

Rating Eligibility for the Tri Level HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational to be held in 2022

The USTA National Staff Representative will verify all player ratings and eligibility prior to the start of the Invitational once rosters have been received from the respective Section offices.

Accepted Rating Types:

Computer “C” Rated Players:

Players must have a valid “C” rating after 2021 Year End Ratings have been published to participate in the TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational held in March 2022.

Question: If a “C” Computer rated player who competes in 2021 gets bumped up when 2021 Year End ratings are released, can they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2021?

Example: A 3.5 “C” Computer rated player gets bumped up to 4.0 “C”. Can they still play in the Sectional/invitational at 3.5 “C”?

Answer: YES, as a “C” Computer rated player, this player **MAY** play in the TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational held in March 2022 at the NTRP level they played at in 2021.

However, **should a “C” Computer rated player MOVE UP TWO (2) LEVELS AT 2021 YEAR END they must play at their new HIGHER LEVEL INSTEAD OF THEIR ORIGINAL ROSTERED NTRP LEVEL.**

Example: A 3.5C rated player earns a 4.5C rating at 2021 Year End, they must play at the 4.5 NTRP level at TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational held in March 2022.

Question: If a “C” Computer rated player Appeals their 2021 Year End Rating Down and is now showing as an “A” Appealed player, are they able to play at their lower appealed NTRP rating?

Answer: NO. If a player earned a 2021 Year End “C” Computer rating and they appealed their rating down through TENNIS LINK and now have a valid “A” rating, they are eligible to play **but at the “C” Computer rating level they earned in 2021.**

Example: A player earned a 4.0 “C” Computer rating and they Appealed their rating down to a 3.5 “A”, they may play at the TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National invitational held in March 2022 as a 4.0 rated player.

“S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament Players’ Eligibility at the TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational held in March 2022:

“S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament players **MAY ONLY PLAY at the TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational held in March 2022 if they earn a “C” Computer rating when 2021 Year End ratings are published.**

Question: If a “S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player who competed in 2021 gets bumped up at 2021 Year End Ratings, can they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2021?

Example: If a 3.5 S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player gets bumped up to a 4.0 “C”, can they still play in the TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectional & National Invitational held in March 2022 event at the 3.5 level?

Answer: NO. A “S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament player **MAY ONLY PLAY IF THEY HAVE EARNED A “C” COMPUTER RATING WHEN 2021 YEAR END RATINGS PUBLISH.** Player is eligible to play **ONLY** at the “C” Computer NTRP Rating they earned at 2021 Year End Ratings.

Please note that if a “S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed, or “T” Tournament 4.5 player who got bumped up to 5.0 “C” **WOULD NOT** be eligible to play in the event held in TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 National Invitational held in March 2022.

“S” Self-rated, “A” Appealed, “M” Mixed or “T” Tournament Players MAY SIGN UP AND PLAY in TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 at the local level but MUST HAVE A “C” COMPUTER RATING when the 2021 Year End Ratings are published to advance to TRI LEVEL HI 4.5-4.0-3.5 Sectionals & Nationals in 2022.

Question: If a “C” Computer generated player who competes in 2021 gets bumped down when Year End ratings are released, do they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2021?

Answer: Yes, a “C” Computer generated player who is bumped down with YER will play in the Tri-Level National Invitational held in 2022 at the NTRP level they played at in 2021.

Example: 4.5 “C” Computer rated player gets bumped down to 4.0 “C” with 2021 YER, that player would play as a 4.5 rated player in the Invitational held in 2021.

D-rated players will be allowed to play at the level that they DQ up to. However, if they earn a higher year-end rating when ratings come out, then they have to play at their YER level at Tri Level Sectionals and the National Invitational. For example, a player DQ'd up to a 3.5 but with YER they are adjusted up to a 4.0 they would need to play as a 4.0 at Sectionals/National. If they remain a 3.5 after YER, they can play as a 3.5.