

# Ratings Guide

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Description	ITN	Competitive Level	GBR	Playing Ability
Elite	1	World ranked, national standard & top division county players	1.1 1.2	This player has had intensive training for national tournament competition at the junior and senior levels and has extensive professional tournament experience. Holds or is capable of holding an ATP / WTA ranking and their major source of income is through tournament prize money.
Advanced	2		Top and middle division county players	2.1 2.2
	3	3.1		This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or attribute around which a game may be structured. Can regularly hit winners and force errors off short balls. Can put away volleys and smashes and has a variety of serves to rely on.
	4	3.2	4.1 4.2	This player can use power and spins and has begun to handle pace. Has sound footwork, can control depth of shots, and can vary game plan according to opponents. Can hit first serves with power and can impart spin on second serves.
Intermediate	5	Lower division county & top club team	5.1 5.2	This player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both ground strokes and on moderate shots. Has the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success.
	6	Middle club team	6.1 6.2	This player exhibits more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage, improved shot control and is developing teamwork in doubles.
	7	Lower club team	7.1 7.2	This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shots, but is not yet comfortable with all strokes. Lacks control over depth, direction and power.
Recreational	8	Competing regularly in singles & doubles	8.1 8.2	This player is able to judge / control where the ball is going and can sustain a short rally.
	9		9.1 9.2	This player needs on court experience and strokes can be completed with some success.
	10	New to competitive tennis	10.1 10.2	This player is starting to play competitively (can serve and return / rally) on a full court using a normal ITF approved ball.
Starter	10.1	Beginner	11.1	The player is able to rally with movement and control.
	10.2		11.2	The player has developed some simple tennis-specific skills in hitting an oncoming ball regularly, however rallying with movement and control is not yet achieved.
	10.3		11.3	The player is in the early stages of tennis skills development and is primarily learning simple tennis coordination tasks / exercises.