

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 move to a higher skill level must attend an IronOaks Club Rating Clinic or have a current USA Pickleball Tournament Player ([UTPR](#)) rating or an International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association ([IPTPA](#)) rating.

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

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

IronOaks Club Rating Clinics are offered to all who have Pickleball Amenity memberships through the IronOaks Fitness and Racquet Facility. Clinics are conducted by the Pickleball Rating Committee of IronOaks.

New Member:

1. **New Member with no prior rating from a Club/Tournament/UTPR/IPTPA:**
 - a. If new to Pickleball, 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 believe they should have a higher rating than 2.0 will be given a higher temporary rating after: a) being recommended by the Pickleball Pro; and b) participating in a rating assessment conducted by the Rating Committee.
 - d. The assessment will consist of playing several games with club volunteers and observed by three club volunteers who will agree on a temporary rating for the new member.
 - e. If given a temporary rating above a 2.0, the new member must attend the next available rating clinic at that higher level or lose their temporary rating.

2. **New Member with prior rating from a Club/Tournament/UTPR/IPTPA:**
 - a. If a New Member has a UTPR or an IPTPA rating then that same permanent rating will be assigned.
 - b. Provide evidence of a prior Club or Tournament rating and receive a temporary rating at that same level.
 - c. If given a temporary rating above a 2.0, the new member must attend the next available rating clinic at that higher level or lose their temporary rating.

2.5 Rating Clinic:

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 in the ["Pickleball Rating Guide 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:

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 in the [“Pickleball Rating Guide 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:

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 in the [“Pickleball Rating Guide 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.