

Q: If a player is turning 18, 40, or 55 by December 31, 2021, he/she is eligible to play in their respective USTA NTRP National Championships?

A: Yes. Players are eligible to play in their respective division on January 1 the year in which they turn 18, 40, or 55.

Q: Can a player who is over 40 or 55 years old play in the 18 and over division? Can a player who is over 55 play in the 40 and over division?

A: Yes, if the Section will endorse this player.

Q: Can a player play a level down at NTRP Nationals?

A: Players are not allowed to play at a level lower than their **qualified/endorsed** rating (see NTRP Rating Criteria)

Q: Can a player play up a level at NTRP Nationals?

A: Yes, a player can play up one level if endorsed by their Section - this means if a player is 4.0 they can play up to 4.5 but not to 5.0

Q: Do USTA sanctioned tournaments count in the year end rating calculation?

A: Each Section has the option of including NTRP tournament results for year-end calculations. if your Section does Opt In, they will impact your year-end rating

Q: Do USTA Sanctioned Tournaments count in the daily dynamic rating calculations (ie, can you be NTRP DQ'd from tournaments).

A: No. USTA Sanctioned Tournaments are only used in calculating year end ratings for those sections who opt in.

Q: If I play a USTA Sanctioned Tournament outside of my section and my home section opts out, will that tournament count towards year end rating calculations?

A: Yes, but only if the tournament is in a section that opts in for USTA Sanctioned Tournaments to count towards NTRP year-end rating calculations. (ADAM - add NTRP Nationals will be in sections that opt in

Q: Are all players in a given NTRP level equal in ability?

A: No. The NTRP system identifies general levels of ability, but an individual will be rated within those levels at 50 different hundredths of a point. For example, a 3.5 player can fall anywhere between a 3.01 and a 3.50. A typical match result for a player with a 3.01 rating versus a 3.49 player, both of whom are 3.5s, would be a 6-0, 6-0 win in favor of the higher rated player.

Q: What is the difference between a Rating and a Ranking?

A: A rating is a number assigned to a player that reflects their level of playing ability. A ranking reflects the relative position of strength based on other players on the rankings list and is only achieved through tournament play.

Q: What is an NTRP Rating and what are the different categories?

A: An NTRP Rating is a numerical indicator of tennis-playing ability, from 1.0 (beginner) through 7.0 (touring pro), which aligns with a set of general characteristics that break down the skills and abilities of each level, in 0.5 increments. Ratings are generated by play in USTA Adult Divisions of 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over, 65 & Over, Mixed 18 & Over, Mixed 40 & Over, Mixed 55 & Over, and Combo 18 & Over. In some sections, results from USTA Sanctioned Tournaments and additional leagues may be included in the Ratings calculation. Ratings help establish a player's NTRP skill level after only a few matches and do not change dramatically. Rather, they slowly increase or decrease over time as they reflect a consistent player skill level as exhibited through play results.

Q: If a player qualifies for NTRP Nationals with one rating and gets a new year-end rating, is this player still eligible to play NTRP Nationals with the rating he/she qualified with?

A: Yes, the player is still eligible to play NTRP nationals with the C, T, or A rating with which he/she qualified for the event and has been endorsed by their Section.

Q: Can a player get in as an Alternate?

A: Yes, there are circumstances in which players withdraw at the last minute, or draws have spaces available so players who are assigned as alternates have the chance to get a spot in the draw. We encourage all alternates to register for the tournament before the entry deadline.

Q: I was moved up at Year End but I am eligible to play at the lower level. Serve Tennis will not let me register at the lower level. What do I do?

A: Register at the higher level. If you were endorsed at the lower level, Section staff will submit your name to the USTA National office and when selections are made, you will be moved to the appropriate level.

Q: When is the registration deadline?

A: March 6, 2022 at 11:59 PM