

## **APPL Index Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

The Arizona Pickleball Players League (APPL) introduced the APPL Index in 2025. This document is intended to answer questions and tell you how to find your APPL Index.

### **Why is APPL using this “APPL Index”?**

A key goal for APPL is to promote good sportsmanship and fair competition. APPL players expressed an overwhelming desire for level competition and that scores not be reported to other National rating systems.

The APPL Index provides a measure of how you perform against others of similar skill in APPL matches ONLY, using the PBSR algorithm by Pickleballscores.

### **What is the APPL Index?**

The APPL Index is your individual 3-digit number that represents your skill level play based ONLY on APPL matches. The Index is based on both your gender and mixed APPL play. Only you can see this 3-digit Index.

### **What is the Roster Rating?**

The flight level you may play in is the APPL Index rounded down to the next 0.5 value. For example, if your APPL index is 3.72, you would play at the 3.5 level. This rounded down figure is called your Roster Rating and it will show up on the team roster.

### **How does the APPL Index work?**

The APPL Index runs inside of Pickleballscores and can range from 2.0 – 6.0. The index algorithm uses the relative strength of the competing pair to predict an outcome and adjusts after each game played. The actual outcome is compared to the prediction and the Indexes are adjusted accordingly:

- For example, player A (3.55) and Player B (3.51) play against Player C (3.71) and Player D (3.21). The A/B team has a combined Index of 7.06 vs. Team C/Ds of 6.92
- If A/B wins, this is the expected outcome. Indexes for A/B will increase a small amount and Indexes for C/D will decline by the opposite amount
- If C/D wins, it is an unexpected outcome. Indexes for C/D will increase by a more significant amount and A/B will decline similarly

### **When will I get my APPL Index?**

APPL indexes are published at the end of each season, after the State Championships. This is generally around the end of April. All APPL players who registered to play in APPL will receive an email notification telling them when their updated APPL Index is available.

### **How can I find my APPL Index and Roster Rating?**

You must log into your account to see your individual APPL Index and Roster Rating:

1. Go to the APPL main webpage with this link: [APPL Website](#)
2. Go to the “Regions” tab and click on your Region name.
3. Login on the Regional webpage (upper right).
4. Click on the “Profile” tab (on the top bar to the left of the Login).
5. Click on the “Profile” tab underneath the Regional webpage banner.
6. Your APPL Index and Roster Rating will be shown next to your name.

### **I have played in more than one region. How does that affect my APPL Index?**

Your APPL Index is determined by the games played in a specific region. If you have played in more than one region, you will have a separate APPL Index for each Region in which you played. Log into your player profile in each Region to see it.

### **I did not play in the last season. Will I still receive an APPL Index?**

If you played in APPL at any time since the 2022 season, you will have an APPL Index.

### **How often is my APPL Index updated in my profile?**

Your APPL Index will be updated annually, following the completion of the State Championship tournament, generally around the end of April.

### **Will it be mandatory for me to use my APPL Index when registering for the league?**

Yes. Your APPL Index will be the default level for which you must register. Any other allowances will be outlined in the email that announces the release of the updated APPL Index.

### **Can I play in a flight that is above my Fast Track Appealed Roster Rating?**

NO. A player that is granted an Appeal CAN ONLY PLAY AT THE NEW APPEALED ROSTER RATING LEVEL. Playing up as an exception is only allowed for players using the Roster Rating that matches their APPL Index. **Example:** If a player with an APPL Index of 2.90 is granted an appeal to 3.0, their Roster Rating will be changed to 3.0A. This player may ONLY play in the 3.0 division.

### **When will the Fast Track Appeals process open for submissions?**

Typically, mid-summer. An APPL Bulletin will be sent announcing the process start date and requirements.

### **What about players who are new to APPL?**

New players will be required to complete and submit a Self-Rating Request Form online to be approved at a specific Roster Rating (3.0,3.5,etc.). The player must submit the requested data on this

form for approval. Self-Rated players may ONLY play at this approved Roster Rating for their first season in APPL. See Player Self Rating Assessment under Get Started on the APPL website.

**Can I look up the APPL Index and Roster Rating of other APPL players?**

You can only look up the Roster Rating of other APPL players only. The full 3 digit APPL Index is private and can only be accessed by the player. To view the Roster Rating for other players, go to the Regional Pickleballscores website and login. Click on the 'Ratings' button in the banner menus. Note that you must be logged in to view the information. Click on any column heading to filter the view.