The transition to a calculated, results-based rating has been a monumental undertaking and understandably a source of confusion for some players. Our goal is to help bring clarity with a list of key items everyone should know. To start, it is important to define the three types of ratings that exist today:

**Player Ratings Defined:**

**Legacy Rating**

- is the current and official USAPA rating. Players may have a legacy doubles rating and a legacy singles rating. If a separate legacy singles rating does not exist, the doubles rating is used. Note: In the legacy system the doubles rating is for both gender and mixed doubles.

- is the manual and subjective rating that the USAPA has been using for years.

- is based on a player’s supported self-rating and/or past recommendations from sanctioned tournament directors.

- will continue to exist after December 31, 2018 and will not be updated automatically.

- may be adjusted by staff for players that do not participate in tournaments but require a legacy rating for structured club or local play.

- will be used for tournaments that open registration prior to January 1, 2019.
Player Ratings Summary

PickleballTournaments.com Rating:
- is a manual rating that is entered into a players pickleballtournaments.com profile.
- is managed and updated by the player.
- is the player’s opinion of his/her own skill set and is the rating frequently used for non-sanctioned events.
- will continue to exist for players that are not members of the USAPA and never play a sanctioned event.

USAPA Tournament Player Rating (UTPR)
- is the new 100% calculated player rating, based on tournament win/loss results.
- have both a 4-digit calculated rating and a rounded down 2-digit skill level.
- is the future official USAPA rating for sanctioned tournament play. Players may have a doubles, mixed doubles and a singles rating (one for each type of event they participate in).
- will be released on September 30, Phase 3 – Refine, Appeal and Educate.
- will be used to register for sanctioned tournaments that open registration on or after January 1, 2019.
TOP 10 IMPORTANT THING TO KNOW ABOUT RATINGS!

1. USAPA Members can view current UTPRs and USAPA legacy ratings from their USAPA Members Area page after login on the USAPA.org homepage. For help logging into your USAPA account, click here. Visit your page weekly to watch your UTPRs adjust based on that week’s tournament results!

2. A member’s legacy doubles rating was automatically updated with their preliminary Phase 1 UTPR doubles rating if they did not have a USAPA legacy rating. Players may appeal a legacy rating by emailing ratingsadmin@usapa.org. No additional automatic updates to the legacy rating will occur.

3. UTPRs are designed to provide more accurate tournament ratings eliminating “sandbaggers” and “over-raters” making seeding easier for tournament directors and allowing for a range of ratings above 5.0. There are now 5.5 and 6.0 rated players.

4. Matches used in calculating UTPRs come from both sanctioned and non-sanctioned tournaments using pickleballtournaments.com or uploaded to pickleballtournaments.com.

5. Not all matches are created equal when calculating the UTPR - fully sanctioned results are weighted at 100%, Medal Match Only sanctioned events at 80%, and non-sanctioned results at 60%. Almost 250,000 matches have been used to calculate the initial UTPR ratings.
6. The UTPR is a rating system based exclusively on an individual’s win/loss match results in comparison to the relative strength of their opponents. The number of medals won by an individual does not have a direct consequence on the calculation of the ratings. It is not a reflection of your overall pickleball shot making skill level.

7. If you think your UTPR is too low, you may elect to play at the higher level. If you think your UTPR is too high you may want try a few matches at the higher level to see how you do.

8. When being seeded in a tournament with UTPRs, tournament directors have the ability to review the automated seeding and manually adjust seeding if needed.

9. UTPRs are designed to be self-correcting. The more matches you play the more frequently your ratings adjust to match your changing and growing skill set. The 4-digit UTPRs will be calculated weekly.

10. The Ratings committee will monitor the UTPR’s over time to verify accuracy.