

**Viewpoint Tennis Club**  
8700 East University Drive, Mesa AZ 85207

PLAYER RATING POLICY		Version #6	November 2023
<b>Purpose:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To facilitate the assignment of members new to the VPTC to their appropriate level of play.</li> <li>• To facilitate the placement of players returning after extended absences</li> <li>• To facilitate the re-evaluation movement of players.</li> </ul>			
<b>Policy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vice President is responsible for all player evaluations.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Players returning after extended absences of 12 months or more shall require re-evaluation and will be placed at the level of play consistent with that rating.</li> <li>• Players at any level may request an on-court evaluation if the club leadership determines the player would be successful at another level either up or down. This is limited to no more than one re-evaluation per tennis season. The Club determines the criteria for re-evaluation. If the re-evaluation determines the player's skills are indicative of success at another level, the player will be placed on that roster.</li> </ul>			
<b>Forms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player Evaluation Form</li> <li>• Re-evaluation Request Form</li> <li>• USTA General &amp; Experienced Player Guidelines are attached</li> </ul>			
<b>PROCEDURES:</b>			
STEP 1	The Vice-President will appoint one or more experienced players as evaluators. The evaluators will evaluate the player using the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) guidelines.		
STEP 2	One or more evaluators will observe the play of the 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 level.		
STEP 3	The Vice-President, in consultation with that level's Captains, will place the player on a league team.		
STEP 4	The Vice-President will advise the Club coordinator to enter the player in the EVSTL league system. Entry into the EVSTL league system must be done prior to the player's first league match.		

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**Player Evaluation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Site #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

New or returning: \_\_\_\_\_

Tennis History:

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Evaluator's Team Level recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's recommendation (strong, average, weak): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation conducted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Assignment made by Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy to: Vice President

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**Player Re-evaluation Request Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Site #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Level of Play: \_\_\_\_\_

Most recent evaluation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for re-evaluation request:

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Assignment made by Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 over hit on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.