

GVPC DUPR Info - Guidelines for Tiered Play

DUPR stands for Dynamic Universal Pickleball Rating. GVPC uses DUPR to identify skill levels because it is more consistent and accurate than other ratings systems. DUPR allows for posting of informal recreational play matches, as well as matches from tournaments and club events. DUPR ratings change in real time as matches are posted and players' skill levels change, without the necessity of re-rating.

After years of observation, GVPC and many other clubs have concluded that self-ratings are too often inaccurate and sometimes sources of disharmony. They do not reliably promote fair matchups, which most agree are the most enjoyable games.

The GVPC Board of Directors has voted that club members must have a DUPR account to play in certain more advanced sessions. We do not use DUPR for open club play or for Club-wide events.

Over 200 GVPC members have already created DUPR accounts. To do so, go to www.mydupr.com on a web browser or download the DUPR application from an App Store. Create an account and request to join Grass Valley Pickleball Club within DUPR.

Anyone can get a DUPR rating by playing a match with other DUPR-rated players, then posting and validating the results in DUPR. At least one player needs a prior DUPR rating for the non-rated player(s) to get a DUPR rating from initial games. To encourage and enable players to get their initial rating, games with NR players will not count for those with established ratings.

For more detail on how new users get their initial ratings, go to: <https://www.blog.mydupr.com/post/new-user-rating-initialization-works>

Any "NR" (Non-Rated) DUPR players with a known advanced skill level (e.g., past participation in the GVPC ladder or tournament play reported on <https://pickleballbrackets.com/>) may be allowed to play in one advanced session with permission from a GVPC Board member. Before they participate in the next advanced session, they will need an actual DUPR Doubles rating.

The GVPC Board may take action to handle situations where it appears that a player is gaming the system or where a player's rating is stale or has insufficient recent games to justify the rating.

For more info on DUPR, go to: <https://www.support.mydupr.com/>