



EAST HARTFORD (E.H.) PICKLEBALL CLUB

E.H. Player Rating Scale

Find your number. Add it. Play.

One through nine.

Not a judgment and not permanent. Just a starting point for a good game, so the person across the net makes you work without running you off the court.

Three ways to find yours

Have a DUPR?	No DUPR?	Rather not guess?
Find it in the crossover below and start with the E.H. number beside it.	Pick the description that sounds like your average day, not your best one.	Ask us on court. It's free.

Then add it to your Court Reserve account. Banded open play needs a number on your account before you can book. Need help finding where? Text 860-917-4251.

The scale

DUPR is an approximate crossover, not a conversion. Your E.H. number is what places you here.

BEGINNER

E.H.	Approx. DUPR	Level	What it looks like
1	2.00–2.25	New Player	Never played, or close to it. Learning grip, serve, and where to stand. Can rally a few balls when fed gently.
2	2.25–2.50	Beginner Intermediate	Knows the scoring and the kitchen. Can serve and return well enough to start a point. Rallies are short.
3	2.50–3.00	Beginner Advanced	Sustains a rally off both sides. Gets to the net. Starting to dink on purpose rather than by accident.

INTERMEDIATE

E.H.	Approx. DUPR	Level	What it looks like
4	3.00–3.25	Intermediate Beginner	Gets to the kitchen line and stays there. Hits a recognizable third shot. Under pressure, the mechanics come apart.
5	3.25–3.50	Intermediate	Reliable serve, return, and drop. Sustains dinks, places the ball to a side, and moves with a partner instead of beside one.
6	3.50–3.75	Intermediate Advanced	Controls pace on purpose. Knows when to reset, speed it up, or do nothing. Errors are decisions rather than mistakes.

ADVANCED

E.H.	Approx. DUPR	Level	What it looks like
7	3.75–4.25	Advanced Beginner	Every shot is available under pressure. Reads opponents' patterns, plays to them, and moves as a unit with a partner.
8	4.25–4.75	Advanced	Few unforced errors. Attacks the right ball and lets the wrong one go. Fast hands, disciplined patience, a plan every point.
9	4.75+	Advanced Elite	Tournament level. Wins points by construction rather than power and exploits a weakness within a game or two.

Close is good enough.

Pick the number that feels right and play. If it's off, you'll know in one session, and you can change it.

Questions people actually ask

Do I have to get one? Banded open play needs one. The free lesson and open sessions don't.

How do I get mine? Read the scale and add it to your Court Reserve account. Want a second opinion? Ask us on court.

Does my DUPR carry over? It's a useful starting point. Use the crossover above.

What if my number feels wrong? You chose it, so you can change it. If you're unsure, ask a coach to take a look.

Am I stuck playing only my level? Never. Bridge sessions are built for players moving between levels, and open sessions welcome everyone.

My spouse is a 6 and I'm a 3. Can we play together? Of course. Ratings protect sessions where close games are the point. They don't separate families and friends.

Who sees my number? You and the club staff. It's not posted or announced.

Does my number affect pricing? No. Ratings exist only to help create better games.

I'm worried about being judged. Every person on the floor was a 1 at some point, including the coaches. A 1 is simply the day you started.

"A Place For All" is not a poster in the lobby. It is why this rating exists. A new player gets a game they can play, a 9 gets a game that pushes them, and both belong in the building at the same time.

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