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How the Skills ratings will be used by the SCA Pickleball club event managers to ensure players with similar playing levels are competing in club events

Table 1 shows how the SCA board plans to use the ratings skills system to help select players to be in different tournament levels and when ratings will be required in order for club members to participate in specific types of events.

**Table 1-
How and When PB Skills ratings be required for members to to participate in club events.**

Pickleball Club Event Type	Ratings required to participate?
All SCA Competitive tournaments- (e.g. men's, women's, and mixed doubles)	Yes
League Play (Spring and Fall Fun leagues)	Yes
*Meet ups- Rated (Men's, women's, and mixed double weekly events)	Yes
*Meet ups- Open-Not Rated (Men's, women's, and mixed double weekly events)	No
Charity or social events	No
Club Clinics, drills, and training sessions	Yes
All Open play (regular club hrs: 7 am to 9 pm)	No

* We propose to hold two types of meetup events; ratings optional and ratings required once the new courts are opened. In this new system members can choose whether they want to play in rated meetups to ensure you are playing with similar talent levels OR you can opt not to get a rating and show up for open, no rating, meetup events.

Members with skills ratings can also choose to play in both rated and open meetups events.

The club's pickleball pros/teachers will also use the skills rankings to group players into specific lesson levels. We believe that the use of the skills ratings will actually make our lessons more productive for our members. A person who is a novice would have difficulty in an advanced class. It would also cause a ripple effect of the advanced player that might be opposite that novice player, so the advanced player would not get any benefit at all. Conversely, if we have a class that is geared towards novice or intermediate and an advanced Player took that class, that person is occupying a spot meant for another player.

The board has no plans to designate specific pickleball courts for use by players with similar or specific ability levels only during recreational play. WE wish to assure those folks who do not want a skills rating that there will always be courts available to play on even without a skills rating.