

PICKLEBALL SKILL LEVELS

THE SIMPLE "YES" OR "NO" WAY TO FIGURE OUT YOUR SKILL LEVEL



"YES" to 5 or more Statements



"NO" to 5 or more Statements

- I know where to stand at the beginning of each point
- I usually get my serves "in"
- I usually let 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



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RECREATION



2.5

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- I have the basic rules down
- 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 am trying to add more power or softness to my game



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INTERMEDIATE

- I know most of the rules (incl. net rules, net post issues, NVZ etc.)
- My serves and returns are almost always deep
- I sometimes try to hit a 3rd shot 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



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ADVANCED

- I can often anticipate my opponents' shots
- I can 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



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ADVANCED

- I can consistently convert a hard shot to a soft shot
- I am almost always patient and will wait for an opening
- I rarely make unforced errors
- I consistently use power and finesse to my advantage
- I can easily sustain a rally of 40 or more shots
- I have completed and/or won in tournaments at the 4.5 level or higher



4.5-5.5

EXPERT