



# Junior Ratings FAQ: Consumers

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

*What is a junior NTRP rating?*

A junior NTRP rating is a measuring tool indicating a standard of play that allows junior players to track their progress. An accurate rating will help players identify levels of play that are compatible with their skills.

*What types of events will use junior NTRP ratings?*

USTA sanctioned tournaments and Junior Team Tennis (“local” JTT only) may use ratings to determine acceptance into their events. JTT may involve both team tennis tournaments and/or leagues.

### Junior NTRP Ratings Details

*What rating system will be used for the pilots?*

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) will be used for the pilots.

*What scale is used for a junior rating?*

Players will be rated on a scale from 1 – 7.

*Will boys and girls be on the same rating scale?*

To allow for co-ed and mixed-gender play, boys and girls will be on the same scale.

*How will players know if they have a junior NTRP rating?*

Players will be able to search for their rating online. Players must have at least four match results in TennisLink to receive a rating.

*What if a player does not have a junior NTRP rating?*

Players can self-rate in three simple ways:

- Complete an easy online form.
- Self-select their own level by comparing themselves to players they compete with regularly who have a rating.
- Self-select their own level by looking at descriptions of ratings.

*What results are used to generate ratings for juniors?*

All junior results in Tennis Link from the previous 18 months (minimum four matches per player) will be used to determine NTRP ratings for juniors - —including JTT, USTA sanctioned junior tournaments, Men’s/Women’s Opens, Pro Circuit events in the U.S., and U.S. ITFs.



*What age groups will receive a junior rating?*

Results from 12s – 18s divisions in tournaments and JTT leagues will be used for a junior rating. Results from 8s and 10s divisions will not be used to determine ratings. Players 10 and under may have a junior rating from playing in the older divisions.

*How will the ratings be published?*

Junior ratings will be published in tenths (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) and searchable from the tournaments and JTT home pages.

*How often will ratings be published?*

Junior ratings will be published every two weeks.

*Will players/parents be able to appeal a rating?*

There will be no appeals to junior ratings.

*How far back will results be used to determine junior ratings?*

18 months.

*How do ratings change?*

Based on a player's wins and losses, total number of games won/lost, and the strength (rating) of opponents and partners.

*What happens in tournaments when ratings are used for seeding/selection/grouping, and players are tied?*

Should this situation occur, tournament directors will have access to a ratings order list to break ties.