

SAN DIEGO TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Title: SDTTA Member Rating System Policy

1. Description:

The San Diego Table Tennis Rating System (SDTTRS) is being established to provide a structured, transparent, and consistent method for ranking SDTTA players based on their competitive performance. The system is designed to track individual skill progression over time and facilitate fair matchups in tournaments, round robins and other competitive events.

2. Scope:

This policy applies to all members and participants of the San Diego Table Tennis Association (SDTTA), including players in Tournaments, Round Robins, League Matches, and other competitive events sanctioned by the association. The rating system applies to players across all age groups and skill levels.

3. Procedures:

3.1 Initial Rating Assignment:

- **Players without a USATT Rating:** If a player does not have an official USA Table Tennis (USATT) rating, the Tournament Director will evaluate the player's skill level by observing them play one game. Based on this assessment, the Tournament Director will assign a provisional rating. This provisional rating is subject to adjustment after the player completes their first Round Robin event.
- **Players with a USATT Rating:** Players who already have a USATT rating will use that rating as their baseline in the SDTTA system. If the player's recent performance shows significant improvement or decline, the Tournament Director may adjust the baseline after reviewing the match results. Once the USATT rating is considered as the baseline, any further increase or decrease in ratings will be based on player performance at SDTTA tournaments/events.

3.2 Rating Calculation:

- Ratings will be calculated using the **MultiRoundRobin** website, which follows the official USA Table Tennis (USATT) rating system.
- All rating adjustments, including points gained or lost based on match outcomes, will be automatically calculated by the system according to the USATT formula.
- For detailed information on how points are adjusted, refer to the rating adjustment table available on the **MultiRoundRobin** website.

3.3 Provisional Rating Rules:

- New players' ratings will be provisional for the first 2 matches.

3.4 Match Eligibility for Ratings:

- Only official matches, including tournaments and league events, qualify for rating adjustments.

- Matches must follow SDTTA official rules and can be officiated by a recognized Tournament Director to count toward the rating system.

3.5 Score and Verification Process:

- Players will have until midnight for the Thursday tournament to review and verify their match scores on the **MultiRoundRobin** website.
- For the Sunday tournaments, players will have until 4 PM to review and verify their match scores.
- If a player believes their score has been incorrectly recorded, they must correct the score by these deadlines.
- After the respective deadlines, all scores will be considered final.

3.6 Match Forfeiture:

- All players who leave the tournament venue will automatically forfeit their match, regardless of the reason for their departure. The only exceptions to this rule are if time runs out during the match, if there is an injury or if pre-approved by both players and the Tournament Director
- In these cases, both players must agree to input a score of 0-0, and the scores will not be impacted. If the players do not agree, the Tournament Directors will act as arbitrators.

3.7 Equipment Rules:

- For visibility paddles (rackets) must have one side that is black and the other side in any other color.
- Any shirt except white can be worn.
- Any balls may be used to play during matches, provided there is agreement between the two players. In the event of discrepancy, the Tournament Director will serve as arbitrator.

3.8 Rating Boosts:

- There is only one way for members to get their ratings boosted/increased: they must defeat all of the opponents 3-0 in two consecutive tournaments, and their opponents must be within plus or minus 50 points of their own rating.

3.9 Reevaluation of Inactive Players:

- If a player has not been to the club for over three months, they may be reevaluated. This reevaluation will be conducted by either or both Tournament Directors, if available, or by one Tournament Director and a board member.

4. Code of Conduct:

- Players must adhere to sportsmanship and fair play during all matches.
- All players must respect the board members and the tournament directors. They are volunteers and deserve the utmost respect.
- Any disruption during play can result in players being asked to leave. Further disruptions may lead to a ban from the club.

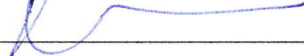
- Players must be respectful of other games being played at other tables and refrain from interrupting neighboring games. If you need to pass behind other players, wait for the point being played to end, before you attempt to go across other tables.
- Always be kind and pleasant in returning any balls entering your playing area.

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