

RATING APPEALS

There are three types of appeals: self-rated, computer rated and medical.

HOW TO APPEAL A SELF-RATING

Only players without computer ratings may self-rate themselves in TennisLink. If you believe your minimum assigned level is too high you may appeal to the Midwest Self-Rate Appeal Committee. You must do this on-line.

To appeal your self-rating, do the following:

- During the team registration process you will answer a series of questions. This will determine the minimum self-rate level allowed based on your tennis experience.
- If your minimum self-rate is too high, you will be offered a link to appeal.
- Click on “Appeal Self-Rate.”
- Complete the Player History Form
- Include all information requested – ladies please include your maiden name if applicable
- Submit the completed form

Once your form has been submitted, it will be sent to the Midwest Self-Rate Appeal Committee. You will receive their decision by email. During heavy registration periods, this process could take up several days, but the Midwest committee strives to be quicker than the three-week time frame stated on TennisLink.

HOW TO APPEAL A COMPUTER RATING

If you wish to appeal your computer rating, you must do so on-line at TennisLink. There are National Guidelines that govern whether or not an appeal is granted. By requesting your appeal on-line at TennisLink, the computer will determine whether or not you fit the criteria.

To appeal your computer rating – either up or down – do the following:

- Go to TennisLink for Leagues
- Log in under “Create a USTA Account”
- Under “Find NTRP Rating Info” input your USTA number and click Search
- On the right side you will see the link – “Appeal Rating” – click here
- Input your zip code
- Choose whether you are appealing up or down and the rating you would like
- The computer will review your rating and determine if you fit the criteria to be granted an appeal
- If approved, the computer will change your rating immediately
- If denied, the computer will tell you the reason that you did not fit the guidelines

HOW TO FILE A MEDICAL APPEAL

The Medical Appeal form can be found on the Southeast Michigan District website under USTA Leagues. The website is: www.semich.usta.com.

Players who request a Medical Appeal should understand the following:

- A player granted a medical appeal is subject to dynamic NTRP disqualification.
- Players may appeal due to a **permanent** disabling injury or illness.
- The injury/illness must have occurred **after** the year-end rating was achieved.
- The written appeal must include the attending physician’s evaluation of the injury and all other substantiating information including the prognosis for recovery with a timeline.
- Written requests must be submitted to the USTA/Midwest Section Medical Review Committee.
- If approved, it will be sent to the National Medical Review Committee level for the **final** say as to whether or not the appeal will be granted.