

NTRP Dynamic Disqualification (Three Strikes Procedure)

The Three Strikes Procedure is a computer-generated disqualification system that occurs automatically in the adult leagues (18 & Over, 40 & Over, 55 & Over). It is based on dynamic match ratings only.

For each NTRP level of play, there is a threshold level of rating that is considered clearly above that specific NTRP level by the computer. If a player exceeds this clearly out-of-level threshold in rating three times, he is automatically promoted by the computer to the next level of play. Rarely a player may be promoted two levels up.

Match reversals will always occur in the appropriate segments of play for these adult leagues only. Match reversals will not occur in other types of leagues. However, the player must play in all other leagues at his new level immediately.

Self-rated players (S and D) are subject to this process; usually computer-rated players are not. However, a computer-rated player who has appealed his computer rating down by automatic appeal or by age appeal (A) is subject to this type of disqualification. A player with an early start rating (E, Q, ESR), usually in the Reno-Tahoe area, is also subject to Three Strikes Disqualification if playing in an early start league at a rating lower than his current year-end rating. Lastly, a granted medical appeal will make a player a self-rated player, and as such, he will also be subject to this procedure.

No warnings are given to a player when a strike is received. Strikes are cumulative throughout all of the adult leagues through Sectionals. Some players will only generate one strike and never receive another throughout the entire remainder of the adult league seasons; others will strike out in their first three matches. There is no appeal to a Three Strike Disqualification unless the player can demonstrate incorrect factual information on which it was based – wrong score, opponent, or partner. Retirements will not count for any strike.

It is extremely important to remember that the Three Strikes Procedure and NTRP grievances are two separate processes. Strikes only operate in adult leagues, whereas NTRP grievances can be filed in every league against any self-rated players. Match reversals for Three Strikes will only occur in the affected adult leagues, whereas match reversals in grievances will occur in all active leagues during the appropriate time segments for those leagues. Therefore, match reversals may occur in leagues in which the player was not grieved. Strikes are done by a computer; grievances are handled by a committee of peers who can evaluate any player who may be above level but not striking or who may have inaccurately rated self-rated.