



## Cochrane Pickleball Club Ratings Policy

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The Cochrane Pickleball Club (CPC) strives to provide a welcoming place for all to play this sport that many embrace for socializing, exercising, competition, and enjoyment. To this end the club has decided to develop a ratings policy that welcomes newcomers and seasoned players alike. A skill rating is required for all play except Recreational Play, Open Play, or Cohort Play, and the following outlines the various acceptable options to obtain a rating. New to the ratings is the inclusion of DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) as an acceptable option (Please note that this does not require anyone to obtain a DUPR rating but rather it is included as an acceptable option).

### **A) New Players joining the CPC and Non-Rated Players (self-rating is not permitted)**

- New players are those that have previously not been a member of the CPC
- Non Rated players are those seeking to join the CPC but have never received a skill rating

All new players without any previous Pickleball experience or those with 3 months or more experience playing within a club setting will be provided an optional introductory lesson by the CPC and assigned the skill rating of 2.0/2.5.

### **B) New players joining the CPC and seeking placement at a 3.0 level**

- Provide evidence of a 3.0 skill rating from a Club registered with Pickleball Canada;
- A 3.0 rating evaluation from a Certified Coach with Level 2 credentials as listed in the NCCP Directory. <https://www.pbcoachingadmin.ca/>
- A 3.0 rating evaluation from a Certified Level 2 from the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (ITPTA) or Certified Ratings Specialist Credential <https://iptpa.com/certified-members/>
- A 3.0 to 3.499 DUPR rating with a minimum of 50 games with a reliability score of 65% or greater.

### **C) New players joining the CPC and seeking placement at a 3.5 or 4.0+ level**

- A 3.5 or 4.0+ rating evaluation from a Certified Coach with Level 2 credentials as listed in the NCCP Directory. <https://www.pbcoachingadmin.ca/>
- A 3.5 or 4.0+ rating evaluation from a Certified Level 2 from the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (ITPTA) or Certified Ratings Specialist Credential <https://iptpa.com/certified-members/>
- A 3.5 to 3.999, or 4.0+ DUPR rating with a minimum of 75 games and a reliability score of 75% or greater.

**How do I advance my skill rating within the CPC?**

Once placed with a skill level within the CPC, players may advance to a higher rating by the options listed below.

**D) Moving to 3.0 by one of the following options:**

- Achieve a 3.0 rating evaluation from a Certified Coach with Level 1 or 2 credentials as listed in the NCCP Directory. <https://www.pbcoachingadmin.ca/>
- Achieve a 3.0 rating evaluation from a Certified Level 1 or 2 from the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (ITPTA) or Certified Ratings Specialist Credential <https://iptpa.com/certified-members/>
- Achieve a 3.0 to 3.499 DUPR rating with a minimum of 50 games and a reliability score of 65% or greater.
- Complete a 3.0 rating session coordinated by the CPC. Rating sessions will be conducted by a Certified Coach or Teaching Professional as appointed by the CPC and provided via Court Reserve on a first come basis. A minimum of 4 members seeking a 3.5 rating will be required for any session. Players must book and pay\* for an evaluation session through Court Reserve.

**E) Moving to 3.5 by one of the following options:**

- Achieve a 3.5 rating evaluation from a Certified Coach with Level 2 credentials as listed in the NCCP Directory. <https://www.pbcoachingadmin.ca/>
- Achieve a 3.5 rating evaluation from a Certified Level 2 from the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (ITPTA) or Certified Ratings Specialist Credential <https://iptpa.com/certified-members/>
- Achieve a 3.5 to 3.999 DUPR rating with a minimum of 75 games and a reliability score of 75% or greater.
- Complete a 3.5 rating session provided by the CPC. Rating sessions will be conducted by a Certified Coach or Teaching Professional as appointed by the CPC and provided via Court Reserve on a first come basis. A minimum of 4 members seeking a 3.5 rating will be required for any session. Players must book and pay\* for an evaluation session through Court Reserve.

***F) Moving to 4.0+ by one of the following options:***

- Achieve a 4.0+ rating evaluation from a Certified Coach with Level 2 credentials as listed in the NCCP Directory. <https://www.pbcoachingadmin.ca/>
- Achieve a 4.0+ rating evaluation from a Certified Level 2 from the International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) or Certified Ratings Specialist Credential <https://iptpa.com/certified-members/>
- Achieve a 4.0 + DUPR rating with a minimum of 75 games with a reliability score of 75% or greater.
- Complete a 4.0+ rating session provided by the CPC. Rating sessions will be conducted by a Certified Coach or Teaching Professional appointed by the CPC, and provided via Court Reserve on a first come basis. A minimum of 4 members seeking a 4.0+ rating will be required for any session. Players must book and pay\* for an evaluation session through Court Reserve.

\* - Currently the session fee for CPC evaluations will be set at \$30 per person; the fee will be provided at a non-profit to the CPC and may be subject to change as required by the Certified professional.

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