

Viewpoint Tennis Club
8700 East University Drive, Mesa AZ 85207

NEW and CONDITIONAL PLAYER POLICY		Version #4-5
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<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate the assignment of members new to the VPTC to their appropriate level of play. • To facilitate the placement of players returning after extended absences (did not play in the previous season). • To facilitate the return of all players to conditional status that completed fewer than 4 league matches in the previous season. • To facilitate the movement of a player during the conditional period to a more appropriate level of play than the initial placement. 		
<p>Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vice President is responsible for monitoring all new and conditional players. • To facilitate fair competition and good sportsmanship in the EVSTL, it is essential that members new to the VPTC be placed on teams at a level consistent with their tennis ability. • Players returning after extended absences shall retain their last established Tencap rating and will be placed at the level of play consistent with that rating. A returning player is considered to be a conditional player and is subject to Steps 5, 6, and 7 below. • A returning player may be evaluated per the procedures below to determine if a request should be submitted to the EVSTL Tencap Advisory Committee to modify the player's Tencap rating. • Players who complete fewer than four league matches in the previous season will return to their previous level of play and will be a conditional player subject to Steps 5, 6 and 7 below. • Regardless of the end-of-season Tencap rating, if a player's confidence level is less than 80%, s/he will remain at the same level at the start of the next season. 		
<p>Forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/Conditional Player Evaluation Form • USTA General & Experienced Player Guidelines are attached 		
PROCEDURES:		
STEP 1	The Vice-President will appoint one or more experienced players as evaluators to assist in assigning new and conditional members to the appropriate level of play.	
STEP 2	One or more evaluators will observe the play of the new/conditional member and make a recommendation to the Vice-President as to the appropriate level of play. The evaluator will also rate the player as strong, average or weak within that	

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	level.
STEP 3	The Vice-President, in consultation with that level's coordinator, will place the player on a league team on a conditional basis.
STEP 4	The Vice-President will advise the Tencap coordinator to enter the player in the Tencap system with a rating assigned in consultation with the team captain. This may not coincide with the placement onto a team, as entry into the Tencap system only needs to be done prior to the player's first league match.
STEP 5	The team captain observes the play of the new/conditional member during up to three practices and/or league matches.
STEP 6	The Vice-President, the team captain and the new member then vote on whether the new member remains at the present level of play or is assigned to a different level of play.
STEP 7	The new/conditional member then becomes a regular member at that level and is so advised.

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New / Conditional Player Evaluation Form

Name: _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Site #: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Phone #: _____

Permanent Address _____

Evaluator's Team Level recommendation: _____

Evaluator's TenCap recommendation (strong, average, weak): _____

Date of evaluation: _____

Evaluation conducted by: _____

Player's tennis history:

Description of how evaluation was conducted and evaluator's comments:

Initial assignment made by Vice President: _____

Date player is made unconditional: _____

(VP, team captain & player decision)

- Copies to:
- Vice President
 - Statisticians
 - TenCap Coordinator
 - Captain to whom player is assigned

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Guidelines for General & Experienced Players
(Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines)

1.5 This player has had limited experience with stroke development and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play. This player is not yet ready to compete.

2.0 This player needs on-court experience, with an emphasis on play. This player struggles to find an appropriate contact point, needs stroke development/lessons and is not yet familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles.

2.5 This player is learning to judge where the ball is going and how much swing is needed to return it consistently. Movement to the ball and recovery are often not efficient. Can sustain a backcourt rally of slow pace with other players of similar ability and is beginning to develop strokes. This player is becoming more familiar with the basic positions for singles and doubles, and is ready to play social matches, leagues and low-level tournaments.

3.0 This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks accuracy when trying for directional control, depth, pace or altering distance of shots. Most common doubles formation is one up, one back.

3.5 This player has achieved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but still lacks depth, variety and the ability to alter distance of shots. The effective use of lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys is limited. This player is more comfortable at the net, has improved court awareness and is developing teamwork in doubles.

4.0 This player has dependable strokes with directional control and the ability to alter depth of shots on both forehand and backhand sides during moderately paced play. This player also has the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with success. This player occasionally forces errors when serving. Points may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident.

4.5 This player can vary the use of pace and spins, has effective court coverage can control depth of shots, and is able to develop game plans according to strengths and weaknesses. This player can hit first serves with power and accuracy and can place the second serve. This player tends to overhit on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.