



## **Pickleball Skill Level Guidelines**

### **Beginner to Advanced Beginner:**

- Able to get serve in most of the time.
- Getting comfortable in where to stand and score keeping
- Attempts to dink, but not always successful
- Has basic stroke knowledge but needs consistency

### **Intermediate:**

- Has a full knowledge of keeping score, where to stand, and strategies.
- Serves and returns are consistently deep.
- With varying consistency can: hit forehands, backhands, dinks, lobs, overheads, and volleys.
- Has a moderate number of unforced errors in games.
- Is displaying enough control to find opponent's weak side.

### **Advanced:**

- Primarily plays in offensive mode.
- Very comfortable playing in the volley zone. Can turn hard shots into soft.
- Consistently hits the third ball dink, while selectively using power groundstrokes.
- Has good footwork, moves forward and backward easily.
- Hits overheads consistently with placement and power.
- Can effectively poach, put volleys away either hard or angled.
- Communicates well with a partner.