



General & Experienced Player Guidelines

Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines

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Players new to tennis who have had competitive experience in other sports should consider the rapid improvement anticipated and not rate below 3.0								
I am new to tennis and play one of the following racquet sports at a competitive level: squash, racquetball, badminton, paddle/platform tennis, pickleball.			Minimum level					
Recreational Tennis Players	Just getting into tennis – started playing within last 12 months	I have a social group; starting to play competitive matches	Regularly play competitive matches; new to tennis but play another racquet sport competitively					
High School Tennis - played varsity tennis within last 20 years		Played primarily varsity doubles or played junior varsity or played less than four years on varsity	Played all four years and ended up playing singles or #1 doubles	Advanced to state championship semi-finals or finals in singles or doubles				
Current or former Junior with a year-end national ranking of 451 or Over but did not play in college or tour professionally				31 and Over	30 and Under			
Current or former player with a year-end national ranking in the Junior 16's or 18's in the range 151-450 and/or top 20 sectional ranking				Age 46 and Over	Age 31 to 45	Age 30 and Under		
Current or former player with a year-end national ranking in the junior 16's or 18's in the top 150 and/or top 10 sectional ranking				Age 56 and Over	Age 46 to 55	Age 31 to 45	Age 30 and Under	
Played or committed to play for a Junior/Community College		Age 51 and Over (Men and Women)	Age 26 - 50 (Women) Age 36 - 50 (Men)	Age 25 and Under (Women) Age 26 - 35 (Men)	Age 25 and Under (Men)			
Played or committed to play for a Division II, III or NAIA college team?			Age 36 and Over (Women) Age 51 and Over (Men)	Age 26 - 35 (Women) Age 36 - 50 (Men)	Age 25 and Under (Women) Age 26 - 35 (Men)	Age 25 and Under (Men)		
Played or committed to play for a Division I college			Age 61 and Over	Age 41 to 60	Age 31 to 40	Age 30 and Under		
Played for a DII, III or NAIA college and I or my team were unranked or ranked out of the top 10 in ITA rankings			Age 36 and Over (Women) Age 51 and Over (Men)	Age 26-35 (Women) Age 36-50 (Men)	Age Under 25 (Women) Age 26-35 (Men)	Age 25 and Under (Men)		
Played for DII, III or NAIA college team and I or my team were ranked in the top 10 in the ITA rankings and I regularly played #3 singles or lower			Age 41 and Over (Women) Age 51 and Over (Men)	Age 26-40 (Women) Age 41-50 (Men)	Age Under 25 (Women) Age 26-40 (Men)	Age 25 and Under (Men)		
Played for a Division II, III or NAIA college team and you or your team were ranked in the top 10 in the ITA rankings and you played #1 or #2 Singles or #1 Doubles				Age 51 and Over	Age 41 to 50	Age 31 to 40	Age 30 and Under	
Division I college and college was ranked in the Top 75 teams, or you played #1 or #2 singles or #1 doubles at an unranked Division I college				Age 51 and Over	Age 41 to 50	Age 31 to 40	Age 30 and Under	
Played for a Division I college and ranked in the top 125 players				Age 61 and Over	Age 51 to 60	Age 41 to 50	Age 31 to 40	Age 30 and Under 6.0
Current or former player ranked (US or foreign) in an adult age group in the top 20 in the nation or top 5 in a section						Age 31 & Over	Age 30 & Under	
ITF, Transition Tour, Pro Circuit, Sateline or Futures player more than 5 years ago and didn't earn points				Age 40 & Over	Age 39 & Under			
ITF, Transition Tour, Pro Circuit, Sateline or Futures player more than 5 years ago and earned points					Age 40 & Over	Age 39 & Under		
ITF, Transition Tour, Pro Circuit, Sateline or Futures player less than 5 years ago and didn't earn points						Age 35 & Over	Age 34 & Under	
ITF, Transition Tour, Pro Circuit, Sateline or Futures player less than 5 years ago and earned points							Age 35 & Over	Age 34 & Under
A World Class ranking outside the top 400 in the ATP or WTA more than five years ago					Age 56 and Over	Age 46 to 55	Age 36 to 45	Age 35 and Under 6.0
A world class ranking outside the top 1000 in the ATP or WTA in the last five years								Any Age 6.5
A former World Class player ranked in the top 400 in the ATP or WTA more than five years ago					Age 66 and Over	Age 56 to 65	Age 46 to 55	Age 35 and Under 6.5 Age 36 - 45 6.0
A ranking in the top 1000 in the ATP or WTA in the last five years								Any Age 7.0

NOTES:

For more details concerning specific playing characteristics, see NTRP Specific Characteristics on www.usta.com/league. All assigned ratings may be immediately appealed electronically on TennisLink. Individuals with expired NTRP ratings will be limited to their last published rating. Players in wheelchairs should use these same General Characteristics to determine their NTRP skill level. The only difference observed is mobility and power on the serve based on the severity of the injury. The very best World Class players in wheelchairs have an NTRP rating in the low 4.5 range.

The USTA League Committee has approved these guidelines as a tool for accurate self-rating and NTRP Self-rate Grievance decisions. These guidelines will be available to players and captains and will be considered fair warning to players and captains who commit or condone future self rating abuses. USTA League Grievance Committees may suspend captains for condoning self rating abuses. Grievance Committees have the authority to dismiss complaints when they deem appropriate. The USTA League Committee asks all players, captains, coordinators, tennis professionals and volunteers to join the campaign to maintain the integrity of the NTRP Rating System. Current and past college team rankings for Div. I, Div. II, Div. III, NAIA and Junior Colleges may be found at www.itatennis.com. Updated February 2019.