



## Mastering DUPR and UTR-P Ratings

### Pickleball DUPR or UTPR Rating: How to Get Yours. And What Am I?

Much like a handicap in golf or a USTA rating in tennis, understanding your skill level and pickleball rating will help you play more compatible matches for at your level or to enter tournaments.



Pickleball ratings cannot be self-assessed like players can in tennis.

To help players of all experience determine their ability, USA Pickleball and DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) have both developed numeric ratings systems to guide new and experienced players on their level of play.

Pickleball players are rated based on their performance for execution, different shots, including fore-hand, backhand, serve, third shot, and volley, and their ability to understand strategy and pickleball court rules. If you understand match strategy, both serve and return; you will be ranked higher among other pickleball players.

#### 1. Dynamic and Universal Application (DUPR):

- DUPR offers a dynamic rating that updates regularly based on a broad range of match types. It is ideal if you participate in both recreational and competitive play.

#### 2. Provisional to Numeric Rating Transition (UTR-P):

- UTR-P starts with a provisional rating and transitions to a numeric scale based on match results. This system might suit you if you prefer a clear progression in your rating based on ongoing play.

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## DUPR Vs UTR-P At a Glance

| Feature            | DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating)                                    | UTR-P (UTR Pickleball Rating)                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scope              | Universal pickleball rating covers league, tournament, and recreational play. | Specific rating system for USA Approved Sanctioned Tournaments adapted from tennis system. Covers only tournament play. |
| Rating Scale       | 2.00 (beginners) to 8.00+ (professionals)                                     | 1.0 (beginners) to 6.0 (professionals)                                                                                  |
| Provisional Rating | Not applicable                                                                | P1-P5 for players without match results                                                                                 |
| Calculation        | Match results against rated players and verified by all players               | Verified and unverified match results                                                                                   |
| Match Types        | Singles and doubles play                                                      | Separate ratings for singles and doubles play                                                                           |
| Rating Updates     | Dynamic, regular updates                                                      | Dynamic, regular updates                                                                                                |
| Global Reach       | Global reach                                                                  | Focus on US                                                                                                             |
| Platform           | DUPR website and app                                                          | USA Pickleball sports website and mobile app                                                                            |
| Ideal for          | Players wanting universal rating                                              | Players focusing on official tournaments                                                                                |

## DUPR Vs UTR-P Player Levels Comparison Table

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| Rating System | Rating Scale | Player Levels                                                                                                 |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DUPR          | 2.00 – 8.00+ | 2.00: Beginner<br>3.00-4.00: Intermediate<br>5.00-6.00: Advanced<br>7.00-8.00+: Professional                  |
| UTR-P         | 1.0 – 10.0   | 1.0: Beginner<br>2.0-3.0: Social/Casual<br>4.0-5.0: Intermediate<br>6.0-7.0: Advanced<br>8.0-10.0: Expert/Pro |

## Key Differences

- **Origin and Expertise:** DUPR is exclusively designed for pickleball, while UTR-P extends the Universal Tennis Rating system to pickleball.
- **Rating System:** DUPR's scale is more extended, whereas UTR-P starts with provisional ratings for new players, moving to a numeric scale.
- **Match Recording:** DUPR focuses on a wide range of match types, while UTR-P categorizes matches as verified or unverified.
- **Global vs. Tennis Adaptation:** DUPR aims for a global standard in pickleball, whereas UTR-P is an adaptation of a tennis rating system to pickleball.

## The magic algorithm consider:

1. **Victory:** Did you win or lose? If you win, your rating will go up and if you lose, your rating will go down.
2. **Type of Result:** Was this a self-posted rec play score, a club match, or a tournament result entered by players (DUPR only.) Rec play will count less towards your rating change.
3. **Rating Difference of Opponent:** If your opponent is higher than you and you win, you'll increase more than if your opponent is lower rated and vice versa.



**4. Total Match Counts:** Was this match closely contested or a blow out? If you win by a large margin, you will go up more than if you barely close out your opponent.

**5. Match Count and Recency:** Do you have a lot of recent matches? Recent matches are weighted more than older matches.

The weight of each match shall depend on the skill of the players, and the values are as follows:

**1 Point** - If the new player is the only 'unknown' entity in a match.

**0.5 Points** - If the new team does not have a rating, but the opponent team does.

**0.25 Points** - If the teammate has a rating, but one opponent still does not.

**0.125 Points** - If only one player in the entire match has a known rating.

**0.0625 Points** - If the rating of all the players in a match is up in the air

Ratings provide a more accurate assessment than self-rating systems, as it relies solely on your pickleball playing history within official tournaments. So, get out there, compete, and let your pickleball prowess shine! 🍷 🥒 🏓

## How To Get A DUPR Rating in Pickleball?

To obtain a DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating) in pickleball, follow these steps:

### DUPR Rating:

- **Obtain a rating: Create a DUPR Account:** Sign up on the [DUPR website](#) or through their mobile app.
- **No Rating:** As of August 2023, there was a redesign assessment of DUPR rating for new players. A NR (No Rating) will now appear on newly created accounts.
- **Players are rated on a scale of 2.5 to 6.5**, with 2.5 equaling beginner level and 6.5 being a world class player.
- **After the 1st debut match**, the algorithm will observe the player's input for the next seven days' singles and doubles game results. After 5-10 games against ranked players, your DUPR rating will be considered reliable.
- **Play and Record Matches:** Participate in pickleball games that are recorded on the DUPR platform. This includes league matches, sanctioned tournaments, or casual play sessions. Supreme Court Pickleball falls under league matches.

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- **Ensure Accurate Recording:** Make sure the outcomes of your matches are properly documented on DUPR.
- **Rating Calculation:** Your rating is dynamically calculated based on match results against other players.
- **Active Participation:** Regularly play and record matches for an accurate rating.

Keep in mind, the essential part of getting a DUPR rating lies in playing matches that are officially logged in their system. The frequency of your play directly influences the accuracy of your rating in representing your skill level.

## Entering Matches:

If you're interested in joining DUPR Match Sessions, you can create a free DUPR account through their app and sign up based on either a self-rating or a current DUPR rating. sessions. Enjoy your pickleball matches! 🥒 🏓

Individuals can enter and record matches in DUPR (traditionally this is the winner.) The caveat, all participants involved in the match must affirm the match outcome for it to be validated and count towards rating adjustments. [This consensus approach ensures that the match results are accepted by everyone involved, reflecting a true and fair outcome.](#)

Being part of any club, in this case, Supreme Court Pickleball, there are specific steps for adding club matches as well:

1. **Log into your DUPR account** using your desktop computer.
2. **Select "Clubs"** from the left sidebar menu. Choose Supreme Court Pickleball
3. **Choose your club.**
4. **Click "Add a Match"** [and enter the match details, players, and scores.](#)

Happy playing! 🍓 🏓 😊

## How To Get A UTR-P Rating in Pickleball?

UTPR - You do not have to have a pickleball rating to play in tournaments. It is actually the other way round - if you want a UTPR, you must play in pickleball tournaments *and* be a member of USA Pickleball.



To obtain a UTR-P rating, follow these steps:

#### UTPR Rating:

- To receive a **UTPR** and play in USAPA sanctioned events, you must have a USA Pickleball membership, which runs at \$20 per year.
- **Obtain a rating: Register on USA Pickleball (prior to merger 2024, it was UTR sports)**
- **Participate in Tournaments:** To obtain a UTPR (Tournament Player Rating), you will need to participate in authorized pickleball tournaments sanctioned by USA Pickleball. Singles or doubles.
- **Record Matches:** Ensure match results are logged.
- **Initial Provisional Rating:** New players start with a provisional rating (P1-P5) based on skill level. These ratings are based on your performance in these tournaments, considering both your victories and defeats, as well as the UTPR of your opponents.
- **Conversion to Numeric Rating:** Once you have match results, your provisional rating will convert to a numeric rating between 1 and 10.0, with one being a beginner and 10.0 representing an expert/pro level.
- **Dynamic Rating Updates:** our rating dynamically updates with new match results to reflect your skill level.
- **Tournament staff can only update match results.**

Active participation and ensuring your matches are recorded on the UTR-P platform are key to establishing and maintaining your UTR-P rating. This system is designed to provide a comprehensive and dynamic [measure of your pickleball skill](#).

There are a few other pickleball rating systems designed for professional players only by different organizations such as World Pickleball Rankings, Global Pickleball Rankings, APP Rankings, and PPA Rankings.

1. World Pickleball rankings are scaled for professional players and tours.
2. Global Pickleball ranking offers a unique age and point based rating to professional plays based on the top 12 events in the previous 12 months.
3. The APP Rankings the APP Rankings are developed by the Association of Pickleball Professionals (APP) for professional and beginner players who participate in APP Tours.
4. The PPA Rankings system is powered by the Pro Pickleball Association (PPA), which focuses on professional pickleball players' ratings based on their performance in PPA Tour events. PPA Tour ranking is also called PPA Player Ranking.



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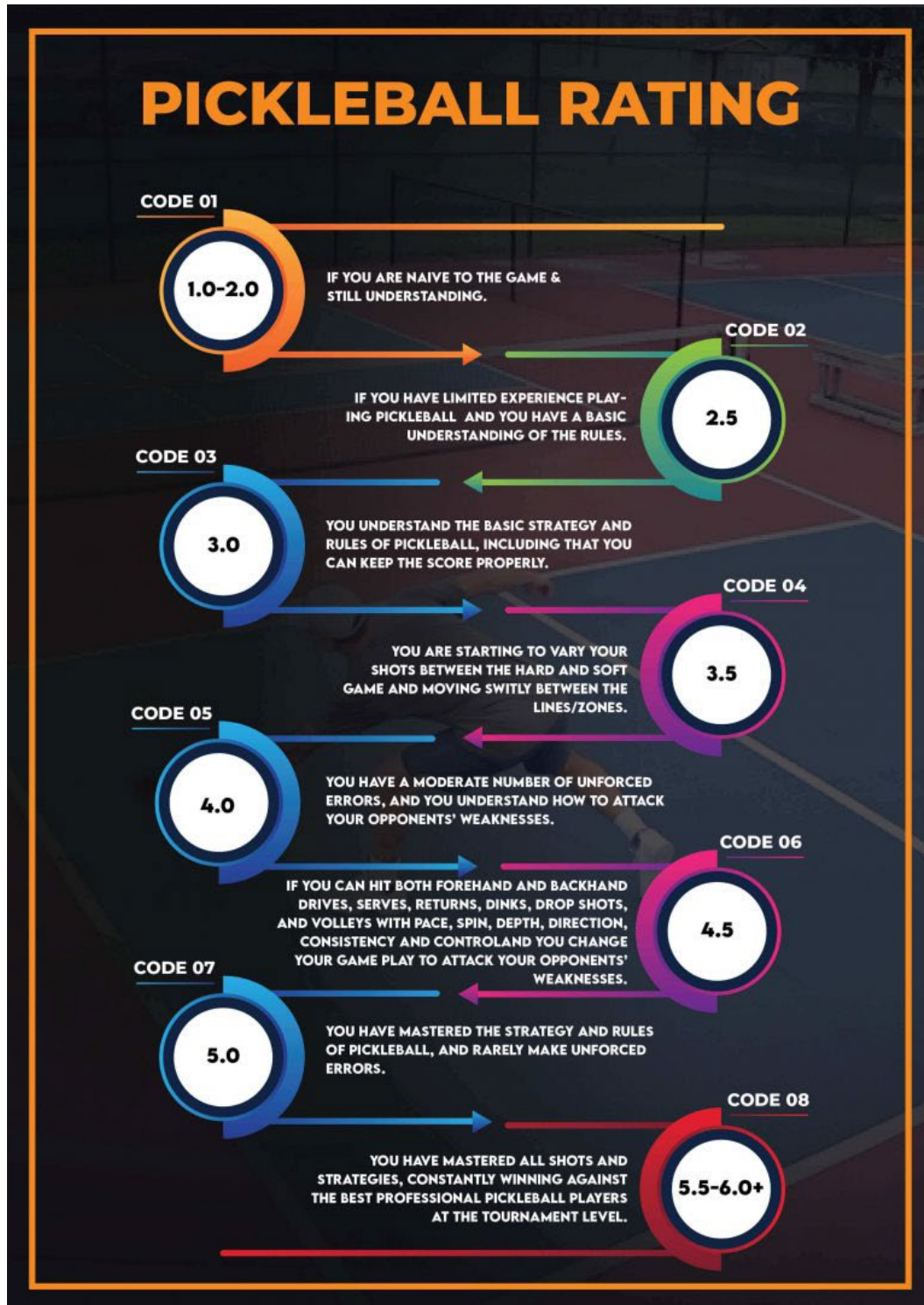
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Understanding Skill Assessment from USA Pickleball.



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## Definitions of Player Skill Ratings - USA Pickleball

| USAPA Player Skill Rating Definitions |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                            |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NTRP                                  | Forehand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Backhand                                                                                   | Serve/Return                                                                              | Dink                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3rd Shot                                                                                                                                                                                      | Volley                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1.0-2.0                               | This player is just starting to play pickleball and has no other sports background. Minimal understanding of rules of the game.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                            |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2.5                                   | This player has limited experience. Can sustain a short rally with players of equal ability. Basic ability to keep score.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                            |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3.0                                   | Ability to hit a medium paced shot. Lacks directional intent and consistency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Avoids using a backhand. Lacks directional intent and consistency.                         | Able to hit a medium paced shot. Lacks depth, direction, and consistency.                 | Not able to consistently sustain a dink rally. Not yet developed the ability to control this shot.                                                                                                                                                      | Generally hits a medium paced ball with little direction.                                                                                                                                     | Able to hit a medium paced shot. Lacks direction/inconsistent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.5                                   | Improved stroke development with moderate level of shot control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Learning stroke form and starting to develop consistency but will avoid if possible.       | Consistently gets serve/return in play with limited ability to control depth.             | Increased consistency, with limited ability to control height/depth. Sustains medium length rallies. Starting to understand variations of pace.                                                                                                         | Developing the drop shot in a way to get to the net.                                                                                                                                          | Is able to volley medium paced shots thereby developing control.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4.0                                   | Consistently hits with depth and control. Is still perfecting shot selection and timing.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Has improved stroke mechanics and has moderate success at hitting a backhand consistently. | Places a high majority of serves/returns with varying depth and speed.                    | Increased consistency with moderate ability to control height/depth. May end dink rally too soon due to lack of patience. Is beginning to understand difference between attackable balls and those that are not.                                        | Selectively mixing up soft shots with power shots to create an advantage with inconsistent results.                                                                                           | Able to volley a variety of shots at different speeds. Is developing consistency and control. Starting to understand the block/re-set volley.                                                                                                                                              |
| 4.5                                   | High level of consistency. Uses pace and depth to generate opponents' error or set up next shot.                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Can effectively direct the ball with varying depth and paces with good consistency.        | Serves with power, accuracy, and depth and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve. | Ability to place ball with high success at changing shot types while playing both consistently and with offensive intent. Recognizes and attempts to hit attackable dinks.                                                                              | Consistently executes effective 3rd shot strategies that are not easily returned for advantage. Able to intentionally and consistently place the ball.                                        | Able to block hard volleys directed at them and can consistently drop them into the NVZ. Comfortable hitting swinging volleys. Hits overhead shots consistently, often as putaways.                                                                                                        |
| 5.0                                   | Hits all shot types at a high level of ability from both the forehand and backhand sides including: touch, spin, and pace with control to set up offensive situations. Has developed good touch from all court positions. Has developed a very high level of variety, depth, and pace of serves. |                                                                                            |                                                                                           | Mastered the dink and drop shots. Ability to move opponents with shot placements. Exhibits patience during rallies with the ability to create an opportunity to attack utilizing the dink. Increased ability to change the pace of dinks strategically. | Mastered the 3rd shot choices and strategies to create opportunities for winning points. Able to drop and drive ball from both the forehand and backhand side with high level of consistency. | Able to block hard volleys directed at them and consistently drop them into the NVZ. Places overheads with ease for winners. Able to volley shots toward opponents feet consistently. Comfortable with swinging volley in both initiating and ability to attack back or neutralize return. |
| 5.5+                                  | This player is a top caliber player. Performance and tournament wins speak for this player's ability to consistently perform at a high level.                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                            |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Definitions of Player Skill Ratings - USA Pickleball

As you continue your pickleball journey, obtaining an official rating through either DUPR or UTR-P will be an asset. It will help you enter tournaments, find suitable opponents, and provide a reliable measure of your skill to track progress overtime or compete.

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## About Supreme Court Pickleball:



Supreme Court Pickleball is the only competitive pickleball league in the Dallas metroplex. Founded in 2024, the league brings together recreational pickleball players from across the region to compete in an organized, community-driven format.

The league fosters a keen sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among its players. By facilitating matches that consider each player's skill level integrated with DUPR, Supreme Court Pickleball ensures fair and enjoyable competition for players.

At the heart of Supreme Court Pickleball are the players themselves and their team captains. Supreme Court Pickleball partners with many of the top pickleball facilities, centers, and country clubs in the Dallas metroplex to provide well-maintained courts and outstanding player experience. By rotating match locations, the league provides players the opportunity to play at various venues, experience their amenities, and play different opponents.

The league is comprised of players across varying industries in the Dallas area united by their passion for the game. Supreme Court Pickleball provides the opportunity for social and professional network expansion across the Dallas Metroplex.

Interested in another ladder league, or team play out of your home facility? Or to become a league ambassador, contact or visit:

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