

# Mission Royale Pickleball Club Rating Procedure

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## General

- Mission Royale Pickleball peak season starts mid-October and runs through April 30th of each year. Summer season starts May 1st and runs through mid-October of each year.
- New Players wishing to join the Mission Royale Pickleball Club need to purchase a club membership.
- Any player wishing to join the Mission Royale Pickleball Club must be in compliance with the current approved Mission Royale Pickleball Club Bylaws as well as the Mission Royale HOA club membership rules.
- Rating Chairperson will be referred to as RC.
- **New Members**
- New members who have never played Pickleball and are new to the game must start out at the 2.0 level and attend the following:
  - Starter/Beginner lesson, plus
  - Four (4) beginner lessons at the 2.0 level
- If the instructor at beginner lessons or the 2.0 lessons determines that the player has the skills to play at the 2.5 level before completing the four lessons, the instructor will contact the Rating Chairperson (RC) and request that player be moved to the 2.5 level. The RC will notify the player when the move is approved.
- *All members are required to play at the level in which they are rated by the USAPA, IPTPA or the Mission Royale Pickleball Club evaluation system. New members who have played Pickleball before that do not have a USAPA or IPTPA rating and do not have an approved rating from another club, shall fill out a membership envelope indicating their level of play, and be allowed to play at that level until the next rating session occurs. This self-rating shall not be higher than the 3.5 level.*
- New members that have a USAPA or IPTPA rating must notify the RC at [MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com](https://MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com) prior to beginning organized play at the appropriate level. The RC will confirm the USAPA or IPTPA rating and authorize the new member to play at the USAPA or IPTPA rated level.

- New members that have a rating from another club with an acceptable organized rating procedure must provide written documentation of the procedure to the RC. The RC will confirm the rating procedure and assign the appropriate skill level for the player.
- **Rated Members**
- Once you have received a Mission Royale Club rating, you cannot move up based on summer play or a club rating from elsewhere.
- Players who participate in USAPA Tournaments or the IPTPA rating system and receive a higher rating must notify the RC at [MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com](http://MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com) of their rating change before being allowed to participate in higher level play.
- Ways to level up:
  1. MRPBC Ratings Assessment.
  2. IPTPA Rating.
  3. USA Pickleball Tournament Rating.
  4. 4.5 Rating Process.
- **To Obtain a Higher Club Rating Up to 4.0**
- A player wishing to move to a higher level must first pass the “Skills Test” as described in Attachment “A”. After successfully completing the skills session:
  - The RC will issue an “Authorization to Play” sheet via e-mail to the player along with 36 pre-printed ballots identifying the player.
  - The player will be allowed to participate in two (2) scheduled round robins as described in “General Round Robin Requirements”.
  - The RC or their designate will collect the votes at the end of each week and tabulate the votes.
  - The RC will advise the candidate if the candidate is to advance to the next level or remain at their current level.
  - If the Candidate is not successful in moving up, they must wait 4 weeks before trying again, without going thru the skills test. Availability will be based on number of requests received.
  - After the 4 week wait, the unsuccessful candidates will be responsible for notifying the RC @ [MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com](http://MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com)

if they would like to try and move up again. They will repeat the rating procedure minus the skills portion.

- Perspective candidates cannot try more than 3 times to successfully pass the skills test. Candidates who are unsuccessful in passing three skills tests, will not be eligible for retesting again until the following peak season. Two opportunities will be allowed to successfully pass the round robin portion of the testing procedure being held during each peak season.
- Once a candidate completes and passes the skills test, they will not be required to complete another skills test, for that level, for a period of 12 months. Those wishing to advance to a higher level must be skills tested again for the higher level.
- If a perspective candidate cannot participate in both the skills test and round robin due to the approaching end of season play, the player should wait and request to be tested the following peak season. Due to unforeseeable circumstances, if a candidate cannot participate in their round robin play, the player will be put at the top of the list for the next peak season.

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## General Round Robin Requirements

- The RC will “assign a week” for round robin play and notify the candidate of the round robin dates and times they will be required to attend. Scheduled open play and scheduled up/down play will not allowed.
- Round Robin week assigned by the RC cannot be changed without the permission of the RC.
- Only a limited number of candidates will be allowed to test on any given date. Requests will be given priority based on time and date received by the RC via [MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com](http://MissionRoyalePickleballClub.com).
- If the player cannot play during the week scheduled, they will be moved back into rotation and scheduled for another week in the future to be determined by the RC.
- The player will be responsible for bringing the “Authorization to Play” form and the voting ballots to the court during the two round robins. The Authorization to

Play form will be presented to the court coordinator who will assure room is available for the perspective candidate.

- The perspective candidate will be responsible for the distribution of the ballots to each player in the round robin foursome after each game. Players will vote either “Yes” or “No” along with comments and place the ballot in the designated ballot box.
- During round robin play, a candidate is only allowed a maximum of two votes from any one voting player, for each round robin session.
- Players, **NOT CANDIDATES** will place the ballot into the designated ballot box.
- Of the 36 ballots issued by the candidate, a minimum of 30 votes **MUST** be received in order for the vote to count. Of the votes cast, there must be 80% or more “YES” votes for the candidate to be moved up to the next level.
- Two (2) candidates wishing to advance **CANNOT** play on the same court at any time.
- The Court Coordinator will be notified if this happens and will adjust the players accordingly.
- Minimum number of courts required for a round robin to count:  
**3.0 = 1 candidate 3 courts needed**  
**2 candidates 4 courts needed**
- **3.5 = 1 candidate 3 courts needed**  
**2 candidates 4 courts needed**
- **4.0 = 1 candidate 3 courts needed**  
**2 candidates 4 courts needed**

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### To Obtain a 4.5 Club Rating

- No Skills Test will be required.
- Members wanting to move up to the 4.5 level must successfully complete a two-phase playing assessment.
- Phase 1 will consist of a Round Robin with the same gender of players at the current 4.0 level from the Mission Royale Pickleball Club. Round Robin players will be chosen randomly and the applicant will not play with the same person

twice. Six games will be played and scores recorded by a neutral court monitor appointed by the Mission Royale Pickleball Club Board. Applicant must score a minimum of 50 points to advance to Phase 2.

- Phase 2 will consist of two Round Robins (6 games each) with same gender players that are rated at the 4.5 level. Players will be chosen by the neutral court monitors appointed by the Mission Royale Pickleball Club Board. The applicant will not play with the same person twice. A minimum of 30 points is required to proceed to the second Round Robin. A neutral court monitor will record the scores. If the second Round Robin of Phase 2 is played, the total points from the Phase 2 Round Robins (12 games) must be 96 points or more to pass the playing assessment.

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