

### **Why do I want a rating or why should I care about it?**

Tencap ratings allow you to identify players of similar ability level to help ensure it is fun when you go out to play. Ratings are also used across the country as justification for getting into events for participants with certain ability levels. Pros and organizers use them to make sure you get put in a division that is compatible with your current ability level. Tencap ratings provide you the control to improve your rating by playing.

### **How do the Ratings Work?**

The Tencap Tennis Rating System acts as a predictor of what the result of a match will be before two players compete. Somewhat similar to a Golf Handicap System, Tencap looks at the skill levels of both players and predicts the score of each set played. If the score within the set is anything different, one of the players played better than the system predicted, so both players might have the opportunity for a Rating adjustment.

### **Do I have to win to improve my Tencap?**

Not necessarily. It is all about the score. If you are playing a stronger player that is expected to beat you and you have a close game, this will also help you improve your Tencap Rating. So a 6-4 loss against a player who is 8 points better than you will help you improve your Tencap Rating.

### **How often does my Rating change?**

Your Tencap Rating will change approximately every eight sets, keeping in mind that your Tencap Rating will never adjust in the middle of a match, so some Rating calculations may include more than eight sets.

### **Why is my Rating Introductory?**

Tencap recognizes that self-ratings or pro-ratings are subjective, and often not very accurate. With Tencap, the more tennis you play and the more different people you play against, the more accurate your Rating will become. So we developed three Rating Accuracy Levels to help other tennis players understand the accuracy of your rating. Your Rating is Introductory because you have not yet played enough matches for the system to have enough data to increase its confidence that your Rating is accurate. So, get out there and play more tennis!

### **How does my Rating Accuracy Level change?**

Rating Accuracy Levels change based on how many matches and how many different people you have played against. 8 sets against at least 2 different people moves you to Provisional, and then 16 sets against at least 6 different people moves you to an Official Rating Accuracy Level. Your Tencap matches must be against players that are within a 10 point range of your Tencap Rating for the Accuracy Levels to be adjusted.

### **Why do I want an Official Rating?**

Official Tencap Ratings are recognized as the most accurate ratings in Tencap Tennis. If you are playing with someone new they are more likely to play as they feel more comfortable.

### **What is my Tencap Rating Trend?**

The Rating Trend shows the direction your Tencap Rating is headed, based on your results up until you reach the threshold for your next Rating calculation. Your Rating Trend will be calculated after every set played.

### **Why is my NTRP on Tencap different to my USTA NTRP?**

Tencap is not linked to the USTA's NTRP rating calculations, which is why we highlight the fact that they are approx. NTRP equivalents. The two Rating Systems calculate ratings very differently, so they will not always show the same rating. But, just because your approximate NTRP is different in Tencap, doesn't mean your Tencap Rating is not accurate. Rest assured, your Tencap Rating will become more and more accurate as you play more tennis, regardless of your approximate NTRP.

### **How do I manually change my rating?**

Manual rating changes should be discussed with your network administrator. Once players reach an Official Tencap Rating, Official Rating Appeals must be submitted to Tencap in order to change a player's Tencap Tennis Rating. Official Rating Appeals must be made through your club/network administrator.

### **In doubles, if I am paired with a player with a lesser Tencap rating will this automatically have a negative effect on my Tencap rating?**

No it will not automatically have a negative effect on your Tencap Rating, it does not matter if you are partnered with anyone better or worse, what matters is your game score against the opposing doubles pair.

### **In doubles, if I am paired with a player with a better Tencap rating will this enhance or have a positive effect on my Tencap rating?**

No it will not automatically have a positive effect on your Tencap Rating, it does not matter if you are partnered with anyone better or worse, what matters is your game score against the opposing doubles pair.

### **So if my pairing or partner does not have a direct influence on my Tencap rating, what does have a direct influence on whether my rating goes up or down?**

In singles the individual's performance (games won vs. games lost) against a given opponent, determines the direction in which their Tencap will go. In doubles, the performance of the pair together vs. a given opponent will determine the direction a player's Tencap will go. I.e. either up or down.

### **Can a coach, team captain or tennis director control the direction of his/her players Tencap by whom/who they pair a player with?**

No, only the team's on court performance determines the direction of a player's Tencap rating travels.