

**SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC) Rating Appeal Form
(05-10-2018)**

Date: _____ Name: _____ Gender _____ (M or F)

Tel #: _____ E-mail: _____

CURRENT STC RATING CATEGORY: _____ (Example 3.0)

REQUESTED STC RATING CATEGORY: _____ (Example 3.5)

CIRCLE EITHER A) OR B) BELOW AS APPROPRIATE:

- A) This is an appeal for a higher rating category. *(If the appeal is unsuccessful, you may not repeat the process before four months from the end of the previous appeal.)*
- B) I am a current STC Member requesting a lower rating category because of illness, injury, or to assess whether or not the lower category is more appropriate for me. I understand that I may return to my original category simply by notifying an STC Coordinator.

If appeal is for a higher rating category:

You must report scores from all matches assigned to you by a Provisional Oversight Committee (POC) member. These matches will be with players at the mid-range of the next higher level.

Ask an STC Coordinator for score-reporting cards for your use. Beginning with set #1 of your first provisional match, record scores from all completed and non-completed sets with at least 6 different partners. The last session to be recorded should contain the 12th consecutive, completed set and any other completed or non-completed set(s) played during that final session. To be successful, you must have an overall win percentage of at least 45% in the cumulative number of games played in both complete and incomplete sets during the provisional process. *See attached procedures.*

Please submit this completed form to an STC Coordinator.

***** **Below is for STC Club Use Only** *****

Date appeal form was received _____ **STC Coordinator receiving request:** _____

POC member monitoring appeal: _____

Total games played (complete and incomplete) _____ **Games won** _____ **Percent Won** _____

Date any change in category was made _____ **New rating if applicable:** _____

POC member validating rating decision: _____

Is completed, signed tally sheet attached? _____ **POC Chairperson:** _____

Coordinator updating member in computer: _____

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC) Provisional Play to Advance in Rating

Ladies/Men

The provisional process is not for everyone. It requires a commitment to stay with the process to completion. Before starting the provisional process, you are encouraged to collect your own scores and calculate your percentages. Each candidate for advancement should be at the top of the current skill category (3.0, 3.5 or 4.0), consistently winning by a wide margin. Depending on how many sets are completed on a given day, it may take 5 weeks or more to complete the provisional process.

Process:

1. Obtain a Rating Appeal form at the Tennis Center or print one from the STC Website. Please complete the form and return it to the STC Coordinator. This will notify the STC Coordinator that you will be reporting scores as outlined below.
2. The STC Coordinator will now add a (P) following your name on the STC website indicating your provisional status.
3. Obtain a Score Reporting form in advance from a Coordinator – you will be entering your scores on this form whenever you have a “Qualified OP” Provisional Play match (see **General Rules of Play #1** below).
4. On completion of each match, enter your scores on the Score Reporting form and ensure that two of your opponents sign off legibly on the form to verify the scores. Scores from *all sets*, completed and incomplete, will be counted.
5. Turn the form in to the STC Coordinator on duty at the end of each session or within 3 days of the Provisional match.
6. If you are injured during an appeal, you may inform an STC Coordinator that you wish to suspend your appeal (for no more than four weeks) until your health has improved. When you are well, you should tell the STC Coordinator you wish to resume the appeal process. If your health has not been restored after four weeks, you will be required to start a new appeal process.
7. If you successfully complete the requirements of the Provisional Play process to move up one rating category, the STC Coordinator will adjust your rating on the STC computer, remove the (P) following your name on the STC website and file the completed STC Rating Appeal Form and signed score sheet.

General Rules of Play:

1. Qualified Organized Play Matches
 - **Provisional Play will be held only on Organized Play (OP) days** (including Scramble and OPUS if suitable mid-range opponents are available).
 - **A Provisional Oversight Committee (POC) representative must create the matches** provided there are enough eligible players available in the mid-range of the higher level you chose. POC reps will give STC Coordinators the line-up for PP courts as well as the names of partners for the **first set**. Partners for the **second set** will be determined by a racquet spin.
 - **Provisional Play will be available September 1st to May 31st**. The POC member monitoring the appeal may, at his or her discretion, extend the cut-off date in order to finish an appeal. If you win less than the designated percentage of games needed to qualify, you may not repeat the process before **four** months from the end of the previous appeal.

- **You may not report scores from mixed-doubles.**
 - **Your opponents must be players who are STC members** in the mid-range of the higher category for which you wish to qualify.
 - **You may not link with another player.** The round-robin format will be used. (*You play sets with each of the other three players on the court.*) If two partners are linked and have agreed to play in the provisional match, they will play only the first set as linked partners.
2. **Tiebreak:** PP players will use a 7-point Coman tiebreaker (first to 7 by a margin of 2). The Coman rules are found at the bottom of this page. For handy reference, tear off and keep a copy in your tennis bag.
 3. Each *Score Reporting* form must be legibly signed by two of your opponents to verify the scores. Scores from both complete and incomplete sets must be reported.
 - If you fail to turn in your scores as required, your appeal process may be terminated.
 - Score sheets will be kept in the STC office. STC Coordinators will make copies of the score sheets for the POC members and the provisional player.
 4. **You may not skip reporting any “Qualified OP” set results.** (This will be verified from court assignment records maintained at the Tennis Center.) If you fail to turn in scores for a session of OP within 3 days following your provisional match, your appeal may will be terminated.
 5. The POC representative will make best efforts to coordinate 12 consecutive sets with a minimum of 6 different players during OP to satisfy the provisional play requirements. Once you sign up for Provisional Play, each “Qualified OP” set you play will be part of your provisional process. All scores from both complete and incomplete sets, including those played on the final provisional day after 12 sets have been completed, will be counted toward your total of games played and won.
 6. **If time is running-out on a set** being played and the court is available, play may continue if all four of the players agree to stay.
 7. **You must complete your Provisional Play within ten weeks of the start date** provided there are enough qualified opponents available at the level you chose who have signed up for Organized Play.
 8. After you turn in scores for 12 consecutive, completed “Qualified OP” sets (assuming you have competed against a minimum of 6 different opponents), the POC member will calculate the percentage of total games played that you won. If you have achieved at least 45% wins for all games in the provisional process, the STC Coordinator will adjust your rating in the STC computer. If you did not reach the required win percentage, your rating will remain at the lower level. The (P) will be removed behind your name.

COMAN TIEBREAKER RULES: The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point from the deuce court. After the first point, the players shall change ends, and the following two points shall be served by the opponents (the player of the opposing team due to serve next) starting from the ad court. After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting from the ad court); changing ends after every four points, until the end of the tiebreak game. Switch sides after points 1,5,9,13...and at the conclusion.

Principal Advantages to a Coman Tiebreaker: Fairness – By changing ends more frequently, the effects of the elements (sun, wind, etc.) are distributed more evenly between the two opponents as opposed to playing six consecutive points before changing ends. In doubles, the server will always serve from the same end of the court that he/she did during the set, rather than having to serve from both ends.