

# KINGBOROUGH PICKLEBALL CLUB INC



## Player Regrading Protocol

### **Background:**

Grading/Regrading is an ongoing, both formal and informal process, managed by the KPC Gradings Sub-committee with advice and input from Session Planners and our membership in general.

The process of grading and regrading players is *subjective*.

The KPC Player Ratings Guide is now available to members to try to make the regrading process a little more objective.

KPC has a Gradings Sub-committee whose role, with the support of all Session Planners, is to try to maintain a fair, transparent and functional grading pathway for all members.

KPC will not be precious about players being upgraded, however, in fairness to those players currently at the higher level, the competitive standards for those levels must be achieved.

KPC provides a social pickleball environment and is not responsible for tutoring players to higher levels. This must be achieved through personal training (skills & drills), quality coaching, online education etc.

### **The Regrading process is as follows:**

#### **Regrading Request**

Requests for regrading can be initiated by:

- The player (personal request)
- Based on performance (dominating in social play, tournament results etc...)
- Session Planners, Coaches, committee members etc...

#### **Regrading Request - Process**

A regrading Request Form is to be completed and submitted to the Gradings Sub-Committee and includes:

- Name, current rating and requested rating
- Reason for the request - e.g. skill improvement, meets the Player Ratings Guide requirements, feedback from knowledgeable others etc)
- Supporting Evidence if available ( DUPR, tournament/match results, coach feedback...)

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## Assessment Methods

Regrading may incorporate one or more of the following:

- Input from Session Planners - annual review and update of proposed gradings.
- Self Rating-players may use the KPC Player Ratings Guide to provide a self assessment as a baseline for validation.
- Gradings Sub-Committee review - skill assessment as outlined in the Player Ratings Guide relevant to the requested grade.
- Match observation during social or competitive play against both genders and varying player grades.
- Video footage of recent match play.

## Grading Criteria

The KPC Player Ratings Guide will provide the primary source for player reassessment, however, in general terms, ratings are based on:

- Stroke consistency and accuracy (serve, return, dinks, volleys, forehand and backhand, resets...)
- Court awareness -game sense, positioning, strategy etc..
- Communication and sportsmanship
- Physical fitness -mobility, footwork, balance etc...

## Regrading Outcome

Results from the regrading process will include:

- Approval of an upgrade (or downgrade) with this being communicated and officially changed.
- Provisional Status - the player may be placed for a set trial period at the new level.
- No change to the existing grade -player remains at the current level, however, relevant feedback is provided on areas needing improvement.

## Timelines

- Feedback to players being regraded must be specific, timely, and relevant to their progress.
- It may be verbal or written.
- It should outline their strengths as well as the areas that need application and persistence to achieve the required grade.

## Appeals

- Where the player disagrees with the regrading outcome, a meeting with the Grading Sub-committee (or assessor) may be organised and if appropriate a further assessment may be organised.
- If a player is still not satisfied with their grading, they may request, in writing, that the KPC Committee adjudicate on the matter. The decision of the committee shall be final.

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## **REGRADING REQUEST FORM**

**Please consider my request to be upgraded as outlined below:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons for Request: ( skill improvement, meets Player Ratings Guide, other feedback etc..)**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_