SLPC Club Level Ratings

Rationale for SLPC Club Level Ratings

SLPC offers many opportunities for leveled play, both at the Rally House and at the Blackwell Hub. These can be in tournaments, leagues, and/or regular scheduled play. To provide enjoyable, yet competitive play for all, it is important for all members to play at their applicable level.

SLPC recognizes that players' levels change as they progress, but we also recognize that some players may need to decrease their levels (temporarily or permanently) due to injuries and/or loss of mobility.

SLPC recognizes that there are benefits to playing with players at a higher level, however, SLPC also recognizes that this can be disruptive to competitive play if the 'gap' is too wide. As such, SLPC has adopted a rating system that utilizes 0.25 increments (formerly "plus") and our scheduled leveled play provides opportunities for members to *play up*. Additionally, Open Play and Private Court Reservations provide multi-level play.

Pickleball Canada outlines the levels of progression to provide consistency; click here to view Pickleball Canada's Rating Self-Assessment

How to Request a Change to Your SLPC Club Level Rating

A member can email SLPCRatings@gmail.com with the following information

- Name:
- Current Level:
- Requested Level:
- Reason You Believe Your Rating Level Should Change:

How this process works:

- The Assessment Committee will review the submissions **monthly (submissions are due by the 15th of each month)**;
  - If the Committee can reach a consensus for an individual, an email notification will occur
  - If there is insufficient familiarization with an individual's play, 2-3 committee members will observe the individual playing at their current level.
  - If the 2-3 committee members still cannot make a determination, arrangements will be made to observe the individual playing at the requested level.
  - Regardless of the outcome, members will not be permitted to make another request until 3 months have passed.

Note: On occasion, concerns may be raised regarding a member being misplaced at a level (too high or low). In such cases, the SLPC Board of Directors may initiate a review of a member's Club Level.

SLPC has certified coaches and mentors who are willing to help anyone with their skills and development. Check the schedule for sessions starting in January 2026. These sessions will ultimately assist you in your progression.