

- **Social Play (previously known as Open Play) (all season long):**
 - **Open to all players (i.e., not dependent on DUPR ratings), and no DUPR sessions.**
 - Open Play may use a variety of formats (Paddles-Up, Round-Robin, etc.) depending on member preferences.
 - “Drop-In” participation for Open Play sessions will be permitted, but sign-up on SignUpGenius is encouraged (so that players can see whether there are sufficient numbers to come out).
- **Group Play (early-Season only):**
 - **Group Play sessions will be held in the early part of the season ONLY (likely until early June or so), and then will be replaced by Bracket Play sessions.**
 - Group Play sessions will be offered for the following Groups (same as in the 2025 season):

Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Group 4
 - Members will play in the same Group as they were at the end of the 2025 season; new members will be assigned to an appropriate Group.
 - Group Play sessions will only be open to players in the specified Group (except a Court Coordinator may, in order to make the numbers work better, invite an out-of-Group player to join in a session).
 - **Most Group Play sessions will be designated as “For DUPR” (with scores recorded and forwarded to DUPR), and the other Group Play sessions will be designated as “Not for DUPR” (no recorded scores).**
 - Once all Groups have had sufficient “For DUPR” sessions, Group Play will cease to be offered.
 - NBPC will have a “digital club” on DUPR, and NBPC members will be able to join the digital club (for free) and to authorize our club’s DUPR administrators to send DUPR the scores from any DUPR games at NBPC that the member plays in.
- **Bracket Play (starting mid-season, once Group Play ceases to be offered):**
 - **Bracket Play sessions will be held once Group Play sessions are no longer offered.**
 - **Bracket Play sessions will be offered for a variety of DUPR Rating ranges (“Brackets”).**
Initially, the Brackets for the various tiers of Bracket Play sessions may be the following (but these Brackets may be changed over time, based on member participation and preferences):

2.00–2.49 2.50–2.99 3.00–3.49 3.50–3.99 4.00+

For some sessions, one Bracket may be on some courts while another Bracket is on other courts.
 - **Bracket Play sessions will only be open to players with a “reliable” DUPR Rating in the specified Bracket, with the following exceptions:**
 - **“Exception Zones”:** If a player is in a particular Bracket but subsequently their Rating gets outside the Bracket (in either direction), they will be allowed to continue in the Bracket for the rest of the season so long as their Rating doesn’t get more than 0.25 outside the Bracket.
 - Unrated players will be assigned to an appropriate starting Bracket.
 - A Court Coordinator may (in order to make the numbers work better) invite an out-of-Bracket player to join in a session.
 - A DUPR Rating with a Reliability Score (as assigned by DUPR) below 60% will only be considered a “reliable” rating at a 0.50 point discount (for example a 3.60 rating with only a 25% Reliability Score will be considered a 3.10 Rating).
 - **Bracket Play sessions will feature, in each Bracket, a balance of “For DUPR” sessions (scores forwarded to DUPR) and “Not for DUPR” sessions (no recorded scores), based on member participation and preferences.**
 - Bracket Play sessions will mostly rely on the “honour system”. However, if a player signs-up or shows up for a Bracket Play session that the player is not eligible for, they may be asked to not participate.
- **Other:**
 - **Some sessions may be designated as Mixed Doubles, Ladies, Men’s, etc.**