

COCHRANE PICKLEBALL RATINGS POLICY

Amended Jan 1, 2025

Criteria for a Skill Rating: (Official Club Rating)

2.0 - Must have completed Introductory course given by the Cochrane Pickleball Club, (CPC) or have at least 3 months of playing experience.

2.5 - Attend a Round Robin and be observed by the Ratings Committee (RC). Must have required skills as indicated in the CPSG (Cochrane Pickleball Skill Guide)

3.0, 3.5, 4.0 – Successful completion of a two-part Skill Assessment conducted by the Ratings Committee.

Fees and Limitations:

- **Initial Club Rating:** Free for all levels.
- **Promotions to 3.0 and Above:** \$20 per session (non-refundable), payable before the session.
- Funds support CPC activities.
- Players must wait **30 days** between assessments and are limited to **two ratings per season**.
- No assessments will occur after the Members Tournament 2025.

Ratings Applicability:

- Only **CPC Skill Ratings** are valid for scheduled events (e.g., Round Robins, Skills and Drills).
- External ratings (DUPR, Pickleball Brackets, CTPR, UTR-P) are not accepted
- At the discretion of the Ratings Committee a short-term provisional rating may be assigned to new members with an external rating of 3.0 and above until they can be offered an assessment by CPC.

A rating is not required to participate in Open play or Rec play.

Round Robin Participation:

- Requires a valid CPC Skill Rating (carryover ratings from prior years are valid).
- **Round Robin Captains:**
 - Ensure all participants have valid ratings.
 - Prioritize filling spots as follows:
 - Up to 2 higher-level players (any gender).
 - Players at the same level, opposite gender.
 - Players from the next lower level.

- Captains to be provided with a list of volunteers with contact information of higher-level players willing to fill in on their round robins
- Captains receive weekly eligibility updates.

This policy was created so as to maintain the integrity of the group, and to ensure that all players will have a good experience.

**In making your decisions, please keep the interest of your group in mind.*

Player Development (Clinics):

- Participation in Skills and Drills or other clinics requires a recognized CPC rating at the event's level.
- Because there is limited court time available to offer these events, please give other players an opportunity to attend by limiting your participation to every clinic.

Tournament Play by Members:

- Players entering sanctioned tournaments below their CPC Skill Rating may be reassessed to that level.
- Decisions are at the discretion of the Ratings Director and Ratings Committee.
- "Sandbagging" is discouraged to maintain fair competition.