

## **Frequently Asked Rating Questions**

### **What is the purpose of Mesa Regal Pickleball Club (MRPC) ?**

As stated in Article II. Mesa Regal Pickleball Club (MRPC) the bylaws, the purpose is:

1. To promote the sport of Pickleball in a safe environment.
2. To provide the opportunity for all members to learn and improve their play.
3. To administer the use of the Pickleball courts and the equipment.
4. To make rules and regulations for their optimum use.

### **How do you become a member of MRPC?**

If you are a resident (owner/renter) in good standing with Mesa Regal RV Resort, you are eligible for membership. Just complete and submit the online registration form (<https://www.mrpickleballclub.com>). Hand written registration forms can be obtained by visiting the table on the Palo Verde building stage.

### **What is a Pickleball rating?**

A player's pickleball rating is a numeric value 2.0-5.0 that categorizes pickleball players' skills and abilities. Please refer to the USA Pickleball Ratings Skills Assessment ( <https://usapickleball.org/tournaments/tournament-player-ratings/player-skill-rating-definitions/>) for a good explanation of the specific skills needed at each rating level. Some ratings are assigned by an expert watching play (PRO Certification) and others by match results ( DUPR, UTPR , PCO). Having an objective and accurate rating system is useful to allow similarly skilled players to play together harmoniously.

### **Why do some events require a Pickleball rating?**

Pickleball ratings provide groups of similarly-skilled players which makes for competitive games. Many players enjoy this playing experience. Lower-level players will not be intimidated by aggressive play, higher level players will not be bored or have no balls hit to them.

## **What if I do not want to be rated?**

You can still play in any of the scheduled events that do not require a rating and you can reserve a court to play. These include: Open Play, Beginner Social, Ladies Social, Social Partner, Shoot Out, and Reserve a Court. The rating requirements for scheduled events are included in the program definitions found on Mesa Regal Pickleball Club website (<https://www.mrpickleballclub.com>).

## **Why is MRPC changing their rating system?**

There are multiple reasons that MRPC is changing their rating system. We chose not to do in-house ratings because they have been perceived as biased, political, and subject to interpretation etc. Additionally, the easy availability of alternative options has led the MPRC to discontinue our rating system and implement other rating processes.

## **What rating systems does MRPC accept?**

Currently MRPC recognizes the following:

Existing MRPC Rating: will expire November 1, 2025

Existing Self-Rating: will expire November 1, 2025

UTPR: USA Pickleball Association Pickleball Tournament Player Rating

CTPR: Pickleball Canada Canadian Tournament Player Rating

DUPR: Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating

IPTPA: International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association Certified Rating Specialist

PPR: Professional Pickleball Registry Certified instructor rating

## **When do ratings expire?**

All ratings expire 2 years from the date awarded.

## **Why do ratings need to be updated at least every 2 years?**

It is somewhat an arbitrary duration. We used the duration of Pro-Certification which expires in two years from date issued. Updating ratings is a method to keep consistency in skill levels for players in competitive play. Of course, you can choose to be rated more frequently, but you will need to be evaluated every 2 years to play in events that require a rating. If your rating changes during the season, you may choose to contact the rating coordinator to update the MRPC data base.

## **What if my rating expires during the MRPC season?**

Your rating on November 1 is good for the entire season. Of course, if your rating changes you may choose to have the rating coordinator make the change in the MRPC data base.

## **I have multiple MRPC approved ratings. What rating do I use?**

You choose which rating you submit to the rating coordinator.

## **I don't have a MRPC approved rating. How do I get a MRPC approved rating ?**

**DUPR, Pro-Certification, and Sanctioned Tournament entry** are ways available to receive an approved MRPC rating. For less experienced players, DUPR and Pro-Certification are the best choices. Experienced upper-level players may want to enter sanctioned tournaments.

**DUPR** is a free global rating system with the rating system based on a player's last 30 (single) or 60 (doubles) eligible matches. In order to get started, go to [my DUPR.com](https://mydupr.com)., set up an account, and choose Mesa Regal Pickleball as your club. Now you are all set for DUPR play events. Ladders will be a DUPR event at Mesa Regal for the 23-24 season. A DUPR account will be required for this event. The

coordinators will be entering results of the matches to DUPR. However, you decide if-and-when to use your DUPR score for your official MRPC rating. DUPR also permits players themselves to organize and report matches with other DUPR players. It may take a month or two of regular play to establish a reliable rating. The more matches you play the more your rating will self-correct.

You can also choose to be professionally rated (**Pro-Certification**). Throughout the season MRPC will provide opportunities at small cost to be rated. If interested contact our Ratings Chair, Colleen Janus, 630-790-2179 or [RatingsChair@mrpickleballclub.com](mailto:RatingsChair@mrpickleballclub.com) and let her know you want to sign up. Dates for a professional rating will be during November, December, and January. Watch the MRPC Newsletter for dates and times. You can also get a group of 4 together and contact Pro- certified rater Melissa Tafoya (<https://www.oncourtadventures.com/meet-your-professional-team>) or other Pro-certified rater of your choice to be rated.

**UTPR** (see <https://usapickleball.org> and **CTPR** ( see <https://pickleballcanada.org/>) ratings are earned by performance in **sanctioned tournament** play. If you are interested in tournament play, please contact the tournament director for that event for more information.

**I have a 3.0 MRPC rating and understand my rating is grandfathered until November 1, 2025. What can I do this season to make sure I can continue playing with the 3.0 group in the future?**

A: Great question! We will be providing Ladders DUPR Sessions this season. Join! You will have fun and get a rating. Or you can use the prof-certification method. If you don't like the rating you get, don't send it to the Ratings Chair. Your 3.0 MRPC is grandfathered until November 1, 2025. During the next two seasons we will help you get there through another rating method. If you do receive your 3.0, either from DUPR, pro-certification, or tournament play, send the documentation to the ratings chair and ask that it be recorded in your profile. It will be good for 2 years from issue.

**I have heard negative things about DUPR, especially for unrated players. Why are we using it?**

From our anecdotal evidence it appears that DUPR ratings correlates well with UTPR and CTPR ratings. It is free and continually updates making it easy for MRPC players to provide their rating without need for additional evaluation. For unrated players playing other unrated players it takes more matches to get an accurate and reliable rating. DUPR has recognized this as an issue and has implemented new user rating system that should improve the results. Please see <https://www.blog.mydupr.com/post/new-user-rating-initialization-works> for a complete explanation of the changes. The more matches you play with other DUPR rated player at your skill-level the sooner your rating will become an accurate reflection of your skill level. MRPC will be recording DUPR scores for Ladders. This will give MRPC players more opportunities for their rating to become accurate. It will give us all an opportunity to evaluate how will DUPR correlates with other rating systems.

**I have a USAP UTPR doubles rating of 3.477, a mixed of 3.999, and have a DUPR rating of 4.05. My DUPR rating is 2-months old and has since dropped to 3.95. Can I play 4.0 this season?**

DUPR, UTPR, and CTPR ratings are assessed on the date of MRPC registration. Keep working and when one your rating is a 4.0 notify the rating coordinator so a change can be made in the MRPC data base.