

USTA PNW Adult Leagues

Conditions to File an NTRP Grievance

Refer to [National Regulations 3.02E/3.03E](#). Also, see [USTA League Suspension Point System](#).

Any self-rated player who is playing at an NTRP level lower than their actual skill level is subject to an NTRP Grievance. A player with a valid NTRP Computer (C) rating or granted an Automatic Appeal (A) rating of a Computer (C) rating is not subject to an NTRP Grievance. Players 60 or over who are promoted and granted an appeal per Reg.2.05E are also not subject to an NTRP Grievance. Any other player is subject to an NTRP Grievance, including players with granted Medical Appeals.

Any league captain, coordinator, or member of a Championship Committee may file an NTRP Grievance at any time up to 48 hours after the conclusion of the Sectional Championship of the player's team, whether or not the player participated. NTRP Grievances will NOT be accepted at the National Championships.

Conditions that must be present:

- A player must have an S, M, or T rating or have been granted a Medical Appeal. Please see 3.03E(1)b.
- The complaint must state that the player has self-rated or possesses a rating that is too low and may also include information that a team captain or other person conspired to obtain that incorrect rating.
- Factual information, including the player's history, that can be validated.

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Conditions that lend credibility:

- The player has a history in league tennis and/or sanctioned tournaments that would substantiate a claim that the player has misrepresented their current skill level.
- The player has omitted information when self-rating, and this can be substantiated with credible written or online documentation.
- The player may have produced one or more strikes in their current player record (an administrator should review match results within TennisLink for determination).
- The player played on a college team at a significant NCAA level (note: the age of the player, injuries, position on the team, and the strength of the tennis team at a particular school could affect a significant change in rating over time).
- The player participated at the professional level (including tennis or other sports).
- The player has earned international, national, sectional, or state/district rankings that would reflect a strong probability that the player should have a higher rating.
- The player has ratings equivalent to national or sectional in some other country.

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Conditions or claims that would not, on their own, be accepted as evidence in an NTRP Grievance. However, several of these presented with additional tennis specific information that clearly suggests a pattern of abuse may be grounds for filing an NTRP Grievance:

- I haven't lost a match all year and just got beaten badly!
- My player is at the top of their level and the opponent beat them handily!
- That player is a teaching pro!
- This player won all of their matches by significant margins in straight sets!
- My player is very strong and was beaten 6-0, 6-0!
- This Captain is dishonest and has a history of putting ringers on their team!

For additional information, please see the [League Grievance page](#).