

Fergus Tennis Club Colour Rating Guide

Colour	Forehand	Backhand	Serve	Return Of Serve	Volley	Special Shots	Playing Style
White	This player is just starting to play tennis; has limited experience & is still working primarily on getting the ball into play.						
Red	Incomplete swing; lacks directional intent	Avoids backhands; erratic contact; grip problems; incomplete swing	Incomplete service motion; double faults are common; toss is inconsistent	Return Of Serve is erratic	Reluctant to play net; avoids backhand; lacks footwork	None	Familiar with basic positions for singles & doubles play; frequently out of position
Blue	Form is developing; prepared for moderately paced shots	Grip & preparation problems; often chooses to hit a forehand instead of backhand	Attempting a full swing; can get the ball in play at slow pace; inconsistent toss	Can return slow-paced serves	Uncomfortable at net, especially on the backhand side; frequently uses forehand racket face on backhand volleys	Can lob intentionally but with little control; can make contact on overheads	Can sustain a short rally of slow pace; modest consistency; weak court coverage; usually remains in the initial doubles position
Yellow	Fairly consistent with some directional intent; lacks depth control	Frequently prepared; starting to hit with fair consistency on moderate shots	Developing rhythm; little consistency when trying for power; second serve is often considerably slower than first serve	Can return serve with fair consistency	Consistent forehand volley; inconsistent backhand volley; has trouble with low & wide shots	Can lob fairly consistently on moderate shots	Fairly consistent on medium-paced shots; most common doubles formation is one up w/ one back; approaches net when play dictates but weak in execution
Green	Improved consistency & variety on moderate shots with directional control; developing spin	Hits with directional control on moderate shots; has difficulty on high or hard shots; returns difficult shots defensively	Starting to serve with control & some power; developing spin	Can return serve consistently with directional control on moderate shots	More aggressive net play; some ability to cover side shots; uses proper footwork; can direct forehand volleys; controls backhand volleys but with little offense; difficulty in putting away volleys	Consistent overhead on shots within reach; developing approach shots, drop shots, & half volleys	Improved consistency on moderate shots with directional control; improved court coverage; starting to look for the opportunity to come to the net; developing teamwork in doubles

Orange	Good consistency; hits with depth & control on moderate shots; may try to hit too good a placement on a difficult shot	Directs the ball with consistency & depth on moderate shots; developing spin	Places both first & second serves, often with power on first serve; starting to use spin	Dependable return of serve; can return with depth in singles & mix up returns in doubles	Depth & control on forehand volley; can direct backhand volleys but usually lacks depth; developing wide & low volleys on both sides of the body	Can put away easy overheads; can poach in doubles; follows aggressive shots to the net; beginning to finish points off; can hit to opponent's weaknesses; able to lob defensively on difficult shots & offensively on set-ups	Good consistency on ground strokes with directional control & depth demonstrated on moderate shots; not yet playing good percentage tennis; teamwork in doubles is evident; rallies may still be lost due to impatience
Purple	Very good consistency; uses speed & spin effectively; controls depth well; tends to over-hit on difficult shots; offensive on moderate shots	Can control direction & depth but may break down under pressure; offensive on moderate shots	Aggressive serving with limited double faults; uses power & spin; developing offense on first serve; frequently hits second serve with good depth & placement	Frequently hits aggressive service returns; can take pace off with moderate success in doubles	Can handle a mixed sequence of volleys; good footwork; has depth & directional control on backhand; developing touch; most common error is still overhitting	Hits approach shots with good depth & control; can consistently hit volleys & overheads to end the point	Very good consistency; more intentional variety in game; is hitting with more pace; covers up weaknesses well; beginning to vary game plan according to opponent; aggressive net play is common in doubles; good anticipation; beginning to handle pace
Black	Strong shots with control, depth, & spin; uses forehand to set up offensive situations; has developed good touch; consistent on passing shots	Can use backhand as an aggressive shot with good consistency; has good direction & depth on most shots; varies spin	Serve is placed effectively with intent of hitting to a weakness or developing an offensive situation; has a variety of serves to rely on; good depth, spin & placement on most second serves to force a weak return or set up next shot	Can mix aggressive & off-paced service returns with control, depth, & spin	Can hit most volleys with depth, pace & direction; plays difficult volleys with depth; given an opportunity, volley is often hit for a winner	Approach shots & passing shots are hit with pace & high degree of effectiveness; can lob offensively; overhead can be hit from any position; hits half-volleys & mid-court volleys with consistency	Frequently has an outstanding shot, consistency, or attribute around which game is built; can vary game plan according to opponent; is "match wise" & plays good percentage tennis