The information below is designed to help players and parents understand the purpose, value, and application of the **Universal Tennis Rating (UTR)** in tennis.
SCJTL highly encourages all players and parents to research and become familiar with the important components that contribute to a positive and successful tennis experience.

The UTR Sports (Universal Tennis Rating) system serves as the global standard for evaluating player skill levels across high school and college tennis, bridging local high school competition with collegiate recruiting.

UTR in High School Tennis

• Official Partnership: UTR Sports partners with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to allow high school coaches to report official dual-match and team results.

• Verified Ratings: High school matches reported through approved platforms count toward a player's Verified UTR, making school team competition matter directly for junior development and scouting.

• Coach Tools: High school coaches can manage team schedules, track lineup fairness, and eliminate subjectivity in seeding for league and state/section post-season tournaments using UTR software. [1] (https://www.utrsports.net/pages/high-school), [2] (https://www.facebook.com/groups/685625018160528/posts/5745913848798261/), [3] (https://www.utrsports.net/blogs/news/connecting-high-school-players-to-the-universal-tennis-ecosystem), [4] (https://www.utrsports.net/pages/how-utr-works)

UTR and College Tennis Recruiting

• The Gold Standard: College coaches across the NCAA (Divisions 1, 2, and 3), NAIA, and NJCAA rely heavily on UTR because it is age-neutral, cross-regional, and evaluates every game won/lost within competitive matches rather than just tournament titles.

• College Prospect Tools: Platforms like UTR's College Prospect feature (and partnerships with NCSA College Recruiting) allow student-athletes to build academic profiles, share highlight videos, signal interest to coaches, and see target-fit lists based on their UTR. [1] (https://www.madescholarships.com/en/resources/college-tennis-levels-usa/), [2] (https://www.tenniscentral.us/post/how-do-junior-tennis-rankings-affect-college-recruiting), [3] (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M85oJtJQHyc&t=4), [4] (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noCAYFfhXxA&t=500), [5] (https://www.instagram.com/reel/Daf3xGXstdF/), [6] (https://www.utrsports.net/pages/high-school)

Target UTR Ranges by College Division

General UTR benchmarks for men's and women's programs vary by collegiate level:

College Division Men's UTR Range Women's UTR Range Aid / Notes

- **NCAA Division I** 10.0 – 14.5+ (Strong D1: 13+) 7.5 – 11.0+ (Strong D1: 10+) Athletic scholarships available
- **NCAA Division II** 8.0 – 12.0 6.5 – 10.0 Athletic scholarships available
- **NCAA Division III** 4.0 – 12.0 (Competitive: 11–12) 2.0 – 9.0 (Competitive: 7–9) No athletic scholarships (academic aid available)
- **NAIA** 7.0 – 12.0 5.0 – 10.0 Athletic scholarships available
- **NJCAA** (Junior College) 6.0 – 11.0 3.0 – 9.5 Transfer pathway to 4-year universities