



LEE COUNTY WOMEN'S TENNIS LEAGUE

APPEALS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE FILING AN APPEAL

The Lee County Women's Tennis League expects a player to play where her rating allows to ensure that League play is competitive and fun for all.

At the end of every season, when the final ratings are published, the Lee County Women's Tennis League allows you to appeal your rating to play down one division if you fall within the auto-appeals range. The appeal process is especially important for those players who are on the line between ratings. If a player's rating is right on the cusp, it is important to ensure she plays in the right place. An appeal, if granted, does **not** change the player's rating, it only allows her to play in a LOWER division.

No request to play up will be considered in the appeals process. A player cannot play in a higher division for which her rating does not qualify. There is only one **exception** to this rule. If a player has a rating below 2.5 and there is no team at her club (the club where she earned her rating) for which she is eligible to play, she may contact the executive director for special consideration to play on a team at her club (the club where she earned her rating) for which she would otherwise be ineligible.

DEFINITION OF AN APPEAL:

All appeals are appeals to play down one division level. No request to play up will be considered. An appeal is defined as a player, who falls within the auto-appeal range, requesting to play down one division level below her published rating to the maximum rating level associated with each division.

APPEAL CRITERIA FOR BOTH RATED AND SENIOR DIVISIONS:

The LCWTL only considers appeals if a player's rating is equal to or less than 0.025 above the specified rating range. Although an appeal may be granted to an individual player, she may exercise that appeal **ONLY** if there is no team available, either in the rated or senior division at her club (the club where she earned her rating), which will accommodate her published rating. If the player's club (the club where she earned her rating) does not have a team to accommodate her published rating, either rated or senior, she may appeal to play down one division level on a lower rated team. However, if her appeal is granted, she will be required to **play on first court only, with only one appealed player playing per match per team.**

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



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- If her club (the club where she earned her rating) has a 3.5 rated team, or a Silver senior team, she is **required** to play on that 3.5 and/or Silver team.
 - If no space is available on the 3.5 team or Silver team, a player already on those teams with a lower rating will be required 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 down one level (3.5- and/or Copper), on a lower rated team.
 - If a player is unsure of where she should play, or circumstances change at her club (the club where she earned her rating), she should contact the LCWTL Director for guidance.
- A player's appeal will be **rescinded** for the season if:
 - A player's club (the club where she earned her rating) has a team to play on (rated and/or senior) that accommodates her published maximum rating level.
 - A player chooses to play at her published rate at any club. She may not revert back to her appealed rate anytime during the current season.
- Any granted appeal shall be valid for one year only. A player who received an appeal the previous season will **not** be automatically granted an appeal for the next season. If that player, once again falls with the auto-appeal range, she will be required to file a new appeal.
 - A player must apply for an appeal for **each division** she wants to play in on the Appeals Application form online. If she appeals to play in a rated division only, the appeal is **not** valid for the senior division. If she appeals to play in a senior division only, the appeal is **not** valid for the rated division.
 - Any player, whose rating is equal to or less than 0.025 above the rating range, will be automatically granted an appeal to play down one level with the following **exceptions**:
 1. Although a player may file an appeal if she falls within the auto-appeal range, no one with a rating equal to or more than 0.0251 above the rating range of the division she is requesting is eligible to receive an appeal.
 2. 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.
 3. A player who received an appeal the previous season will **not** be automatically granted an appeal for the next season. That player, if she once again falls within the auto-appeal range, will be required to file a new appeal.



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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 not be considered.
- 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.

THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

The LCWTL Appeals Committee is made up of the league's executive director, associate director, webmaster and a maximum of three (3) division officers who come together, if needed, to review the appeals process and evaluate a player's appeal information. Each player is reviewed independently based only on that player's match history information. It is strictly about the numbers.

MEDICAL RATING ADJUSTMENT: Medical Appeals/Medical Ratings Adjustments are no longer accepted by the LCWTL, effective May 1, 2020.