

Nanaimo Pickleball Club Ratings Policy

The Nanaimo Pickleball Club believes ratings provide a means to compare the skill levels of or 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 in regards to 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.
- 2) 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 on a quarterly basis and those members that have achieved and maintained a performance basis rating of 3.0 or better will be allowed to play on more competitive courts.
- 3) The Club will record the members self-assessed rating. After a member provides their self-assessed rating, the Executive will monitor the performance of that player for a short period 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 accordingly.
- 4) A players rating can be improved by any of the following ways:
 - a. By a certified rater qualified to rate at the level the player is seeking to move to
 - b. By their performance (placing) in sanctioned or non-sanctioned tournaments (excluding Mexican Madness, 90-minute tournaments or other fun events) at the skill level they are trying to change their rating to.
 - c. By achieving and maintaining a performance-based rating at the rating level they want to move to within PickleballBrackets. The Executive will review the performance-based ratings in Pickleball Brackets on a quarterly basis and move players to a higher rating if they were able to achieve and maintain that rating in PickleballBrackets. This will be done with consultation with 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 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 for Club purposes to their actual performance as determined by their performance in PickleballBrackets Club or Tournament ratings.