



A's & Aces

Junior Tennis Rating Program (JTRP)

Guidelines for evaluating playing levels:

1.0 - Player is just starting to play tennis

1.5 - Player is only slightly more advanced than a 1.0 player. Player needs to coordinate moving when hitting the ball. In fact player is still concentrating on getting the ball over the net from a stationary position. Player is learning to serve with underhand forehand and keep score.

2.0 - Player is now beginning to coordinate footwork when contacting the ball but is not consistent in hitting the ball over the net. Player can serve to some degree but double faults frequently. Player understands scoring as well as correct positions for serving and receiving. Player has limited success with backhands, volleys but has knowledge of court positioning in both singles and doubles play.

2.5 - Player is able to judge where the ball is going. Player can sustain a slow paced rally of several shots with someone of the same ability using both forehand and backhand sides and can volley with moderate success. Player can keep score unassisted, can call own lines, can serve overhand from the baseline and has an understanding of the basic rules.

3.0 - Player is getting better at moving to the ball and is improving court coverage; can sustain a rally with consistency on slow to moderate paced shots. Player serves with fair consistency with few double faults. On ground strokes, player needs to improve control of height, depth, direction and speed control. Player attempts to move opponent from side to side and hit to the opponent's weakness.

3.5 - Player can sustain a rally and is beginning to develop directional control and depth of ground strokes. Player is starting to recognize opportunities to attack short balls coming to the net. Player is developing more spin and power on the serve and seldom double faults. Player is becoming more aggressive and applying basic strategy in singles and using teamwork in doubles.

4.0 - Player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on higher-paced shots and has good court coverage. Player has added variety in shot selection by using lobs, overheads, volleys and approach shots with some success. Player is developing a game plan, is serving with good consistency and is now forcing some errors with power and/or spin. Player demonstrates good teamwork in doubles.

4.5 - Player has a very dependable game and executes most shots consistently on higher-paced shots. Player's court coverage and footwork are sound and has begun to master the use of power and spins. Player can vary depth of shots and game plan according to opponents. Player's first serve may produce some winners and second serves are hit with good spin and placement. Player can be aggressive in both singles and doubles and covers weaknesses well. Player is developing an offensive weapon.

5.0 - Player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or weapon around which player's game may be structured. Player can regularly hit winners or force errors on short balls and is capable of all shots (e.g., drop shot, defensive and offensive lobs, slice backhand, and strategically following approach shots to the net. Player's first serve is an offensive weapon and is capable of serve-volleying on the first or second serve. Volleys and overheads are typically winning shots. Player is match wise and uses shots that have a high percentage of success in both singles and doubles.