

Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group

1. All 3.5+ USA Pickleball UTPR doubles tournament rated players, all 3.5+ USA Pickleball WPR doubles tournament rated players, and all 3.5+ Pickleball Brackets doubles tournament rated players who have participated in two tournaments in the prior three years from October 1st of the current year will be included in the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group.

Players who have been rated 3.5+ by a certified member of the IPTPA (International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association) utilizing the IPTPA rating skills assessment within the last two years from October 1st of the current year will be included in the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group.

All 3.5+ DUPR rated players (if an “ * ” is included in the rating, this rating will not be allowed) will be included in the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group.

It is required that all players provide the supporting paperwork to verify their qualifications as per above to be eligible to participate in this group. The supporting paperwork must be submitted to a current committee member by October 15 before playing in the 4.0+/3.5 pickleball group.

2. Any player who is registered to participate in a 3.5 or 3.5+ sanctioned tournament as the partner of a current member of the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group may participate during this group’s scheduled play time if the registered partner is in attendance. It is required that players provide proof of tournament registration to be eligible to participate. Paperwork must be submitted to a current committee member. Once the tournament has been completed, the unqualified player will no longer be able to participate in the group unless the player becomes qualified and/or registered in another tournament with a qualified member of this group.

3. Any player who does not meet the qualifications of the above items (#1 and/or #2) but would still like to participate in the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group may request to qualify by utilizing the “rated player ladder system tryout”.

“RATED PLAYER LADDER SYSTEM TRYOUT” procedure:

A) The potential member contacts a current committee member to request a tryout.

B) The committee member will ask three 3.5 qualified members to participate in playing three games to 11 points (not win by 2).

C) The potential player will partner with each of the three qualified members and play against the other two qualified players a total of three games. All three games will be played in a row in one session.

D) If the potential player scores 21 points total in the three games, they will become a qualified player for the current season only.

E) The potential player will be allowed two chances per season to participate in the “Rated player ladder system tryout”

4. The Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group will have two levels of players. The top level will consist of players with ratings of 4.0+ as per item #1
5. On or before November 1 each year, a new “committee” will be formed of the Westbrook Village Pickleball Club 4.0+/3.5 Pickleball Group consisting of three 4.0+ (higher level) and two 3.5 (lower level) rated players to be voted on by the members of each level.
6. All members need to “buy in” that on play days the 4.0+ players will play on designated courts depending on how many show up. There will be days when a round robin format will be used. This format may be with only 4+ players playing together and 3.5 players playing together or with all players playing together. If the 4.0+ group is in need of players on a given day, they will decide whether to play short or invite player(s) from the 3.5 group to play in games.
7. All members need to “buy in” that this will be competitive/tournament (not social/casual/recreational) style play with advanced concepts employed such as targeting, dinking, body shots, kill shots, etc. Since our advanced players are not pros, powerful, errant shots may occur. It should not be expected that a player will “play down” (change their shot selections or play) if another 4.0+/3.5 group player on the court is a weaker opponent. Remember, most advanced players are preparing for tournaments and want very competitive play. Social time occurs after games, not during games. Since we don’t segregate by gender or age, you have to consider that a 4.0+ or 3.5 70-year-old may have a tough time against a 4.0+ or 3.5 50-year-old. This is true for all levels.
8. The ultimate goal is to have four “equal” players playing against each other with the opportunity to “play up” occasionally. It will be the committee’s responsibility to determine annually, October 15th, if each member meets the requirements of #1 above. If a player is not consistently playing to the group’s ability, the committee will meet with the member to discuss their play and use additional methods (e.g., “rated player ladder system tryout”, recertification, etc.) to re-establish their eligibility.
9. These qualifications will be in effect from October 15th to April 15th of each year.

Respectfully submitted by the current committee members,

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