

PICKLEBALL SELF RATING TOOL

This is a 2 digit rating system that is traditionally used to rank players in club and league play. A more sophisticated 4 digit system (**ELO rating system**) is used for tournament play.

WBC will be using the 2 digit system to help members to unofficially self-rate themselves for club/ladder play as follows:

NOVICE/BEGINNER 1.0 – 2.5 A new player that is learning to keep score, where to position themselves on the court and they typically rely on others to “guide” them throughout the game.

INTERMEDIATE 3.0 – 4.5 These players will represent the largest group of most club ratings. While able to play independently, they may generally be a bit intimidated by the advance players that can hit the ball hard and “target” the weaker of the 2 players on the opposing team.

ADVANCED 5.0 – 6.0+ Players who hit the ball hard, have better mobility and make fewer errors than the others and have mastered strategic doubles play. They are adept at both the defensive lobs, offensive smashes, and strategic dinks.

Note that these ratings are all relative to the level of recreational play at any club and may not represent the ELO ranking noted in Tournament play.

- **1.0 – 2.0** A player who is just starting to play pickleball and has no other sports background.
- **2.5** A player who has limited experience and can sustain a short rally
- **3.0** A player who understands fundamentals and court positioning
- **3.5** A player who can acknowledge the difference between a hard game and soft game. They move quickly to the non-volley zone. They understand when stacking may be effective.
- **4.0** A player who is able to identify and attack their opponents’ weaknesses. They are aware of their partners’ position on the court and are able to move as a team.
- **4.5** A player who understands strategy and has good footwork. They are able to communicate and move well with their partner.
- **5.0** A player who has mastered pickleball strategies. They have efficient footwork and can easily adjust their game to their opponents’ strengths and weaknesses. They rarely make unforced errors.
- **5.5+** A player who has mastered pickleball.