

# ADULT TENNIS RATING SYSTEM

The Adult Tennis Rating System is used for adult players to help provide them with guidance when looking to join a tennis program. The ratings are divided into levels between 1.0 and 4.5

1.0	A new player to the game.
1.5	This player still relatively new to the game, but has gained some experience. They are working to improve the fundamentals of stroke development in order to be able to keep the ball in play.
2.0	This player is starting to gain on court experience including playing the game. They are developing the ability to maintain an appropriate contact point consistently through lessons and clinics. They have some experience with the basis positions for singles and doubles.
2.5	The player is learning to judge where the oncoming ball is going and how much swing is needed to return it consistently. They are able to sustain a gentle all pace with other players of the same ability from the back of the court. The player is now more comfortable with the basic singles and doubles positions and plays social matches, leagues, and entry level tournaments.
3.0	The player is now fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shots, but is challenged with some strokes. The player is trying to develop more accuracy when using directional control, depth, pace, or when altering the distance of shots. Now very comfortable with one up and one back in doubles.
3.5	The player now has good stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shot, but is still developing depth, variety, and the ability to alter the distance of shots. The player has become more comfortable at the net, developing lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys, but is still working on their effectiveness. Their court awareness much improved; and are developing teamwork in doubles when adapting to different formations and tactics from their opponents.
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 player. This player occasionally forces errors when serving. Most points lost are due to unforced errors, and the player is working on developing the ability to build points more effectively and patiently. 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 serve with power and accuracy and can place the second serve. This player is developing the ability to play with more tactical awareness on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.