



Fédération Québécoise de Pickleball

Location: Québec

Established: 2011

Membership: 1400+ from 27 clubs in 65 cities

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The Problem: The Fédération Québécoise de Pickleball (QPF) has over 1,400 members across the province. The Federation runs 7 tournaments each year and was interested in intelligent player ratings for the sake of creating tournament draws and seedings within age divisions.

First Contact: Our dialogue with the QPF began in November of 2016. We heard from Gérard Melançon, the Treasurer, who expressed an interest in beta testing our new club ratings tool using **Deep Green** (the name of our proprietary ratings engine). In his words: “The Quebec Federation as a whole could be use as a club! We run 5 big tournaments during the year and a couple of small regional ones. We can even use last 2 years results as i keep the score of all the tournament matches.”

How We Helped: Fortunately, the QFP kept precise historical match data, which allowed us to establish intelligent player ratings from the previous 12 months in time for their provincial championship tournament in late May of 2017. Additionally, QFP tournaments feature a robust singles bracket, which we were able to add into our club ratings offering.

Total files processed: 608 player ratings (139 singles ratings and 469 doubles ratings)

Total matches processed: 1912 matches

Total player rating changes: 6618 player rating changes

Check out the QPF club page ([doubles](#), [singles](#)) on [PickleballRatings.com](#)

Survey Responses from Gérard Melançon:

Q: Please rate your experience with this beta test (1 = poor; 5 = excellent)

A: 4

Q: What did we do well?

A: Historical data of all matches

Q: What could we have done better?

A: Separate ratings by events: double, mixed, singles

Note: We added singles after this survey was taken

Q: How would you describe the value of this tool?

A: Perfect for tournament director to establish favorites

Q: Rate your level of recommendation for others to use this tool (1 = lowest; 5 = highest)

A: 5

Q: How did (or will) your club use the ratings created in this trial?

A: For provincial championship to separate players in group age

Q: How does this compare to other ratings tools that you are aware of?

A: Easier to use. 40 years ago I was doing all these calculations manually! This system is the best way to compare players.

Q: If others have questions and want to contact you, may we share your email address with them?

A: Yes