

Colour Coded Player Standard Guide



To enable the Tennis Team to provide social and competitive tennis for specific levels, it is beneficial to have a measuring tool to standardise the playing abilities of Members. This enables the Tennis Team to provide tennis activities for players of similar ability and the Member will have a better idea of what level of tennis to expect. Although there is no perfect way of formulating this, I have broadly adopted the LTA rating system and made it applicable to our Membership. Please see the playing descriptions below to determine which colour best suits your own playing ability. It is in everyone's interest to select activities and events that are best suited to their own playing ability and I hope this system will help make this possible.

RED

"I have either never played tennis at all or I am an inexperienced player who has received little or no instruction. I can rally gently but need to improve consistency; I have a basic serve"
(LTA rating 10.2-10.1)

ORANGE

"I used to play or am starting to play regular tennis but I am rusty. I can rally at slow pace with consistency but cannot apply slice and topspin to my groundstrokes/serve. I can volley and serve and I am reasonably steady when playing matches. I can score and have some match experience."
(LTA rating 9.2)

GREEN

"I can control the ball with my groundstrokes, volleys and serve and understand the principle of applying different spins to my shots. I understand basic court positioning, tactics and am comfortable scoring."
(LTA rating 9.1)

PURPLE

"I am a reasonable all round player. I play regularly and can rally consistently with a variety of shots, creating and receiving spins. I can direct my serve to either side of the service box. I am fairly tactically astute and comfortable playing competitive tennis."
(LTA rating 8.2-8.1)

BLUE

"I have a strong game with solid ground strokes and can volley competently. My first serve is good but need to develop a second serve with topspin/slice. I am an experienced club player. I understand match tactics and frequently play league and team tennis."
(LTA rating 7.2-7.1)

SILVER

"I play an advanced level of club tennis and would describe myself as an experienced tournament player."
(LTA rating 6.2-5.1)

GOLD

"I have played county, national or international level tennis."
(LTA rating 4.2 or above)



It is important to stress that Members will not be allocated a colour by the Tennis Team although advice will be given when requested – the Member is to use the descriptions above to determine the suitability of a particular activity. It provides a framework from which to decide whether a given tennis activity will be appropriate for them. For example, there may be events organised for Members who rate themselves as Red, Orange, Green or Purple and other events for those who rate themselves as Blue, Silver or Gold. The Member can then use the guide above to decide whether or not to sign up for a particular event.