Tennis Rating Levels

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) uses rating categories from 0 to 3.5+. The ratings help all tennis players enjoy the game by providing a method of classifying skill levels for more compatible matches, group lessons, league play, tournaments and other programs. The rating categories are generalizations about skill levels.

Beginner	1.0	Player is just starting and is learning the basic skills.
Beginner II	1.5	Only slightly more advanced than 1.0 player. Needs to coordinate moving with hitting the ball. Still concentrating on getting the ball over the net from a stationary position. Learning to serve and keep score
Advanced Beginner	2.0	Beginning to coordinate footwork when contacting the ball but is not consistent in hitting the ball over the net. Can serve to some degree but double faults often. Understands scoring as well as positions for serving and receiving. Has limited success with volley but has knowledge of court positioning in both singles and doubles.
Advanced Beginner	2.5	Able to judge where the ball is going. Can sustain a slow pace rally of several shots with ability using backhand and forehand. Can volley with moderate success. Can keep score unassisted, call lines and serve overhand from the baseline.
Intermediate	3.0	Player is getting better at moving to the ball and is improving court coverage. Player can serve and sustain a slow rally. Player needs to improve control. Player attempts to move opponent.
Advanced Intermediate	3.5	Player is beginning to develop directional control and depth in rallies. Starting to recognize opportunities to attack short balls. Developing more spin and power on the serve and seldom double faults. Player is becoming more aggressive and applies basic strategy in singles and teamwork in doubles.
Advanced Intermediate	4.0	Has dependable strokes, including control and depth on higher-paced shots and has good court coverage. Has variety in shot selection including lobs, overheads, volleys and approach shots. Developing a game

		plan is serving with good consistency and is now forcing some errors with power and spin.
Advanced	4.5	Has dependable game and executes high-paced shots consistently. Court coverage and footwork are sound. Has begun to master the use of power and spins. Can vary depth of produce some winners. Second serves are hit with good spin and placement. Can be aggressive in both singles and doubles and covers weaknesses well. Player is developing and offensive weapon. Self-motivated.
Advanced	5.0	Has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or weapon around which a game may be structured. Can regularly hit winners or force errors and is capable of all shots. First serve is an offensive weapon and often allows rushing the net. Volleys and overhead smashes are typically winning shots. Player uses high percentage shots in both singles and doubles. Self-motivated.

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