

Sun Lakes Pickleball Club IronOaks Player Skill Level Rating Program

To play ORGANIZED play (prime time) you must be a Pickleball Amenity member and you must have an approved skill level rating. All members who wish to advance to a higher skill level must attend an IronOaks Pickleball Club Rating Clinic or have a current USA Pickleball Tournament Player ([UTPR](#)) rating, an International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association ([IPTPA](#)) rating, or a PickleballTournaments.com World Pickleball Rating ([WPR](#)).

A UTPR rating is obtained by membership in [USA Pickleball](#) and participating in tournaments that are conducted by [PickleballTournaments.com](#) and sanctioned by USA Pickleball.

An IPTPA rating is obtained by membership in [IPTPA](#) and passing a rating assessment given by an IPTPA Certified Rating Specialist (CRS).

A WPR rating is obtained by participating in a tournament that has been conducted by [PickleballTournaments.com](#), but the tournament does not need to be sanctioned by USA Pickleball.

IronOaks Pickleball Club Rating Clinics are offered to everyone who has a current Pickleball Amenity membership through the IronOaks Fitness and Racquet Facility. Rating Clinics are conducted by the Pickleball Club Rating Committee of IronOaks.

New Member:

1. New Member with no prior rating from a Club/Tournament/UTPR/IPTPA:

- a. If new to Pickleball, the new member must attend a beginner lesson (Introduction to Pickleball) from the Pickleball Pro or a designated instructor.
- b. Receive a 2.0 permanent rating after the lesson.
- c. New members who desire a skill level rating above 2.0 will only be given a higher temporary rating after:
 - 1) Being recommended by the Pickleball Pro; and
 - 2) Participating in a rating assessment conducted by the Pickleball Club Assessment Committee.
- d. The assessment will consist of:
 - 1) Demonstrating personal skills to play at the desired skill level in accordance with the approved Skill Level Rating Sheet (click ["here"](#) to find the desired skill level rating sheets); and
 - 2) Demonstrating competitive team play skills by playing several games with Pickleball Club advanced skill level evaluators (approved by the Pickleball Club Assessment Committee) who will agree on a temporary skill level rating for the new member.
- e. A new member shall only be assessed one time and must retain that temporary rating until the next available rating clinic. If the member does not attend the rating clinic, they will revert to their original rating.

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2. New Member with prior rating from a Club/Tournament/UTPR/IPTPA/WPR:

- a. If a new member has a UPTR, IPTPA or WPR rating, then that same permanent rating will be assigned.
- b. If a new member provides evidence of a prior Club or Tournament rating, they will receive a temporary rating at that same level.
- c. A new member shall only be assessed one time and must retain that temporary rating until the next available rating clinic. If the member does not attend the rating clinic, they will revert to their original rating.

2.5 Rating Assessment (Months of May – October):

1. Rating Assessment for current 2.0 rated players who want to advance to a 2.5 temporary rating over the summer months when there are no rating clinics available.
2. Testing requirements are explained at the link: [“Pickleball Rating Sheet for 2.5 Skill Level.”](#)
3. The assessment will consist of:
 - a. Demonstrating personal skills to play at the 2.5 skill level in accordance with the approved 2.5 Skill Level Rating Sheet; and
 - b. Demonstrating competitive team play skills by playing several games with Pickleball Club advanced skill level volunteers (approved by the Pickleball Club Assessment Committee) who will agree on a temporary skill level rating for the new member.
4. A member shall only be assessed one time and must retain that temporary rating until the next available rating clinic. If the member does not attend the rating clinic, they will revert to their original rating.

2.5 Rating Clinic (Months of November – April):

1. Rating Clinic for current 2.0 rated players who want to advance to 2.5 and 2.5 temporary rated players who want to obtain a permanent 2.5 rating.
2. Testing requirements are explained at the link: [“Pickleball Rating Sheet for 2.5 Skill Level.”](#)
3. Rating Committee to send out clinic announcement to all 2.0 rated and 2.5 temporary rated players.
4. 2.0 rated and 2.5 temporary rated players submit request to Rating Committee to attend clinic.
5. Rating Committee to confirm space to 2.0 rated and 2.5 temporary rated players.
6. 2.0 rated and 2.5 temporary rated players attend next available 2.5 rating clinic as assigned.

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3.0 Rating Clinic (Months of November – April):

1. Rating Clinic for current 2.5 rated players who want to advance to 3.0 and 3.0 temporary rated players who want to obtain a permanent 3.0 rating.
2. Testing requirements are explained at the link: [“Pickleball Rating Sheet for 3.0 Skill Level.”](#)
3. Rating Committee to send out clinic announcement to all 2.5 rated and 3.0 temporary rated players.
4. 2.5 rated and 3.0 temporary rated players submit request to Rating Committee to attend clinic.
5. Rating Committee to confirm space to 2.5 rated and 3.0 temporary rated players.
6. 2.5 rated and 3.0 temporary rated players attend next available 3.0 rating clinic as assigned.

3.5 Rating Clinic (Months of November – April):

1. Rating Clinic for current 3.0 rated players who want to advance to 3.5 and 3.5 temporary rated players who want to obtain a permanent 3.5 rating.
2. Testing requirements are explained at the link: [“Pickleball Rating Sheet for 3.5 Skill Level.”](#)
3. Rating Committee to send out clinic announcement to all 3.0 rated and 3.5 temporary rated players.
4. 3.0 rated and 3.5 temporary rated players submit request to Rating Committee to attend clinic.
5. Rating Committee to confirm space to 3.0 rated and 3.5 temporary rated players.
6. 3.0 rated and 3.5 temporary rated players attend next available 3.5 rating clinic as assigned.

Retesting Wait Period:

1. If a member participates in a rating clinic but fails to pass the testing requirements, there is a waiting period before they can attend a future rating clinic that is:
 - a. 60 days after the failed testing date; or
 - b. The second rating clinic after the failed testing date, whichever period is shorter.