

## Club Skill Ratings

- a. Club Skill Ratings are Managed by the Ratings Committee.
- b. Ratings Standards and Rationale for Ratings
  - i. The club has specific ratings and standards for each rating from 2.0 through 4.0. The club recognizes 4.5 ratings from other sources (see below), but at this time does not have a rating testing for this level. The Club's rationale for ratings is based on the premise of allowing players of similar skills to participate in club-sponsored classes at appropriate levels, Round Robin Play and Single Level Play court times. Establishing individual ratings also allows members to seek out others of similar rating for possible arranged game play together. Self-assessments are not recognized by the club.
- c. Unrated players/players new to Pickleball: Players new to pickleball and therefore not yet rated are encouraged to begin with PB 101, a Green Valley Recreation (GVR) course which is instructed by coaches who are members of the Club. (See the current version of the GVR Course Catalog for details). PB 101 will introduce them to the game and to the skills necessary to play at a 2.0 rating level. At the conclusion of this class, participants, if club members will be rated as 2.0.
- d. New Club members who do not have outside ratings are assigned an initial Club rating of 2.0. This will allow the new member and the Club to assess their capabilities for consideration to higher ratings, either via the Club's ratings testing process or approved recognition from other clubs or pickleball rating sources (details below).
- e. The club will accept ratings from the following, provided they are within the last three years, and with documented rating:
  - i. IPTPA ratings from certified skills and games testing.
  - ii. Note: IPTPA testing may be scheduled through IPTPA website for a fee.
  - iii. DUPR ratings if they are from tournaments listed and managed by PickleballTournaments.com, with a minimum of three tournaments of participation.
  - iv. UTR-P (formerly USA Pickleball) ratings from sanctioned tournaments only, with a minimum of three tournaments of participation. This rating system has changed its rating scale to 1-10. If the Ratings Committee receives a member's request from UTR-P, the committee will review the details and adjust the rating either .5 or 1.0 lower to be equivalent to our Club rating.
  - v. APPL Index Ratings from end of season
  - vi. Other Pickleball Club ratings if they can demonstrate they are derived from similar and rigorous testing process as our Club testing.
    - This requires review by designated Ratings Committee members.
- f. For experienced players joining the Pickleball Club (with GVR Membership only, not guests) as new members with no documented ratings and who believe they should be

rated above 2.0, the member should send an email to [gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com](mailto:gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com) with request to test to higher rating.

- g. For new members ONLY who have no documented evidence of accepted ratings, they may be allowed ONE RAP practice session and ONE Ratings Test at level they believe they should be rated. If they fail, they will be rated 2.5 and will be allowed to follow the ratings testing process for all members (i.e. testing one rating higher than current rating). The RAP and Testing would be allowed only if there is a position available at regularly scheduled events as of Monday before the event (this allows existing members to register up until the event is closed).
  - i. Contact RAP Coordinator or Testing Coordinator to schedule
- h. GVR Pickleball Club Ratings Testing:
  - i. The Pickleball Club has developed a rigorous ratings testing system for levels 2.5 through 4.0. Ratings testing for 2.0 to 2.5 is conducted at club-sponsored Developing Skills events, and consists of skills testing only. For ratings testing 3.0 through 4.0, includes skills testing, and if successful, game testing. See below for more information.
  - j. Members are limited to test to one level higher than their current level (ie a 2.5 rated member may test at 3.0 level).
  - k. Sign up in Pickleball.Plus to secure a spot for testing.
  - l. Members are allowed two tests at the same skill level in a testing season. If unsuccessful with first test, they must wait 30 days to retest at same level for second time.
- m. RAP and Ratings testing are conducted mid-September through April the following year.
- n. Achieving a 2.5 rating from the Club requires that the member pass the Club's 2.5 rating test. 2.5 rating testing is administered by the coaches and staff of the Club's Developing Skills (DS) program. A description of DS and how to sign up is provided on the Club's website homepage. (Click the Player Development tab, then Skills Improvement). The skills required for the 2.0 and the 2.5 ratings are provided in the 2.5 Ratings Test Form below. Players are encouraged to become familiar with the required skills and to practice them if they wish to move up to a 2.5 rating.

#### [2.5 Rating Test Form](#)

- o. RAP - Rating Assessment, Demo & Practice sessions are conducted during the rating period. RAP sessions are available for all members with 2.5 rating or above, with similar requirements as testing (i.e. sign up one level above current rating). These are optional (not required to sign up for a rating test) sessions for a player, who will be given the applicable skills test. The purpose of the RAP sessions is for testing candidates to practice and experience the testing situation one level higher than their current rating; it is not intended as instructional help.

- i. Highly recommended at least two weeks prior to Rating Testing to identify which skills as weakness to work on before testing. You will receive a copy of your practice skills test
  - ii. Sign up in Pickleball.Plus to attend.
  - iii. Testing candidates are limited to one RAP session per season per skill level, at one level higher than current rating.
- p. Ratings Testing
  - i. Testing candidates will sign-up in Pickleball.Plus for testing one level higher than their current club rating. The Testing schedule will be posted under events on Pickleball.Plus. Skills testing will be one day, followed by game testing no more than six days after. This will also reserve a position (with no further event sign-up) for game testing, should the testing candidate pass the skills test. The commitment must be to participate in both skills test and game testing cycle.
  - ii. Each ratings level will have a minimum passing score (see skills testing links below).
    - A number of different skills will be tested. Each skill is assigned an X number of attempts and a minimum target number of successful attempts.
    - A passing combined score for all the skills tested is required. It should be noted that you could achieve zero points for a particular skill that can be offset by scoring higher in another skills.
    - The Testing Team will review the test results with each testing candidate at the conclusion of skills testing.
  - iii. If the testing candidate is not successful in passing the skills test, no game test will be scheduled. Unsuccessful skills testing candidates may sign-up again one month later in Pickleball.Plus to retest.
  - iv. If the testing candidate is successful in passing the skills test, they are automatically scheduled for following game testing event.
- v. Game Test Details
  - i. The Game testing portion will be conducted with three Control Players with rating of the level of the test.
  - ii. The testing candidate will play three games total, one with each Control Player as their partner.
  - iii. Games are to 11 points, win by one, no rally scoring, and switch ends of the court after the first team achieves 6 points.
  - iv. To pass the game test, the testing candidate must accumulate 23 total game points
  - v. If unsuccessful, the testing candidate may notify the Game Testing team and the Ratings Coordinator of their desire for second test, with a 30 day minimum wait time. A testing candidate who does not accumulate at least 23 total game points will not be required to take the skills test again, if second game test is within the same testing season.

### [3.0 Rating Test Form](#)

[3.5 Rating Test Form](#)

[4.0 Rating Test Form](#)

- q. Select [here](#) to access the Ratings FAQs.
  
- r. Members desiring to move down a skill level can submit a private request to the Ratings Committee at any time. Submit email to [gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com](mailto:gvrpbclubratings@gmail.com)