



# ADULT LEAGUE RATINGS

December 2nd Adult Ratings are Released on Tennislink.

## FAQ

### FAQ NTRP Rating

#### What is NTRP?

**National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)** is a classification system developed in 1978 that identifies and describes the general characteristics of thirteen levels of tennis-playing ability.

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#### What is a Dynamic rating?

A **dynamic rating** is the result of a player's current match averaged with up to three of your most recent dynamic results generated. A dynamic rating is calculated after each match. A dynamic rating may change with each match played by the player.

#### What is a year-end rating?

A **year-end rating** is a NTRP level assigned at conclusion of the league championship year that reflects level of ability. A player's year-end rating shall be used to enter leagues during the following year and will be valid for up to three years for players 59 or under or two years for players 60 and over or until another rating is generated. Year End Ratings are available December 1.

#### How does the year-end NTRP calculation work?

Computerized ratings are affected by the score of a match as well as your partner's and your opponent's dynamic NTRP rating. 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, a player's dynamic rating adjusts up or down (or there is no change, if the outcome was as expected.) Computerized ratings are not directly affected by what position you

played, your actual number of wins and losses, age, or team standing.

**How many matches are required to generate a Year-End rating?** A minimum of three matches in qualifying leagues or NTRP tournaments opted-in for are needed to generate a year-end rating.

### FAQ Self-Rating

#### What is a self-rating?

A **self-rating** is an entry rating level determined by the new player or a player re-entering the Adult Division with an M (mixed) or T (tournament) rating, based on questions asked in the TennisLink

registration process. All players must enter league tennis with a valid computer rating or self-rate using TennisLink questionnaire.

#### When and how do I get a self-rating?

If you do not have a computer rating you

Year-end computer (C) players are **not** subject to NTRP Dynamic Disqualification. All other players who play in Adult Divisions are subject to NTRP Dynamic Disqualification.

#### Can my rating level change during the championship year?

Yes.

·If you receive the 3rd strike and are dynamically disqualified at your present level.

- If an NTRP Grievance is upheld, this may also result in raising your level.

#### Why would I be dynamically disqualified?

When a player receives three strikes, he or she will be notified that he or she has been NTRP Dynamically Disqualified. This happens because when a self-rating that is much too low for the player's ability is selected.

#### What is a strike and how do I get one?

Each time a player's dynamic rating exceeds the maximum tolerance for the level, he or she automatically earns a "strike."

#### How high can my dynamic rating go before I earn a "strike"?

The Dynamic NTRP system allows a certain tolerance for player improvement—more for lower level players where rapid improvement is more likely; less for higher-level players. The specific improvement factor is not published because of concerns that individuals, captains or others may attempt to manage their ratings.

#### If I receive a third strike while participating in another division, but following the conclusion of my Section Championship for a given year and Division, will I be allowed to advance to Nationals if otherwise qualified?

No. The exception is if you are playing in a league using combo ratings (Mixed Adult 55 & Over, Combo). As long as the player's (at the new NTRP level of play) and his or her partner's combined ratings do not exceed the NTRP level of your team, the player will be allowed to continue to play on that team.

### What does the letter after my rating mean?

- S- Self-rate
- A- Appeal
- C- Computer
- D- Disqualified
- M -Mixed exclusive year-end
- T -Tournament exclusive year-end

must self-rate before entering a USTA League program. Go to [national.usta.com](http://national.usta.com) and you will be connected directly to TennisLink. You may click on the self-rate link and complete the process without a team number.

### FAQ Dynamic Disqualified

#### Who can be NTRP dynamic disqualified?