

Nanaimo Pickleball Club

Ratings Policy

The Nanaimo Pickleball Club believes ratings provide a means to compare the skill levels of our various members. They may be used to determine a player's skill level for tournament entry, club league play and recreational play where, for example, there are separate sessions or courts for different skill levels. To this end the Club has adopted the following policy for members of the Nanaimo Pickleball Club regarding ratings.

1) When a player joins the Club, they will be asked to self-rate their skill level and provide an explanation as to their rating. A member who self-rates at a level of 4.0 or higher will need to provide evidence that they have obtained that rating through PBB rating or tournament play as recognized by the Nanaimo Pickleball Club (detailed below). If the member cannot provide such evidence, they will be rated at 3.5 in CourtReserve but will still be monitored to ensure they are at the 3.5 level. All other members who self-rated at 3.5 or below will be monitored over several sessions to determine if their self-assessment is consistent with their court performance. If their performance is not consistent with their self-assessment, the member's rating will be changed to reflect their demonstrated skill level at the discretion of the Rating Committee.

2) The Club will record the members self-assessed rating in CourtReserve. After a member provides their self-assessed rating, the Executive will monitor the performance of that player for 1-2 sessions of play of time through observation and discussion with other members. If the Executive determine that the player has self-assessed at a higher or lower skill level than their actual performance, the Executive has the right to adjust their skill level in CourtReserve and the member will be advised of the change. The rating recorded in CourtReserve will be the initial rating to be used in Pickleball Brackets. If a member registers in Pickleball Brackets at a higher rating than what is recorded in CourtReserve, the ratings committee will take this into consideration when assessing a members request to move to a higher skill level.

3) A member who is rated below 3.0 is required to sign up with PickleballBrackets in order to obtain a performance-based rating. The Executive will review these members approximately every 2 months and those members that have achieved and maintained a performance-based rating of 3.0 or better at the end of this period will be consulted and offered the opportunity to change their rating to play on more competitive courts.

4) A players rating can be improved by any of the following ways:

a. By a certified rater qualified to rate at the level to which the player is seeking to move or the Club will accept a rating assessment by Lee MacDonald up to and including a 3.5 rating.

b. By earning a medal in two or more sanctioned or non-sanctioned tournaments (excluding tournaments like Mexican Madness, 90-minute tournaments or other fun events) over the most recent five-year period at the skill level they are trying to achieve.

c. By participating in PickleballBrackets tournaments and achieving a PBB tournament rating at the rating the member wishes to be considered for. A minimum of 20 tournament games are required for this rating to be reviewed by the ratings committee.

d. By achieving and maintaining a performance-based rating at the rating level to which they want to move to within PickleballBrackets. The Executive will not be reviewing the ratings in PBB for members rated 3.0 and above unless it is requested by the member.

5) In tournament play a member should register at their self-assessed rating or higher but not at a lower level. If the Executive becomes aware that a member is playing in tournaments at a lower level than their self-assessed rating, then the Executive have the right to adjust their Club rating to their tournament rating. (ie you are self-rated as a 4.0 player but play in a tournament as a 3.5, the Executive can change your Club rating to 3.5).

6) The Club realizes that over time a member's performance may drop for various reasons. If it comes to the Club's attention that a member is performing below their self-assessed or rated skill level, the Club has the right to adjust the members rating (after discussion with said member) for Club purposes to their actual performance level as determined by their performance in Pickleball Brackets Club or Tournament ratings.

Revisions

June 18/22 – Revised to reflect review of Pickleball brackets ratings to be done after the completion of each ladder session or every 8 weeks whichever is earlier.

Aug 9/22 – Revised to provide clarification where needed.

Apr 24/23 – Revised to include PickleballBrackets tournament rating as a means to improve a members Club rating.

Aug 1/23 – Revised to include rating assessments by Lee MacDonald up to and including 3.5

Feb 19/24 – Added section to clarify that new members will be monitored to evaluate their self-assessed rating. Revised criteria for tournaments to be 2 medals over 5 years from 3 medals over 3 years.