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<th>NTRP General Characteristics</th>
<th>General &amp; Experienced Player Guidelines – Supplement to the NTRP Guidelines</th>
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<td>6.0 - 7.0</td>
<td>The 6.0 player typically has had intensive training for national tournaments or top level collegiate competition, and has obtained a national ranking. The 6.5 and 7.0 are world-class players.</td>
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<td>This player has good developed pace and/ or consistency as a major weapon. This player can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive situations and hit dependable shots in stressful situations.</td>
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<td>This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or attribute around which his or her game can be structured. This player can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls and put away volleys. He or she can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys, overheads, and has good depth and spin on most second serves.</td>
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<td>This player has developed 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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
<td>This player is learning to judge where the oncoming 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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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**General Characteristics**

- **Strengths:** Can hit offensively at any time; can vary strategies and styles of play in competitive situations; first and second serves can be depended upon in stressful situations.

- **Potential strengths:** Covers and disguises weaknesses well; can hit offensive volleys and half-volleys from mid-court; can employ physical or mental fitness as a weapon.

- **Potential limitations:** Grip weaknesses; Potential limitations: grip weaknesses; limited success when facing 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.

**World Class Players**

- **Did you have an ATP or WTA ranking in the top 400 more than five years ago?**
  - Age 45 and under: Age 46 to 55
  - Age 56 to 65
  - Age 66 and over

**Satellite, Futures, Circuit Players**

- **Over # 400 in world in the last 5 years**
  - Age 35 and under: Age 36 to 45
  - Age 46 to 55
  - Age 56 and over

**Div. I Top 125 ranked college player**

- Age 30 and under: Age 31 to 40
  - Age 41 to 50
  - Age 51 to 60
  - Age 61 and over

**Div. I Unranked college team**

- Age 30 and under: Age 31 to 40
  - Age 41 to 50
  - Age 51 to 60
  - Age 61 and over

**NAIA, Div. II & III college team or player ranked in top 15 nationally**

- Age 30 and under: Age 31 to 40
  - Age 41 to 50
  - Age 51 to 60
  - Age 61 and over

**Domestic or foreign Junior 18 s ranked in top 150 nationally**

- Age 30 and under: Age 31 to 40
  - Age 41 to 50
  - Age 51 to 60
  - Age 61 and over

**Domestic or foreign Adults ranked in top 20 nationally or in a section in the top 10**

- Age 30 and under: Age 31 to 40
  - Age 41 to 50
  - Age 51 to 60
  - Age 61 and over

**NAIA, Div. II & III unranked college team player (committed to, playing, or played) - program with no scholarships**

- Age 25 and under: Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

**Junior College player (ever played or committed to play)**

- Age 25 and under: Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

**Tennis on Campus player (USTA sponsored program started in 2000)**

- Men who played in national championship: Age 25 and under
  - Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

- Women who played in national championship: Age 25 and under
  - Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

**Former Junior who had a National or Sectional or domestic championship but did not tour or play in college**

- Age 25 and under: Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

**High school tennis athlete (within last 15 years) may not self-rate below 3.0 and will be higher if they participated in post season play**

- Played in High School State Championships: Age 25 and under
  - Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

- Played in High School varsity singles: Age 25 and under
  - Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

- High School Experience: Age 25 and under
  - Age 26 to 35
  - Age 36 to 50
  - Age 51 and over

**Players new to tennis who have had competitive experience in other sports should consider the rapid improvement anticipated and not rate below 3.0**

**Notes**

For more details concerning specific playing characteristics, see NTRP Specific Characteristics on www.usta.com/league. All assigned ratings may be immediately appealed electronically on TennisLink. Individuals with expired NTRP ratings will be limited to their last published rating.

Players in wheelchairs should use these same General Characteristics to determine their NTRP skill level. The only difference observed is mobility and power on the serve based on the severity of the injury. The very best World Class players in wheelchairs have an NTRP rating in the low 4.5 range.