



Fernandina Beach Pickleball

What is my level of play?

Introduction to Pickleball and Beginner Play (Level 2.0)

- I know where to stand at the beginning of each point.
- I will learn and practice getting my serves “in.”
- I will learn that I need to let the return of serve bounce.
- I will learn and will practice calling and keeping score.
- I will learn and practice keeping the ball in play.
- I will learn and practice a dink shot.

Experienced Beginner Play - (Level 2.5)

- I have the basic rules down 100%.
- I am working on getting my serves & return of serves deeper.
- I am working on getting my dinks lower and in the kitchen.
- I can hit a few dinks in a row.
- I can hit backhand shots when I need to.
- I am trying to add more power and softness to my game.

Intermediate Play - (Level 3.0)

- My serves & returns are almost always deep.
- I sometimes try to hit a 3rd shot drop.
- 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.
- I know almost all the “special case” rules.

Advanced Play - (Level 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.

Advanced Play - (Level 4.0)

- I can constantly 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 in tournaments at the 4.0 level or higher.

*Taken from Pickleball Guru