DPA PLAY LEVEL RATINGS - Q&A

April 27, 2023

WHY is DPA offering rating sessions for players?

Required to play in **Competitive** sessions of 3.75 and above.

- DPA aims to reduce this to 3.5 or above for **Competitive** sessions.
- You don't need a rating for any **Recreational/Social** sessions, although you still may want to get one in if you wish.

How do players get rated (in order of ranking)?

1. Sanctioned tournaments with enough games
    - Note that Pickleball Brackets (PBB) can give the wrong rating if you start playing in tournament that is far from your current skill level
2. Certified Raters - DPA have a sessions booked for May 27, 2023
3. Club ratings
    - Voting from Ratings Committee
    - Majority vote of those voting is the rating
4. Self-rating using IPTPA or equivalent
    - Does DUPR count? No, it may be of interest but it depends who you played and whether they have a proper rating. Small sample groups and low numbers of games are of questionable value.
    - Is the opinion of a 4.0 player good enough? No, but it could be of interest.
    - Does a rating from another club count? No, other than Surrey currently; there are too many variations in other clubs currently, although we are open to input about other clubs.
    - If I play in tournaments at a higher level, does that count? **Sanctioned** tournaments or tournaments included in CTPR or USAPA count, but otherwise no.

Certified Ratings

How do I get tested by certified rater:

- See this information sheet.

Club Ratings

Who is on the DPA rating committee?

- Peter Darvill
- George Kitigawa
- George Pierce (organizer)
- Dave Kennedy
- Mary Lee Barham
- Doug Barham
- Meriam Larbes
- Bruce Davidson

How do I improve my rating?

- Do not try and convince members that you are better than the given rating assessment

- Note: Club raters are all volunteers and didn't sign up to get involved into discussions as to why you are the level you are. Just because you played multiple people that said you are a certain level in their club, that does not supersede the assessed rated play level
- Review the skills required for higher levels (see IPTPA skill requirement assessment document)
- Self-evaluate (IPTPA document), take a course, work with a pickleball instructor and ask for input as to what skills are needed to improve
- Get a practice partner to do drills (DPA will soon offer drills and practice sessions)
- Once you think you have improved, you can be retested