

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC) Rating Appeal Form

(09/12/2017)

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 (4)** months from the end of the previous appeal.)

B) I am a current STC Member requesting a lower rating category due to:

1. **medical issues or Injury** - I understand I do not need a Provisional Play review to return to my original category. Simply notify an STC Coordinator.
2. member desires to move to a lower level (member can only return to higher level after completing the current Provisional Process).

If appeal is for a higher rating category:

You must report scores during sessions of organized play (OP) only: See attached procedures.

Ask an STC Coordinator for score-reporting cards for your use. Beginning with set #1 of your first provisional match, record scores for 12 consecutive, completed sets with at least 12 different players. You may choose one of two options for provisioning up.

Option 1 – play at same level with a minimum overall win percentage of **55%** (see General Rules of Play #1).

Option 2 – play at next level up with a minimum overall win percentage of **45%**.

Note: Cumulative Total of Games Played and Games Won refers to the overall number of games played across multiple consecutive sets during the Provisional Process.

Please submit this completed form to an STC Coordinator.

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

STC Coordinator Only:

Provisional Oversight Committee (POC)

Date appeal request form was received _____

Name of STC Coordinator: _____ **Name of POC Member:** _____

Date any change in category was made _____ **New Rating** _____

Name of STC Coordinator: _____ **Name of POC Member:** _____

Filed by: _____

Total games played ____ **Games won** ____ **Percent Won** ____ **Coordinator** _____

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

Ladies/Men

The provisional process is not for everyone. It requires a commitment during the process to completion. Candidates should be at the top of their current level. Before proceeding, you are encouraged to collect your own scores and calculate your percentages before starting the provisional process.

Process:

Players **must** choose to play all Provisional matches at your **same level** or at the **next higher up**.

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** 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 **incomplete sets**, will be counted as a completed set if a total of 6 or more games were played.
5. Turn the form in to the STC Coordinator on duty at the end of each session or within 3 days of the OP 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 (4) 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 (4) weeks, you will be required to start a new appeal process.
7. The STC Coordinator will adjust your rating at the time you successfully complete the requirements of the Provisional Play. If not successful, the rating will be adjusted accordingly.
8. The STC Coordinator will remove the **(P)** following your name on the STC website and file the submitted ‘**STC Appeal Form**’ document.

General Rules of Play:

1. Provisional Play will be held only on Organized Play (OP) days (including Scramble) with a Provisional Oversight Committee (POC) member creating the matches provided there are enough eligible players available across the spectrum at the 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.
2. Provisional Play will be available **September 1st to May 31st**. If you win less than the designated percentage of games needed to qualify, you may not repeat the process before **four (4)** months from the end of the previous appeal.
3. You may not report scores from **mixed-doubles** or **OPUS** play.
4. Your opponents must be players who are members of the STC and who have appropriate rating for the option selected for a "Qualified OP" match.
5. You **may not link** with another player. The **round-robin format** will be used, regardless of requests to link by other players on the court. (*You play sets with each of the other three players on the court.*) STC Coordinators will ignore linking requests from other players in the category.
6. Tiebreak: PP players will **use a 7-point Coman tiebreaker** (first to 7 by a margin of 2)
COMAN 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.
7. Each *Score Reporting* form must be legibly signed by two (2) of your opponents to verify the scores. Scores from **incomplete sets**, will be counted as a completed set if a total of 6 or more games were played.
 - Participants in the process will be penalized for not submitting their scores.
 - POC members may make exceptions based on circumstances.
 - Score sheets will be kept in the STC office. STC Coordinators will make copies of the score sheets for the POC members.
8. The POC member will make best efforts to coordinate 12 consecutive "Qualified OP" sets with 12 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. If this standard has not been met in the first 12 consecutive sets, you must continue recording scores in consecutive sessions of OP.

9. If it is necessary to play additional session(s) because you have not completed twelve consecutive “Qualified OP” sets in your previous provisional play sessions, all completed set scores in the additional session(s) will be counted toward your provisional average of games played and won.
10. **You must complete your Provisional Play within ten (10) weeks of the start date** provided there are enough players available at the level you chose and assuming you have competed against a minimum of 12 different players.
11. You may not skip reporting any “Qualified OP” set results. (This will be verified from court assignment records maintained at the Tennis Center.) Scores from ***incomplete sets***, will be counted as a completed set if a total of 6 or more games were played. If you fail to turn in scores for a session of OP within 3 days following your OP match, your appeal will be terminated.
12. After you turn in scores for 12 consecutive, completed “Qualified OP” sets (assuming you have competed against 12 different opponents), the POC member will calculate the percentage of total games played that you won. If you have achieved the designated wins for the Provisional Play, the STC Coordinator will adjust your rating. 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.
13. Participants in the provisioning process must attain a success rate of **55% of all games played at the same level or 45% of all games played at the higher level** within the provisioning cycle.