy and fairness when ITF World Tennis Number is used in competitive events. The improved accuracy will also provide greater confidence for players when self-selecting any opponents to play.

Q: When will the changes take place?

The scheduled rating run on the 26th July will use the improved calculation which will be backdated to include all the results in the system.

Q: Does this mean my previous WTN was wrong?

Your WTN previously was accurate within your network of players and will remain so with the changes. What will change is your number relative to players outside your network. The ITF World Tennis Number is designed to accurately reflect the ability of all players, and these changes will ensure players can always find a competitive match regardless of factors such as age.

Q: Why is my number now worse

Your latest number will now be more aligned to the age group you are competing within. Please refer to questions 1, 2 or 3 for the specific impact in relation to age groups.

Q: I've entered a tournament after Monday 26th July, how will this affect my entry?

Tournaments on the week of the 26th July will not be affected as tournament acceptance lists will be based on lists prior to the change. Tournaments from 21st August will create acceptance lists based on the new numbers.

Q: Will these algorithm changes become a frequent occurrence?

As we continue to receive data, the algorithm will inevitably have to be tweaked to help ensure we consistently deliver the fairest ratings possible for players. We will, however, always inform players of any major changes. It is anticipated that changes will only be made annually, in December, moving forwards.