

SCSH Pickleball Club

Skill Rating Guidelines

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This skill assessment and rating guideline is designed for enjoying recreational and social pickleball play at our SCSH Pickleball Club (SCSHPBC). Pickleball Player Ratings are used to group players together by similar skill level so that players can play in events with other players of similar skill and ability. This will improve a player's chances of having more competitive and enjoyable matches (i.e. long rallies, close scoring games)

The Club Rating of players at the SCSHPBC is similar, but different from the official rating a player would receive at a competitive sanctioned event or sanctioned tournament play.

SCSHPBC recognizes and accepts ratings from the following organizations:

- USA Pickleball uses UTR-P as its official ratings for APP tournaments and events, awarding players a verified UTR-P rating. Recreational players in social/recreational/player organized events will receive an unverified rating.
- Canadian Ratings from such organizations as the PCO, other official groups, and the Canadian Tournament Player Rating (CTPR).
- Tournament Players with a current and active verified UTR-P rating or CTPR rating, will be given an extra +0.5 point for a conversion to our Club Rating. Generally the skill level of a player that competes in APP, USA Pickleball or UTR Sports events has been proven to be +0.5 point above the players without this type of verified tournament experience.
- A current rating from a certified IPTPA Rater will be accepted. It will not receive the extra 0.5 conversion as a certified tournament rating receives. For those with an IPTPA rating, you must have a current IPTPA membership card. If it has expired and you do not renew, you will need to be observed by the Ratings Team to verify your club rating. Please forward renewed membership cards to the Membership Chairperson.

*The SCSHPBC cannot require any member to join any professional organization as a requirement for rating advancement or membership.

Ratings Downgrade

A club member may request a temporary or permanent downgrade in their current Club Rating level when injury, illness or declining physical ability may prevent safe play at their current skill level. Submit your request to scshpdc@gmail.com. Include whether you seek a temporary or permanent downgrade. A member of the Ratings Committee will contact you within a few days. If your downgrade is temporary, an agreed upon length of time will be discussed to allow for recovery, rehabilitation and return to form at the previous skill level. While the club member is recovering, club league play or club tournament play will be prohibited at the downgraded skill level.

New Club Members

When joining the club for the first time, members may self-rate from a Beginner up to a 2.5 skill level.

Beginners

When a New Club Member joins the club and self-rates as a Beginner, 2.0 or 2.5, they will be eligible and encouraged to participate in the Club's "Intro to Pickleball & Orientation" where they will learn the fundamentals of Pickleball, court safety, etiquette and rules of the game and all that our club has to offer members. The Instruction Team leading the Intro to Pickleball Orientation and Beginner/2.0 Lessons will evaluate when the players will be eligible to move to a 2.5 skill level.

Self-Rated 2.5

When a New Club Member with playing experience joins the club, they have the option to self-rate at a 2.5 rating and the club will accept the self-rating. New members that self-rate to 2.5 are encouraged to sign up for our club's orientation portion of the Intro to Pickleball class where you'll learn about all that our club has to offer members, meet other new members and get connected to other players at your level.

New Members Without an Active UTR-P or CTPR Rating

When a New Club Member joins without an official UTR-P or CTPR Rating or with a Club Rating of 3.0, 3.5 or 4.0 from a club other than SCSHPBC, they will be given an automatic 2.5 Club Rating. Club Ratings from other clubs for recreational and non-official play will not be recognized. However, they will be referred to the Rating Committee for a Game Performance Assessment. The Ratings Committee will invite you to play on the Challenge Court of the skill level you deem appropriate and then conduct a Game Performance Assessment and establish your Club Rating level appropriate to the level of play here at our club.

New Members With an Active UTR-P or CTPR Verified Rating

When a New Club Member joins the club with an official, current and active, verified UTR-P or CTPR rating of 3.0, 3.5 or 4.0, the player's rating will be accepted by the Club, and they will be given an extra 0.5 point for a conversion to the "Club Rating".

Existing Club Members Desiring to Advance their Skill Rating

Existing SCSHBPC Club Members with a club rating of 2.5, 3.0 or 3.5 can request a club Skill Assessment Evaluation to advance to a higher skill level; if they pass the evaluation, they will advance to the next skill level and if they don't pass the skill and performance evaluation, they will remain in their current skill level. For details see the "Skill Assessment" page under Player Development on this website.