

Sun Lakes Pickleball Club IronOaks
Player Skill Level Rating Program
(Effective: 11.14.23)

To play ORGANIZED play (prime time) you must be a Pickleball Amenity member and you must have an approved permanent or temporary Sun Lakes Pickleball Club IronOaks (“SLPCIO”) skill level rating. All members who wish to advance to a higher permanent skill level rating must attend an SLPCIO Rating Clinic to test for that skill level.

If you currently have or achieve a USA Pickleball Tournament Player ([UTPR](#)) rating, an International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association ([IPTPA](#)) rating, a PickleballTournaments.com World Pickleball Rating ([WPR](#)); or a Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating ([DUPR](#)) reliable rating not provisional, then you may receive a temporary SLPCIO rating at that skill level until you can attend the next available SLPCIO rating clinic to test for that skill level.

SLPCIO 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/UTPR/IPTPA/WPR/DUPR:

- 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. New members 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 being approved by the Pickleball Pro or a designated instructor.
- d. 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. New Member with a prior rating from a Club/UTPR/IPTPA/WPR/DUPR:

- a. If a new member has a UPTR, IPTPA, WPR, or DUPR reliable rating, then that same rating may be assigned as a temporary rating until they can attend the next available SLPCIO rating clinic to test for that skill level.
- b. If a new member provides evidence of a prior Club rating, they may receive a temporary rating at that same level until they can attend the next available SLPCIO rating clinic to test for that skill level at the sole discretion of the Pickleball Pro.
- c. A new member shall only be assessed one time and must retain that temporary rating until the next available rating clinic to test for that skill level. If the member does not attend the rating clinic, they will revert to the next lower rating.

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Rating Clinic Testing:

1. Rating Clinics are provided for current rated players who want to advance to the next skill level and temporary rated players who want to obtain a permanent rating at their current skill level.
2. Testing requirements are explained in the Rating Guides found on the Club Website under the “Player Development” menu or at the following links:
 - a. [2.5 Rating Guide](#)
 - b. [3.0 Rating Guide](#)
 - c. [3.5 Rating Guide](#)
 - d. [4.0 Rating Guide](#)
3. The Rating Committee will send out clinic announcements to all rated and temporary rated players.
4. Rated and temporary rated players must submit a request to the Rating Committee to attend a clinic.
5. The Rating Committee will confirm space to rated and temporary rated players.
6. Rated and temporary rated players attend the next available rating clinic as assigned.

2-Part Objective Testing Protocol:

1. Personal Skills Test

- a. Conducted by a Club approved ball feeder and recorder.
- b. Club approved skill level rating sheets will be used.
- c. Candidates must score a minimum number of points to pass.
- d. Candidates must meet the evaluation criteria for each shot as defined on the rating sheet to score a point.
- e. Candidates must pass this test before moving on to the Doubles Game Play Test.

2. Doubles Game Play Test

- a. Conducted by a Club approved recorder.
- b. Doubles Play - 3 Games to 11 points (win by 1 point).
- c. 2 Candidates and 2 Control Players (from skill level being testing for).
- d. Control Players will be chosen from a pool of players as determined monthly (or as needed) by the Rating Committee.
- e. Each Candidate plays 1 game with each Control Player as a partner and then 1 game with the other Candidate as a partner.
- f. Each Candidate must score a minimum number of points in 3 games played to pass.

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3. Final Rating

The Candidates will advance to the rating they are testing for upon the successful achievement of passing scores in both the Personal Skills and Doubles Game Play testing.

4. Retesting

- a. If a Candidate passes the Personal Skills Test but fails the Doubles Game Play Test, the Candidate would only be required to test again for the Doubles Game Play Test.
- b. Waiting period before retesting either Personal Skills or Doubles Game Play Test is 30 days.

Outside (Non-Club) Rating Acceptance:

1. Current Members with outside ratings that have already been accepted as of November 14, 2023 will be accepted as equivalent SLPCIO ratings.
2. Outside ratings after November 14, 2023 will not be accepted as equivalent SLPCIO ratings.
3. Ratings obtained through UTPR; WPR; IPTPA; or DUPR (reliable ratings only – not provisional) would be accepted for a temporary rating until an SLPCIO rating clinic is available for them to test.

Policy Exceptions:

1. The SLPCIO Rating Committee reserves the right to recommend reasonable exceptions to the policies contained herein for circumstances not contemplated by these policies.
2. Exceptions require the Board of Directors' approval.