

PICKLEBALL RATING GUIDE



YES = "Yes" to 5+ Statements **NO** = "No" to 2+ Statements

- I know where to stand at the beginning of each point.
- I usually get my serves "in".
- I usually let the return of serve bounce.
- I am getting the hang of keeping score.
- I can often keep the ball in play.
- I know what a dink shot is.

NO

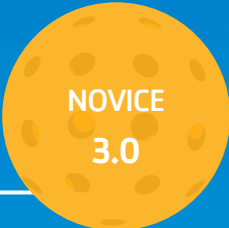


YES



- I have the basic rules down 100%.
- I am working on getting my serves & return of serves deeper.
- I am working on getting my dinks shallower/lower.
- I am capable of hitting a few dinks in a row.
- I can usually hit backhand shots when I need to.
- I'm trying to add more power or softness to my game.

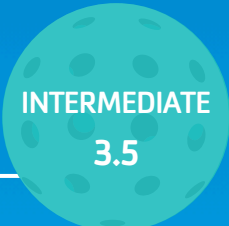
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YES

- I know almost all of the "special case" rules.
- My serves & returns are almost always deep.
- I sometimes try to hit a 3rd drop shot.
- I try to be strategic about how and where I hit the ball.
- I have a wide variety of shots in my arsenal.
- I actively work with my partner to win the point.

NO



YES

- I can often anticipate my opponents' shots.
- I often finish the point when my opponent gives me an opening.
- I am usually consistent with drop shots and dink shots.
- I almost always play at the non-volley line.
- With a good partner, I can cover almost any shot.
- I try to be patient and wait for the opening.

NO



YES

- I can consistently convert a hard shot to a soft shot.
- I am almost always patient and wait for the opening.
- I rarely make unforced errors.
- I consistently use power and finesse to my advantage.
- I can easily sustain a rally of 20 or more shots.
- I have completed in tournaments at the 4.5 level or higher.

NO



YES

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SKILL LEVELING TEST



This leveling test can help determine a player's skill level to ensure fair gameplay during Y open play sessions. By evaluating control through drop shots, more experienced players may be classified as either intermediate or advance.

TEST STEPS

1. Perform 10 forehand dropshots from midcourt.
 - a. The tester paddle-feeds the ball at medium, gamelike speed.
2. Repeat the same drill using backhand dropshots.
3. Perform 10 legal serve attempts, 5 on left, 5 on right.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Beginners:

Successfully land 6 out of 10 or less shots in the kitchen area, for both forehand and backhand.
2 out of 10 or less serves.

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Intermediate:

Successfully land 7 out of 10 shots in the kitchen area, for both forehand and backhand.
6 out of 10 or more serves.

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Advanced:

Successfully land 8 out of 10 or more shots in the kitchen area, for both forehand and backhand.
9 out of 10 or more serves.