

2021 NTRP Year Rating FAQs USTA Missouri Valley

- 1. How do I find my year-end rating?**
 - a. Search using the "Find NTRP Rating Info" box on TennisLink.

- 2. How do I appeal my year-end rating?**
 - a. Follow these steps:
 1. Login to TennisLink.
 2. Click on the USTA League tab.
 3. Click on the "Appeal Rating" link to the right of your name.
 4. Select the appropriate option for appealing up or down. The player will receive an instant decision based on the National criteria and guidelines.
 - b. NOTE: Granted appeals cannot be reversed, so do not submit an appeal unless you are sure you want to appeal.

- 3. What do I do if I auto-appeal and it is denied?**
 - a. If appeal UP is denied, there is no further appeal that exists.
 - b. Medical appeals CANNOT be filed to move UP.
 - c. If appeal DOWN is denied, the only other possible appeal is a medical appeal. Medical appeals are only for those who have permanent and debilitating illnesses/injuries. Ex. loss of limb/sight or parkinson's disease.

- 4. Can a player get bumped up/down more than one level?**
 - a. Yes, anywhere from 1-3 levels if the algorithm figures it.
 - b. If a player's results indicate a level of skill that is more than one level different from the level at which they were previously rated or self-rated, (this includes up and down variation) then a player's rating can move more than one level.
 - c. This does not happen often. But we may see it more this year than in previous years because of the 2 year data process. Unfortunately there are no appeals for these players outside of the auto appeal function in tennislink.

- 5. How did I get bumped up with a losing record?**
 - a. A losing record is not something that the algorithm takes into consideration.
 - b. You can have a losing record and still have your rating go up because of how the algorithm works. (see answer 11)
 - c. The same is true of a winning record and being moved down or unchanged.

- 6. Are there any changes to the way ratings are calculated since we didn't run them in 2020?**
 - a. No, it just gives us more data to process. The 2021 year end algorithm ran as it typically does in any given year.
 - b. There were no exceptions with the performance and outcomes from this year's NTRP YE run.

- 7. How many matches are needed to be included in the calculation and how far back are matches included?**
 - a. At least 3 matches for leagues outside of Mixed.
 1. Mixed leagues do not generate dynamics if another self rated player is on the court. We are working to change this for future years.
 - b. All data from November 18, 2019 through November 14, 2021 is included.

- 8. I played in an early start league but got moved up, can I still play with my team?**
- You can continue to play with your early start team unless you are clearly above level. You will be notified by your local district coordinator if you are in the clearly above level category.
 - This is for combo and mixed leagues as well. If you are clearly above level, then you cannot continue to play at your previous rating. For example, a 3.5 player who gets moved up to 4.0 clearly above level in a 6.0 mixed/combo league cannot continue to play with their team.
 - You cannot play with your team after the conclusion of the season though. This includes all championships that your team may qualify for.
 - The only exception is for women in the 18 & over 2.5 league who got bumped up to 3.0 and are not clearly above level. They can continue through all championships.
- 9. Are mixed doubles matches evaluated in the ratings formula? If so, how does it factor into a player's rating?**
- Mixed Doubles divisions will only have an effect on the ratings of players who played exclusively Mixed Doubles.
- 10. What other leagues are included in the ratings formula?**
- Missouri Valley includes in addition to 18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55& Over, 65& Over, NTRP straight level sanctioned tournaments, tri-level leagues, combo leagues and 18-39 leagues. This is basically everything except for flexible format leagues and Mixed, unless you play mixed exclusively.
- 11. How does the year-end NTRP calculation work?**
- Computerized ratings are affected by the score of a match as well as the dynamic ratings of a player's partner and the player's opponents. Based on player dynamic ratings at the start of a match, the NTRP algorithm expects a particular outcome of a match. The actual outcome is then compared to the expected outcome, and as a result of this comparison, the player's dynamic rating is adjusted up or down (or there is no change, if the outcome was as expected). Computerized ratings are not directly affected by what position a player played, actual number of wins and losses, age, or team standing.
- 12. My partner's rating was adjusted (up/down) but mine stayed the same, why/how?**
- This goes back to how ratings are calculated.
- 13. Why doesn't my Tennis Record rating match my NTRP rating?**
- This is addressed in our [NTRP FAQ](#) at the bottom of the page.
 - As the governing body of tennis in America, the USTA is committed to providing players with the most accurate rating information, and the USTA is the only source to provide your true NTRP rating.
 - There are third-party websites that offer their own ratings. However, these are not NTRP ratings provided by the USTA.
 - These third-party websites cannot correctly recreate the NTRP rating algorithm, and therefore the ratings generated from third-party sites are not accurate NTRP ratings.**
 - Any NTRP Appeals or Grievances based on third-party website rating information will not be considered by the USTA.

14. If you compete at districts, sectionals, or nationals, are those matches considered in the rating? If so, is more weight given to championship level matches as compared to local leagues?

- a. The matches are considered in the rating but they are not weighed any more than a local league match.
- b. Championship matches just help us to even out ratings across districts, sections and nationally. It is the closest to even level play that we get all year so they are very important but again, not weighed more heavily than other matches.

15. What is the dynamic range for each NTRP level?

- a. There are 50 data points for each NTRP level. Example for the 3.5 level: 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.49, 3.50 etc.

16. How do I find a list of players and their ratings?

- a. Go to the link below and select the appropriate fields:
- b. <https://tennislink.usta.com/Leagues/reports/NTRP/AdvancedSearch.aspx>

17. My team is advancing to a 2021 National championship in 2022. How do rating changes apply to the National Championship?

a. Tri-Level:

1. Players must have a "C" computer rating to play at Tri-Level National Invitational.
2. If a "C" Computer generated player who competes in 2021 gets bumped up when Year End ratings are released, can they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2021?

Example: 3.5 "C" Computer rated player gets bumped up to 4.0 "C". Can they still play in the invitational at 3.5 "C"?

- a. Yes, as a "C" Computer generated player, this player **MAY** play in the Tri-Level National Invitational held in 2022 at the NTRP level they played at in 2021.

Example: 3.5 "C" Computer rated player gets bumped up to 4.0 "C". They are eligible to play in the invitational at 3.5 "C".

- b. **However**, should a player move up two levels at year end, then they must play at their new highest level instead of their original level.

Example a 3.5C rated player earns a 4.5C rating with 2021 Year End Ratings they must play at the 4.5 level.

3. If a "C" rated player appeals their 2021 Year End Rating Down and is now showing as an "A" appealed player, are they able to play at their lower appealed rating?
 - a. No. If a player earned a "C" year end rating in 2021 and they appealed their rating down through tennislink and now have a valid

“A” rating, they will be allowed to play but at the “C” rating level they earned in 2021.

Example, if a player earned a 4.0 C rating and they appeal their rating down to a 3.5 A, they may play at the Tri Level invitational as a 4.0 rated player.

4. If a “S” Self rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player who competed in 2021 gets bumped up at 2021 Year End Ratings, can they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2021?

Example: A 3.5 S” Self rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player gets bumped up to 4.0 “C”. Can they still play in the 2022 event at the 3.5 level?

- a. No. A “S” Self rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player may only play if they earned a “C” Computer Year-End Rating in 2021 and they must play at the “C” rating level that they earned during 2021 year end ratings.

Example: A “S” Self rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player gets bumped up to 4.0 “C” they must play at the 4.0 NTRP level at the Tri Level Invitational held in 2022.

Please note that a “S” Self rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament 4.5 player who got bumped up to 5.0 “C” **WOULD NOT** be eligible to play in the event held in 2022.

- b. 65 & Over:

1. players will play at the NTRP level that they were assigned/ played the 2021 Championship year at.
2. Computer “C”, “S” Self Rate and “A” Appealed are all accepted at this invitational.
3. The rating the player played at during the 2021 Championship Year/local season is the rating they must play at in this event.

Example: A player played during the 2021 Championship year as a 3.5 rated player. When YER were released they were moved up to a 4.0. The player will play at the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational held in 2022 as a 3.5 rated player.

Example: A player played during the 2021 Championship year as a 4.0 rated player. When YER were released they were moved down to a 3.5. The player will play at the Adult 65 & Over National Invitational held in 2022 as a 4.0 rated player.

Additional Resources:

[District Coordinator Contact Information](#)

[National FAQ link](#)

[Missouri Valley FAQ Video](#)

[Player Resources](#)