



UTA RATING SYSTEM

GROUP LEVEL	INDIVIDUAL RATING	PLAYER CHARACTERISTICS
0	1.0	This player is new to formal coaching or has not played tennis before.
1	1.5	This player has had limited experience with stroke development and is still working on getting the ball into play. This player is not yet ready to rally and play points consistently. Needs footwork, co-ordination and judgement improvement.
2	2.0	This player needs on-court experience with an emphasis on practicing more and continually improving technique and footwork. 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.
3	2.5	<p>This player is learning to judge the contact point and appropriate stance and choice of shot. Movement to the ball and recovery are still inefficient. Can sustain a baseline rally of slow pace with players of similar ability but not with optimal technique and is beginning to develop stroke patterns. 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.</p> <p>Potential Limitations: grip weaknesses, limited swing and inconsistent toss on serve, limited transitions to the net</p>
4	3.0	<p>This player is fairly consistent when hitting a medium-paced shot, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks accuracy when trying for directional control, depth, pace or altering distance of shots.</p> <p>Potential Limitations: inconsistency when applying or handling pace; difficulty handling shots outside of their strike zone; can be uncomfortable at the net</p>
	3.5	<p>This player has achieved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but lacks depth, variety and the ability to alter shot distance. The effective use of lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys are limited. This player is more comfortable at the net and has improved court awareness and is starting to develop doubles teamwork.</p> <p>Potential strengths: can generally rally from the baseline opposite a net player. Players at this level may start to utilise mental skills related to concentration, tactics and strategy.</p>



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5	4.0	<p>This player has dependable strokes with directional control and the ability to alter depth on shots off both forehand and backhand sides during moderate paced play. This player also has the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with success. Occasionally forces errors when serving. Points may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident and consistent.</p> <p>Potential strengths: dependable second serve, recognises opportunities to finish points.</p>
6	4.5	<p>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. Can hit first serve with power and accuracy and can place the second serve with spin. This player tends to over-hit on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.</p> <p>Potential strengths: points are frequently won off the serve or return of serve; able to offset weaknesses; may have a weapon around which their game can be built.</p>
	5.0	<p>This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or attribute around which their game can be structured. This player can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls and puts away volleys. They can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys, overheads, and has good depth and spin on most second serves.</p> <p>Potential strengths: covers and disguises weaknesses well; can hit offensive volleys and half-volleys from mid-court; can employ physical and mental fitness as a weapon</p>
7+	5.5	<p>This player has 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 and is a regular tournament player level of top level AMTs.</p> <p>Potential 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 stress situations</p>
	6.0-7.0	<p>This player has played at a national level through tournaments or top college standard and has obtained a national or world ranking.</p>