

How to Appeal a Rating

How to appeal your year-end C, M, or T rating:

Important: All computer-rated players who appeal their year end rating (C, M, or T) will successfully become A-Appealed players and are subject to disqualification (three strike rule).

1. Automated Appeal:

- Log-in to the National USTA [website](#) with your credentials.
- On the upper right corner of the screen, look for “**NTRP Rating Level**” and please click the link below where it says “**Appeal Rating Level**”
- Please select the up or down button to appeal to the appropriate rating.
- If you are within the rating range to move up or down, you will immediately be granted the requested level. The decision is final and you’ll have to begin playing with your new rating. (Ex: If you are a 4.0 player and you successfully appeal up to 4.5, you will be ineligible to continue playing on your 4.0 level team.)
- If you are not within the rating range, you will be denied. There is no use trying to click “**Appeal Rating Level**” repeatedly as your play throughout the year will not change your eligibility for the appeal.
- If denied you will have an opportunity to file a medical appeal - if applicable.

2. Medical appeals:

- A medical appeal may be made by a computer-rated player only. While computer rated, the player must have suffered an intervening medical illness or injury that is permanent and disabling. The player may then appeal when he/she is released back to play tennis.
- Medical appeals are very difficult to obtain; they must first be granted by the section (NorCal) and then by National.
- If you wish to make a successful medical appeal, you will need to take the time to do the following:
 - Read the [Information on Medical Appeals](#) carefully. You will have a better understanding of what may qualify and what may not
 - Fill out all of your forms completely; including the [Medical Appeal Form](#) and having your physician fill out the [Attending Physician’s Statement Form](#)
 - Send in all of the forms with a \$25.00 check made out to USTA NorCal, c/o Vinod Herur, 1920 North Loop Road, Alameda CA 94502
 - On receipt of all forms and check, NorCal will forward the appeal to the Sectional Medical Appeal Committee to start the process. If your appeal is granted through the final step at the National level, your check will be shredded

How to appeal an S-rating:

- Log-in to the National USTA [website](#) with your credentials.
- On the upper right corner of the screen, look for “**NTRP Rating Level**” and please click the link below where it says “**Appeal Rating Level**”
- Please select the up or down button to appeal to the desired rating.
- If you are trying to move your assigned S-rating up, you will immediately be granted the requested level. The decision is final and you’ll have to begin playing with your new rating. (Ex: If you are a 4.0 player and you successfully appeal up to 4.5, you will be ineligible to continue playing on your 4.0 level team.)
- If you want to appeal your assigned rating level down, you will be prompted to complete an appeal form with information not limited to playing experience, reasons for dropping, etc. The self-rate appeals committee will review your appeal and reach a decision in about 2-3 weeks.
- If you are denied, you can appeal the decision a year from the committee’s decision.