

### **TRI LEVEL National Invitationals Ratings Requirements:**

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.

(1) Computer "C" Rated Players: Players must have a valid "C" rating after the 2022 year-end ratings have been published in order to participate in the Tri-Level National Invitational in 2023.

**QUESTION:** A "C" computer-generated player who competes in 2022 gets bumped up when year-end ratings are released, can they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2022?

*Example:* 3.5 "C" computer-rated player gets bumped up to 4.0 "C". Can they still play in the invitational at 3.5 "C"?

*Answer:* Yes, as a "C" computer-generated player, this player MAY play in the Tri-Level National Invitational held in 2023 at the NTRP level they played at in 2022.

*Example:* 3.5 "C" computer-rated player gets bumped up to 4.0 "C". They are eligible to play in the invitational at 3.5 "C".

**QUESTION:** What if a player moves up TWO (2) LEVELS at year-end? They must play at their NEW HIGHEST LEVEL, instead of their original rostered level.

*Example:* If a 3.5 "C" computer-rated player gets bumped up to 4.5 "C".

*Answer:* They must play at the 4.5 level.

**QUESTION:** If a "C" rated player appeals their 2022 year-end rating down and is now showing as an "A" appealed player, are they able to play at their lower appealed rating?

*Answer:* Yes. If a player earned a "C" year-end rating in 2022 and they appealed their rating down through TennisLink Auto Appeal and now have a verifiable "A" rating, they will be allowed to play at the "C" rating level they had throughout 2022.

*Example:* A player played the 2022 season with a 3.5 "C" rating and earned a 4.0 "C" 2022-year end rating, and they appeal their rating down to a 3.5 "A", they may play at the Tri-Level invitational as a 3.5-rated player.

(2) "S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament Players.

"S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament players may only play if they earn a "C" computer year-end rating when the 2022 year-end ratings are published, and they must play at the "C" rating level that they earned with the 2022 year-end ratings.

**QUESTION:** If a "S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament player who competed in 2022 gets bumped up in the 2022 year-end ratings, can they still participate at the NTRP level they played at in 2022?

*Example:* A 3.5 "S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament player gets bumped up to 4.0 "C". Can they still play in the 2022 event at the 3.5 level?

*Answer:* No. "S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament player may ONLY play if they earned a "C" Computer year-end rating in 2022 and they MUST play at the "C" computer rating that they earned in the 2022 year-end ratings.

*Example:* A 3.5 "S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament player gets bumped up to 4.0 "C" Computer Rate, they must play at the 4.0 NTRP level at the Tri Level Invitational held in 2023.

*Note:* If a 4.5 "S" Self-Rated, "M" Mixed, or "T" Tournament who got bumped up to 5.0 "C" Computer Rated, they WOULD NOT be eligible to play in the National Invitational event held in 2023.

FINAL RATING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE