



Player Ratings Improvement Task Force Charter

Purpose

The USA Pickleball Player Ratings Improvement Task Force (Task Force) is tasked with identifying the system features needed to improve the existing player rating system.

A “player rating” is intended to be a numerical figure that best represents the skill level of the particular player. It is currently used primarily for tournament seeding, but if structured correctly, can possibly be used by leagues, clubs, ladders, recreational games, and any situation where people want or need to know the relative skill of a particular player.

To that end, the Task Force should look at their assignment as identifying what is needed to improve the existing USA Pickleball Player Rating System, not create something that is convenient or expedient.

The Task Force should discharge their responsibilities with appropriate alacrity for the purpose of making a recommendation to the USA Pickleball Board of Directors on or before January 31, 2022. The recommendation will include a ranked order of features needed to improve the existing USA Pickleball player rating system.

Incident to the recommendation, the Task Force shall develop the criteria they will use to form the basis of their recommendations.

Membership

The Task Force membership is as follows:

Tim Dellinger, Data Scientist, competitive pickleball player and referee
David Koller, Computer Scientist and competitive pickleball player
Marilyn Holladay, Ratings Administrative Specialist
Paul Porch, USA Pickleball ratings consultant
Jim Kloss, USA Pickleball Ambassador and competitive pickleball player
Karen Parrish, USA Pickleball Managing Director of Competition
Mark Peifer, USA Pickleball Director of Officiating and Chairman, USA Pickleball Rules Committee

The chairman (TBD) may assign other members to the Task Force and may appoint sub-Task Forces to the Task Force as needed.

Authority

The Task Force has no expressed or implied power or authority.

Governance

Each member of the Task Force is considered a voting member. A quorum is required to pass Task Force decisions or recommendations. Meetings may be held without a quorum present.

A voting member may opt to use a fellow Task Force member as their proxy if, for any reason, they are unable to vote. The voting member shall notify the chairman before any vote who they have selected as their proxy.

Sub-Task Force members are considered non-voting with respect to the Task Force. They may, however, vote as members of the sub-Task Force.

A quorum is comprised of at least 4 of the 7 members of the Task Force and at least 50% of any sub-Task Force membership.

Meetings

Meetings are scheduled at the discretion of the Chairman and may be conducted either in person or remotely.

Deliverables/Responsibilities

1. The Task Force is charged with providing a ranked-order list of features needed to improve the existing USA Pickleball player rating system.
2. Make written recommendations to the USA Pickleball Board of Directors, via the Chief Executive Officer, no later than January 31, 2022.