Pickleball Skill Levels

The Simple "Yes or No" Way to Figure Out Your Skill Level

Yes = "Yes" to 5 or More Statements

No = "No" to 5 or More Statements

No → **NEWBIE 2.0**

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

Yes → **NOVICE 2.5**

- 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'm trying to add more power or softness to my game

Yes → **(LOW) INTERMEDIATE 3.0**

- I know most of the rules (including., net rules, net post issues, NVZ, etc.)
- My serves & 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

Yes → **(HIGH) INTERMEDIATE 3.5**

- I can often anticipate my opponents' shots
- I 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 & wait for the opening

Yes → **ADVANCED 4.0**

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

Yes → **EXPERT 4.5-5.0**

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