



## SKILL RATING INFORMATION

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### Player Rating Policies

1. Bend Pickleball Club (BPC) requires all who participate in Club organized play to have a skill level rating from a recognized rating authority. The player's skill level rating must match the skill level of the event. This does not include tournament play, unless the tournament description specifically states that a club rating will be used.
2. Club-recognized rating authorities
  - a. DUPR Tournament Ratings - DUPR tournament ratings must have a minimum DUPR reliability score of 60 percent to be considered as a tournament rating. (DUPR reliability scores are listed in a small circle in the upper right corner of the player rating on the player's DUPR profile page.)
  - b. [USA Pickleball Tournament Player Rating](#) (UTPR – legacy ratings only)
  - c. Bend Pickleball Club rating
  - d. Central Oregon Rating Evaluation (CORE rating) from an approved CORE facility
3. Approved CORE organizations
  - a. Bend Pickleball Club
  - b. Pickleball Zone Bend
  - c. Widgi Creek Pickleball
  - d. La Pine Pickleball Club
4. Club officers may make a visual assessment of players seeking to move from a 2.5-level to a 3.0-level rating. Visual assessments are authorized only for 2.5-level players.
5. Club ratings
  - a. 2.0: Player skills from 0 to 2.999
  - b. 3.0: Player skills from 3.0 to 3.499

- c. 3.5: Player skills from 3.499 to 3.999
- d. 4.0: Player skills from 4.0 to 4.499
- e. Any player rating above 4.0 must be DUPR tournament rated.

6. Rating reduction - A member may request a rating reduction for:

- a. Rehabilitation/Recovery - When due to injury or illness the member claims to be unable to play effectively at their current rating, the member may request a temporary reduction in rating.
  - i. Rating reductions are granted at the discretion of the Director of Membership. The temporary reduction will be effective for no more than 6 months.
  - ii. At the end of the 6-month period (or shorter period, should the member request it), the member rating will revert to the prior rating.
  - iii. This reduction is for a bona fide injury/illness and is not to be utilized for any other purpose.
  - iv. The Director of Membership may terminate the temporary reduction if it becomes apparent that the member has reduced the rating for reasons other than injury or illness.
  - v. This rating reduction is only effective for BPC activities and is not reported to other facilities.
- b. Permanent reduction - A member may request a permanent rating reduction should the member determine they are no longer capable of performing at their current skill-level rating. After a permanent reduction a member may move to the higher rating level only through the CORE rating process.

## What is a Skill Level Rating?

A player's skill rating is a numeric value from 2.0 through 5.0 that classifies that player's pickleball skills and abilities. The [USAPA](#) provides a good explanation of the skills needed at each rating level up to 5.0.

## Why Do I Need a Rating?

Player ratings are used to group players by skill level so that players can compete in organized play and participate in clinics with other players of similar ability. This will improve a player's chances of having more competitive and fun matches.

## Club Rating Types

1. **Self-Rating:** A new member may self-rate based on the player's own assessment of his or her skills up to the 2.5 skill level. See these two links for the skills needed: [Skill Level 2.0](#) and [Skill Level 2.5](#).
2. **DUPR:** The [Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating](#) is a free global rating system earned through tournament play results. The rating can also be calculated by a player tracking

his/her last 30 (singles) or 60 (doubles) eligible matches and by playing at least one DUPR player in those matches (a “connectivity” advantage).

3. **UTPR:** [USAPA Tournament Player Rating](#) is assigned to the player by the USA Pickleball Association based on performance in tournament play. Unless a member applies for and receives a higher CORE rating, a UTPR will be the basis of a Club member’s skill rating.
4. **Club Rating:** Club rating is given by a local club pro/teacher based on visual observation and evaluation, up to a 3.0 skill level.
5. **CORE:** In September 2021, Central Oregon Pickleball Clubs adopted the Central Oregon Rating Evaluation (CORE) system to provide players an avenue to advance their rating level and have their rating be recognized among the participating clubs. The clubs accepting a CORE rating include the Bend Pickleball Club, Pickleball Zone Bend, Widgi Creek Pickleball, and La Pine Pickleball Club.

The CORE system is based on competitive round robin play. A CORE club will rate 3.0 and 3.5 players to get them to the next levels so they can play in organized events. Eligibility to participate in a CORE session includes any level lower than the level being evaluated. Members at the 4.0 skill level who want to get a 4.5 rating are advised to establish their rating through tournament play or IPTPA certified testing.

## **Application of Ratings in Competition**

From time to time the Club hosts USA Pickleball sanctioned tournaments. A member with a CORE rating may compete in Club tournaments at one-half level lower than the member’s current CORE rating.

For in-house-only Club tournaments, round robins, and other events, members must compete at their rating in effect on the day of the event.

## **Rating Changes**

**DUPR** player rating is typically earned through tournament play results.

**UTPR** player rating is based on player performance in sanctioned tournament play. The Club may from time-to-time check a member’s UTPR and adjust it up or down based on the member’s current UTPR.

**CORE** player rating is changed when the player has successfully passed a CORE test given by one of the participating Central Oregon clubs’ rating officials AND the player has notified the Bend Pickleball Club of their new level.

In all cases, it is the player’s responsibility to inform the Club of a change in rating.

## **Rating Reduction**

A Club member may request a temporary or permanent downgrade in their current Club skill level rating when injury, illness, or declining physical ability may prevent safe play at current

skill level. See more information at Player Rating Policies. Submit your request to [ratings@bendpickleballclub.com](mailto:ratings@bendpickleballclub.com). Include whether you seek a temporary or permanent downgrade. You will receive confirmation once your request has been processed.

## **Rating Appeals**

Appeals regarding a rating, including medical appeals, should be directed via email to the Rating Chair at [ratings@bendpickleballclub.com](mailto:ratings@bendpickleballclub.com). An appeal email should include sufficient detail and contact information for the Chair to make a quick investigation into the matter.