



## RCRL Rating Verification Form

*This form to be used for players new to RCRL or without current USTA ratings.*

Player \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Previous RCRL Level & Record \_\_\_\_\_

RCRL Season \_\_2011-2012\_\_

VERIFIED RATING \_\_\_\_\_

RCRL Division & Team \_\_\_\_\_

***I certify that I am not the coach for this player's team, nor do I regularly give her lessons.***

Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYER RATINGS GUIDELINES

Beginning with the 2011-2012 season, RCRL will utilize the TopDog dynamic rating program as the primary determinant for player placement in the league and for court placement in those divisions utilizing strength rosters.

**1. Rating Determination.** At the time of rostering on a team, a rating will be entered for each player, which will be determined as follows:

- a. For any player who has a history of at least 8 matches reported in TopDog (since the inception of TopDog's tracking of RCRL), the rating will be her current TopDog dynamic rating at the time she rosters. That is, her dynamic rating at the end of a season will become the rating at which she rosters at the beginning of the next season.
- b. For those players who do not have that 8 match experience in TopDog, her rating will be her current USTA rating.
- c. Any player who has neither the TopDog rating based on at least 8 matches or a current USTA rating must be verified by an independent tennis professional (that is, not the pro who coaches her team or who regularly gives her lessons). RCRL will designate which pros will participate in the verification program. Players with prior RCRL or USTA experience must provide their records to the pros at verification.
- d. All players who played in the C2 division in 2010-2011 must obtain a pro verification for the 2011-2012 league year, notwithstanding the number of matches they may have played. RCRL will arrange verification clinics for C2 players separate from those for the rest of the league.
- e. Players who have a TopDog rating and choose to sit out for a season must, on their return, roster at the TopDog rating they last achieved at the time they left the league and may not choose to seek pro verification instead.

**2. Player Placement.** Player placement shall be as follows:

- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **2.6** shall roster at the **C1** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **3.1** shall roster at the **B3** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **3.3** shall roster at the **B2** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **3.6** shall roster at the **B1** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **3.9** shall roster at the **A3** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **4.2** shall roster at the **A2** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **4.4** shall roster at the **A1** level or higher.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds **4.5** shall roster at the **Open A** division.
- A player whose rating equals or exceeds 3.9 may not roster at **Masters II**. No player in the A division may roster at Masters II.

The Board may vary these division cutoffs from year to year, based on experience under the rating system and the needs of the league.