

Skills Assessment Program FAQ

Q: Do we have to do these assessments and get rated?

The assessments and ratings are completely voluntary. You can choose to participate in the program or not. Your choice.

Q: Do I just go and they tell me what rating I get?

A: No, you decide what rating level you want to be assessed for. If you perform the skills successfully, you will get that rating. If you are not successful, you will not be assigned another rating.

Q: If I get assessed at a higher level than I have now, will that affect where I play in the In House tournament?

A: No. the March 15 and 16 Assessments are after registration has closed for the In House Tournament. If you get a new rating at the assessment it will not affect your play in the In House Tournament.

Q: If I don't do one skill or shot to the standard on the assessment, is that an automatic fail?

A: No, your overall percentage of success for the entire assessment determines if you get the rating or not.

Q: If a player gets assessed at a lower level than they really play, will they then be able to "sandbag" tournaments?

A: Yes, in theory you could do that. But you can already "sandbag" if you don't have a USAPA rating.

Q: What are the Practice Sessions for?

A: The practice sessions will provide a way for players to identify and work on improving their weak points before going to the actual assessment session.

Q: If I can't make it to this assessment session, will there be another one later?

A: Yes, we plan to run these sessions on a regular basis during the winter season. There may be a session or two in the summer season if there is enough demand from our players.

Q: Does this rating system compete with the USAPA system?

A: Not really. The USAPA system is only for tournament players, and so far the USAPA has only rated 10,000 of the estimated 2.8 million players in North America. The IPTPA rating system is available to everyone.

Q: What advantage is there for me to do the assessment sessions?

A: The biggest advantage comes from finding and fixing the weak parts of your game. The IPTPA rating is portable, and your rating will likely be accepted by any other club you belong to. In the future, the club may offer some sessions that are limited to officially-rated players. Inter-Club play is now accepting the IPTPA rating for participants. Formerly you could only get into it with a USAPA rating.

Q: Can I get rated by IPTPA at my other club?

A: Yes, if your summer club offers IPTPA rating your rating will be valid here. The rating you get at SCF will also be valid at any other club that uses IPTPA ratings.