

Club Rating Policy

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Purpose & Scope

This policy sets out a clear and fair process for assigning skill-based club ratings to Red Deer Pickleball Club members. Club ratings help members play with others of similar skill levels during RDPC organized play, which supports a safe, fair, and enjoyable experience for all participants.

This policy applies to current RDPC members who want to receive an initial club rating or request an updated club rating for participation in RDPC organized play.

Definitions (only if needed)

- **Club rating:** A skill-based rating assigned or accepted by RDPC for use in RDPC organized play.
- **Rating Clinic:** An RDPC approved evaluation process used to assign or challenge a club rating.
- **Ratings Coordinator:** The person appointed by RDPC to oversee club ratings, or another Board-designated representative.

Policy

- RDPC uses club ratings to support fair and enjoyable organized play by grouping players with others of similar skill levels.
- Once a member has a comprehensive understanding of pickleball rules, they may pursue an initial club rating through one of the approved methods in this policy.
- RDPC members may obtain or update a club rating through one of the following methods:

Club Rating Clinic

- Members may attend a Club Rating Clinic to receive a new club rating or challenge an existing one.
- Evaluations will be completed by a qualified and experienced player whose skill level is above the level being assessed.
- Club ratings may be based on factors including serving, returning, ball control, shot placement, shot variety, court positioning, movement, strategy, decision-making, and the ability to handle different types of shots.
- Players may request RDPC accept club ratings provided by another reputable club, acceptance of this club rating is at the sole discretion of the Red Deer Pickleball Club.

Tournament Rating

- Members with sanctioned tournament experience may use an accepted tournament rating as their RDPC club rating.
- Accepted rating systems include:
 - CTPR (Canadian Tournament Player Rating)
 - UTPR (USA Tournament Player Rating)
 - Pickleball Brackets Rating
- The rating must be based on at least one completed sanctioned tournament within the past 12 months.
- Where more than one tournament rating exists, RDPC may determine which rating is most appropriate to use for club purposes.

DUPR

- Members may log games in DUPR with the permission of all match participants.
- Once a member has a DUPR rating with a reliability score of 60% or higher, that rating may be submitted for consideration as the member's RDPC club rating.
- Club ratings are for RDPC use only and are not transferable to other clubs or organizations.
- Members who wish to update their club rating based on more recent results, a new rating, or reassessment through a clinic may submit a request through the RDPC members-only section of the website.
- All club ratings and rating updates are subject to review and approval by the Ratings Coordinator or a Board-designated representative.
- RDPC may adjust a member's club rating if it becomes clear through consistent play, observed performance, or other reliable information that the current rating no longer reflects the member's actual skill level.

Roles and Responsibilities

Board of Directors

- Approves this policy and any major changes to it.
- Appoints or authorizes the person responsible for overseeing club ratings.
- Reviews rating issues that fall outside normal administration when needed.

Ratings Coordinator or Board Designate

- Reviews and approves club rating requests and updates.
- Oversees rating clinics and rating administration.
- Determines whether submitted ratings meet the requirements of this policy.

- May approve a rating adjustment where appropriate.

Members

- May pursue or update a club rating through the approved methods in this policy.
- Must provide accurate information when submitting rating requests.
- Must obtain consent from all participants before logging games into DUPR.

Process (How to Use This Policy)

- A member who wants an initial club rating may do so through a Club Rating Clinic, an accepted tournament rating, or an eligible DUPR rating.
- A member requesting a new or updated club rating must submit the request through the RDPC members-only section of the website, along with any supporting information required by RDPC.
- The Ratings Coordinator or Board designate will review the request and determine whether the rating will be accepted or updated under this policy.
- RDPC may also review an existing club rating if consistent play or reliable observation shows that the assigned rating no longer reflects the member's actual skill level.
- RDPC will communicate the outcome of the rating request or review to the member within a reasonable timeframe.

Exceptions (only if needed)

Any exception to this policy requires Board approval.

References and Related Policies

None