

## Self-Rating

## Pickleball Rating System

- Players just starting to play pickleball.
- 1.0-2.0** Minimal understanding of the basic rules of pickleball.  
~**40% consistent** with your serve and second shots going over the net.  
Demonstrate ability to move side-side and forward in a safe manner.
- Players with limited experience playing pickleball.  
Able to maintain a short rally on the pickleball court.
- 2.5** ~**50% consistency** with your serve, return of serve and are attempting various 3<sup>rd</sup> shots (drop, dink and drive).  
You have a basic understanding of the rules of pickleball (serve rotation and positioning).  
Demonstrate ability to move side-side and forward quickly and safely.
- Players with a fair amount of experience and skills.  
~**60% consistency** with forehand drives, serves, and returns with medium pace and depth.
- 3.0** Able to participate in a dinking battle and are attempting drops, and lobs.  
You understand the basic strategy and rules of pickleball (NVZ rules), including keeping the score properly.  
Demonstrate the ability to move side-side, forward and backward quickly and safely.
- Players with good experience and skills.  
~**70% consistency** with forehand and backhand drives, serves, and returns with pace as well as volleys, dinks and drops shots.
- 3.5** Able to vary between hard and soft game.  
You understand basic strategy and tournament rules of pickleball.  
You can position yourself properly when your team is on offense and on defense.  
Demonstrate the ability to move quickly to cover short shots & lobs.
- Players with elevated experience and skills.  
~**80% consistency** with forehand and backhand drives, serves, and returns (with pace, placement, spin, & slice), as well as dinks, drops, volleys, resets, lobs (offensive and defensive).
- 4.0** You understand advanced strategy and tournament rules of pickleball (including stacking).  
You have a moderate number of unforced errors, and you understand how to set-up a point.  
Demonstrate the ability to move quickly and know what an ATP and Erne are and how to defend them.
- Players with extensive experience and skill.  
~**90% consistency** with forehand and backhand drives, serves, and returns (with pace, placement, spin, & slice), as well as dinks, drops, volleys, resets, lobs (offensive and defensive).
- 4.5** You understand advanced strategy and tournament rules of pickleball (including stacking).  
You have a minimal number of unforced errors, and you understand how to set-up a point.  
Demonstrate the ability to move quickly and can hit and defend an ATP and Erne.

Players with very extensive experience and skill.

~**100% consistency** with forehand and backhand drives, serves, and returns (with pace, placement, spin, & slice), as well as dinks, drops, volleys, resets, lobs, ATP and Erne's.

You have mastered the strategy and tournament rules of pickleball (including stacking).

You rarely make unforced errors.

You can build a point and attack your opponents' weaknesses on the pickleball court.

Professional Level Players

5.5-6.0+

You have mastered all shots and strategy on the pickleball court.

You are consistently winning APP or PPA tournaments at the highest level, meaning that you are winning against the best professional pickleball players at the tournament level.