



Member Evaluation

Helping you play at the right level—and enjoy tennis more

The **Member Evaluation Program** at the Venture Out Tennis Club is a free service that assesses a member's doubles skills and playing experience using the **National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) standards**. Evaluations are optional and not required for membership, but they open the door to many of the Club's most enriching tennis opportunities.

What Is a Member Evaluation?

A member evaluation is an on-court assessment conducted by the Club's Evaluation Committee (up to six experienced, trained players). Evaluators observe doubles play and assess skills such as:

- Serve and return
- Forehand and backhand
- Volleys, half volleys, lobs, overheads
- Net play, positioning, mobility
- Scorekeeping awareness

Most Venture Out ratings fall between 1.5 and 4.0 (with descriptions aligned to NTRP standards).

Why Get Evaluated?

If your tennis is primarily private play with friends, an evaluation may not be necessary. However, an evaluation is required or strongly recommended if you want to:

- Play EVSTL league matches
- Enter the Fall Classic Tournament
- Join Invitationals, Tournaments, Sunday Ladder, or Social Round Robin (recommended for best matchups)
- Participate in Play & Practice sessions matched by level

Having a level helps organizers create balanced, competitive, and enjoyable matches.

Benefits of an Evaluation

- Play with and against others of similar skill, leading to closer, more fun matches
- Access to structured and competitive events
- Eligibility for free weekly Play & Practice sessions by level
- No cost—it's a free member service
- A great way to meet other players and feel connected to the Club

How the Evaluation Works

- Members wanting evaluations should contact Harv Schwab (see below) to schedule a session
- Evaluations are scheduled periodically (up to twice monthly, if needed)
- Sessions last no more than one hour and typically occur on weekday mornings
- Courts are usually at the courts 1-6 at the NE SportsPlex or Courts 7 & 8 may be used if needed
- Multiple evaluators observe play and briefly meet to determine the appropriate level
- The member is informed of their assigned level and roster eligibility

To help new members participate while waiting for an evaluation, the Club may temporarily place them in a suitable Play & Practice level based on observed feedback.

For more evaluation information, please contact: **Harv Schwab**, garschwab12@gmail.com / 608-778-0979