



PICKLEBALL

LEVELS

BEGINNERS

- New to the game.
- Small understanding of the rules and strategy of pickleball.
- Has some basic shots (such as a serve, return, and dinks), but have limited consistency and control.

INTERMEDIATE

- Moves around the court in a balanced and safe manner.
- Fully understands the aspects of scorekeeping, rules, where to stand on the court during serve, receive of serve, and general play.
- Has stroke skills, backhand, forehand, volley with consistency and control.
- Familiar with where to stand in doubles play.
- Starting to work with a partner in communicating, covering court, and moving to net.

ADVANCED

- Demonstrates a broad knowledge of the rules of the game.
- Able to serve and return serve deep.
- Hits to the weak side of opponent often.
- Demonstrates more strategic playing during games.
- Works better with partners in communicating, covering court, and moving to net.
- With varying consistency executes lobs, forehand/backhand ground strokes, overheads, net volleys, and sustained dinking.
- Starting to use drop shots to get to the net.
- Knows when to make some specific placed shots in the game.
- Working on mixing up soft shots with power shots to create an advantage.
- Hits fewer balls out of bounds or in the net.
- Dinks mostly in opponents' kitchen and dinks lower over the net.
- Able to sustain dinking in the game.
- Has a moderate number of unforced errors.