



LEE COUNTY WOMEN'S TENNIS LEAGUE

2016 CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING APPEALS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE FILING AN APPEAL

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The LCWTL expects a player to play where her rating allows. The LCWTL only considers appeals if their rating is equal to or less than 0.050 above the specified rating range. If a player receives an appeal, she may exercise that appeal **ONLY** if there is no other team at her club that will accommodate her rating. **This appeal will be rescinded if a team at her club exists at her level.** If the player's club does **not** have a team to accommodate her rating, she may appeal to play on a lower rated team. However, if her appeal is granted, she will be required to play on **first court only**.

Examples: If a player's year-end rating is a 3.5 and she receives an appeal the following conditions will apply:

- If her club has a 3.5 team, she is expected to play on that 3.5 team.
- If no space is available on the 3.5 team, a player already on the team with a lower rating will be expected to move to another team in order for her to take that slot.
- If the team is full with sixteen 3.5 rated players, she may exercise her appeal and play on a lower rated team.
- If a player is unsure of where she should play, or circumstances change at her club, she should contact the LCWTL Director for guidance.

DEFINITION OF APPEAL:

All appeals are appeals to play down one level. **No request to play up will be considered.** An appeal is defined as a player requesting to play down one level to the maximum rating level associated with each division. However, no appeal will be granted to any player whose rating has been earned in a division rated higher than the maximum rating of the requested division.

APPEAL CRITERIA FOR BOTH RATED AND 50+ DIVISIONS:

- Although a player may file an appeal to find out if she falls within the range, no one with a rating equal to or more than 0.051 above the rating range of the division she is requesting is eligible to receive an appeal.
- Any player, whose rating is equal to or less than 0.050 above the rating range, will be automatically granted an appeal to play down one division with the following exceptions:
 1. **No appeal** will be granted to a player whose rating was earned in a division rated higher than the maximum rating of the requested division.

2. A player who received an appeal the previous season will be evaluated on whether her rating and match history will allow her appeal to be considered for another year.
- If a player is granted and exercises her appeal, she must play on **Court 1 only**. There may be only **one appealed player** per match per team.
 - A player must apply for an appeal for **each division** she wants to play in. If she applies to play in a rated division, she cannot assume that the appeal is valid for the senior division.

Examples:

- A player may **not** file an appeal if she is a 3.0 minus rating and wishes to play on either the Silver (SR 3.5) or the 3.5 division because appeals to play in a higher division will be not be considered.
- A player **may** file an appeal if she played on a team in the 3.5 division, has a 4.0 minus rating at the end of the season and wishes to return to play in the 3.5 division.
- A 3.5 rated player **may** file an appeal to play in the Copper (SR 3.5 minus) or 3.5 minus division, which has a maximum level of 3.5 minus. However, if her rating was earned in the Silver (SR 3.5) or 3.5 (or higher) division, she is ineligible for an appeal.
- A 3.5 rated player who was granted an appeal last season to play in the 3.5 minus and the Copper (SR 3.5 minus) division **may** file an appeal to play in those divisions again. However, even if her rating is equal to or less than 0.050 of the rating range of the divisions requested, her appeal will be considered by the committee and may or may not be granted based on her match history.

MEDICAL APPEALS:

For medical reasons such as major surgery; i.e., hip or knee replacement, a player may request to re-rate down to play on a lower rated team. The onset of medical issues must occur after the last date of play in the LCWTL database. The player must send a **CURRENT Form 7, Request for Medical Appeal**, together with the attending physician's notes to the LCWTL Director by October 1. If there are extenuating circumstances, a medical appeal may be submitted during the playing season.