



Club Ratings

Policies & Practice

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Ratings Committee
Vernon Pickleball Association



The purpose of a Club Ratings

Generally, players like to play with someone of similar or somewhat higher skill level. Winning or losing by a significant margin is neither satisfying, nor skill producing for either player.

Club Ratings are a means to compare the skill level of players so that they can be matched with players of the same ability in the Club with the goal of providing meaningful competition.

Meaningful competitions lead to results that are relatively close and not predictable



Competitors

- are matched with others of a similar level of ability
- are challenged to be the best they can be at that moment in time
- believe they have a chance for success
- remain fully engaged throughout the competition





What Rating Categories will be used?

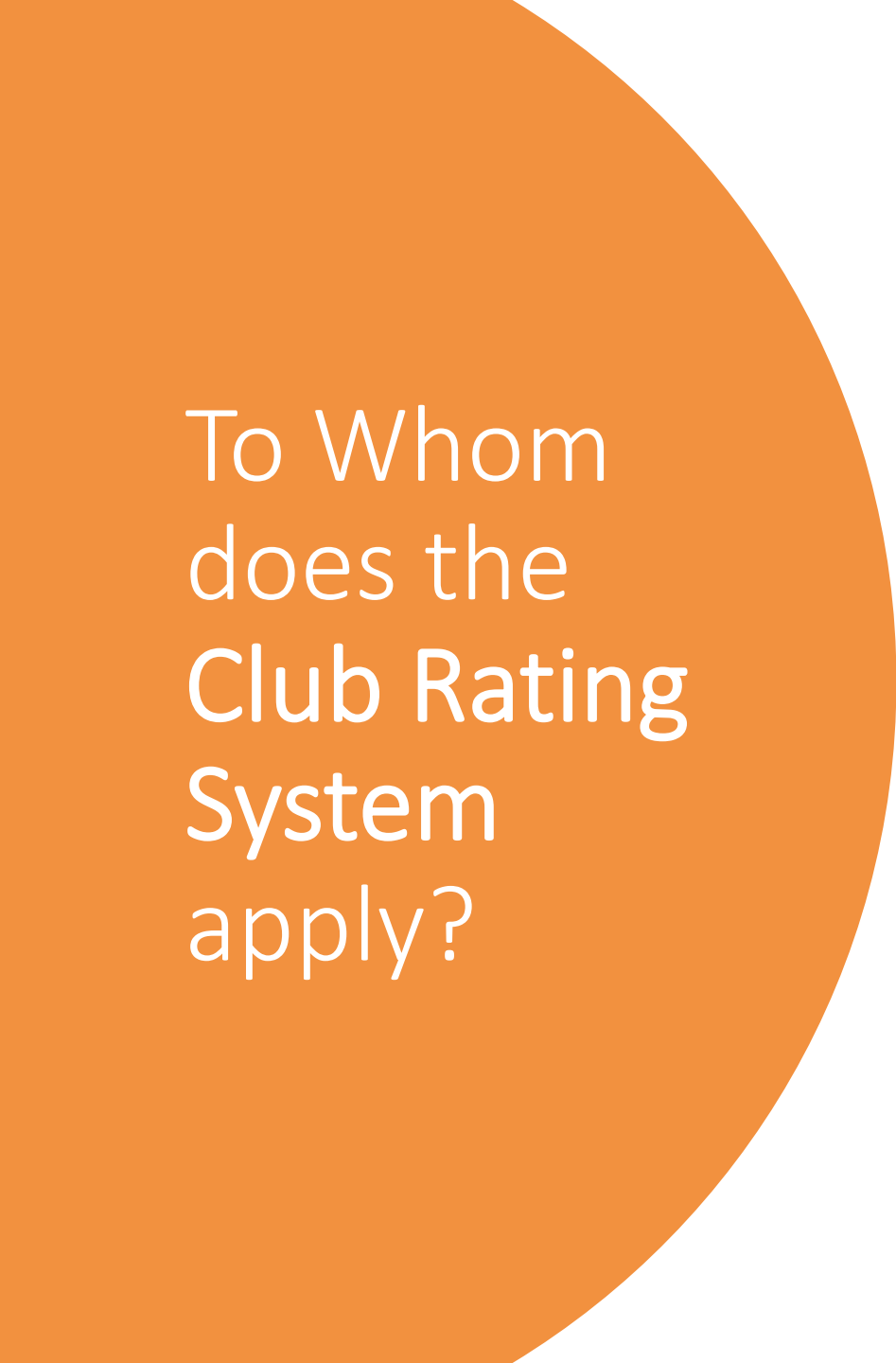
The Rating Categories will be those widely used in Canadian and U.S. sanctioned tournament play:

- 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0.

These categories will be further divided into 0.25 increments beginning at 2.75

The International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) provides the most well-defined outline of these categories, and they can be found at:

<https://iptpa.com/iptpa-rating-skills-assessment/>

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To Whom
does the
Club Rating
System
apply?

The Club Rating System (Skill Bracket) pertains to Club Competitive Players. Formal competition begins for players rated 3.0 and higher.

A 2.75 rating is the 'bubble' entry point for recreational players wishing to move to competitive play.

What tool
will be used
to compute a
performance
-based
rating?

Pickleball Brackets will be used as the VPA rating engine

Very sophisticated rating algorithm

Total transparency - all game results available to
player and rating is public

Ratings can be compartmentalized for
tournaments, club and league or ladder play


National Standard adopted by Pickleball Canada



How do I Acquire a Club Competitive Rating?

Players who wish to acquire a Club Competitive Rating need to present or obtain one of five credentials.

1. Pickleball Brackets Club Rating generated by having played in at least 24 scored games.
2. Canadian Tournament Player Rating (CTPR)
3. US Tournament Player Rating (UTPR)
4. Pickleball Brackets Rating from non-sanctioned tournament play
5. International Pickleball Teachers Professional Association (IPTPA) rating from a Certified Rating specialist



How do I get a Club Competitive Rating from Pickleball Brackets?

Club Competitive Ratings are generated by Pickleball Bracket play which use the ratings engine:

- Scheduled scored sessions
- Small self-directed group scored sessions*

and are club specific.

- If you belong to another club, you will have a distinct club rating for each club.


Club Ratings do not influence your CTPR or UTPR.

** See Self-Directed Scored Session process on the Rating page on the VPA website*



How do I sign
up for a
session that
will generate a
Club
Competitive
Rating

- Player sets up profile in Pickleball Brackets
 - Self-rate to the $\frac{1}{2}$ point level, e.g., 3.5 and then Pickleball Brackets will move you a $\frac{1}{4}$ point higher, e.g., 3.75 to begin your scored play games which provides players with .250 buffer
- Player signs up for a VPA scheduled scored session, or create a self-directed scored session and plays *24 games* to establish their Club Competitive Rating
- A Player's Club Competitive Rating will be their Pickleball Brackets **Doubles Rating**



How will the Club Competitive Rating be implemented?

February 1, 2022

- Players who wish to acquire a Club Competitive Rating (CCR) need to present one of the four credentials.

February 1 – April 30

- Players who do not have one of the four credentials will be allowed to continue to play in skill bracket play based on their archival VPA club rating.

After April 30

- Players who have not acquired a CCR will be ineligible to play in skill-level sessions

Maintaining Your Club Rating

Each year as of October 1st, based on the past 12 months, a Player can claim the higher of:

- *A rating from Pickleball Brackets from participation in at least an additional 12 scored games*
- *A CTPR or UTPR effected by tournament play*
- *An IPTPA rating from a Certified Rating Specialist*
- If none of these are available, then the player's current Club rating will be reduced by 0.25

Separate Scored Sessions and instructional opportunities will be provided for players who are challenged to maintain a 3.0 level but wish to play competitively



How do I change my rating?

- A player who has a rating but wishes to have it increased will be directed to the process for **Maintaining a Club Rating**.
- A player who has a rating but wishes to have it decreased may either participate in the process for **Maintaining a Club Rating** or make a written request to the Rating Committee explaining the rationale: injury, decreased mobility, age, ...



Questions?

For any questions regarding
VPA Club Ratings, please
contact the Ratings Committee

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