



## **LCPC Player Movement**

Historically members of LCPC have been placed into their respective groups each year according to their **self-ratings** at registration. Needless to say, this has led to ALL groups having significant disparities in ability on the courts. Our year-end survey clearly showed that our members want this to be addressed.

As far back as 2023, we introduced Pickleball Brackets ratings as a way for players to move up a group. This met with mixed reviews amongst a group who had always played “social” pickleball, but was effective in its objective. Last year we decided to trial personal assessments of players as an alternative option, but that met with limited success.

As a result, this year we have embraced DUPR (Dynamic Universal Pickleball Ratings) in an effort to provide the club with an objective path to moving players between groups. In effect, a player wishing to move up a group must “earn their stripes.” ALL players wishing to advance will have the opportunity to join the offered DUPR sessions in both Men’s and Ladies’ play. This will give them the chance to get “rated” against their peers, which is after all, the only real barometer of ability. Once a player attains a rating pertaining to the group above, they will be moved up accordingly. Players wishing to move down a group can do so by contacting the executive.

The executive would also stress that the use of DUPR sessions will also allow for sessions that will pit members of equal ability against each other, thereby offering a more “balanced” and enjoyable playing experience for all.

**As a result, ALL players will start each year with the group that they were members of at the end of the prior year. Please note that for obvious reasons, all requests will be denied.**

The Board does, however, reserve the right to move players, at their discretion, between groups ONLY to balance the numbers of each group.

LCPC EXECUTIVE