

NBPC play sessions are mostly either **Bracket Play** or **Social Play** (each as described below), and the balance between these different kinds of sessions will be based on member participation and preferences.

- **Bracket Play:**

- **Bracket Play sessions are offered for a variety of DUPR Rating ranges (“Brackets”),** some of which are relatively narrow (“**Tight Brackets**”) and others of which are relatively wide (“**Wide Brackets**”). The weekly Schedule will offer a balance, at each level, between Tight Bracket sessions and Wide Bracket sessions (and this balance may be changed over time, based on member participation and preferences). **Initially, the Brackets are the following** (but these may be changed over time, based on member participation and preferences):

- **Tight Brackets:** **Novice – 2.5** **2.5 – 3.0** **3.0 – 3.5** **3.5 – 4.0** **4.0+**

- **Wide Brackets:** **Novice – 2.75** **2.75 – 3.5** **3.25 – 4.0** **3.5+**

The Tight Brackets reflect customary 0.5 point DUPR Rating ranges, while the Wide Brackets (which are similar to NBPC’s former Groups) offer an opportunity to play with a greater number of players but still within a relatively-similar skill range.

- **Tight Bracket sessions will feature a balance between “For DUPR” sessions (scores forwarded to DUPR) and “Not for DUPR” sessions (no recorded scores),** based on member participation and preferences, **while Wide Bracket sessions will always be “Not for DUPR”.**
- **Bracket Play sessions rely on the ‘honour system’ and are only open to players with a DUPR rating in the specified Bracket,** with the following minor exceptions:
 - **If, at any time the day before or the day of a session, the number of confirmed players will leave a court one or two players short, then any member with a rating within 0.25 points of the Bracket may sign up for the session until that court is full**
 - a Court Coordinator may (in order to make the numbers work better) invite an out-of-Bracket player to join in a session;
 - the club may assign a non-rated, or clearly inaccurately-rated, experienced player to an appropriate Tight Bracket.
- To maintain the relative accuracy of your DUPR rating, **it’s best to play at least two “For DUPR” sessions a month during the season.**
- Bracket Play may use a variety of formats (Round-Robin, Royal Court, etc.), depending on member preferences.

- **Social Play:**

- **Social Play sessions are offered for two different levels,** namely **Novice/Intermediate** and **Intermediate/Advanced,** and these are **open to players based on their self-assessments** (i.e., not dependent on DUPR ratings) and are never “For DUPR”.
- Social Play may use a variety of formats (Paddles-Up, Round-Robin, etc.), depending on member preferences.
- “Drop-In” participation for Social Play sessions is permitted, but advance sign-up is encouraged (so players can see whether there are sufficient numbers).

- **Other:**

- Some other sessions may be designated as **Skills & Drills, Mixed Doubles, King’s Court, Ladies, Men’s, etc.** To keep things fun at our club, we are happy to consider offering unique kinds of sessions like these but, in order to do so, **we need volunteers to step up to run the sessions.**