



## PARKPOINT PICKLEBALL SKILL LEVELS

<b>SKILL</b>	<b>Novice 2.0–2.75</b>	<b>Low Intermediate 2.75–3.25</b>	<b>High Intermediate 3.25+</b>
<b>Dinking</b>	Developing basic control and technique	Sustains brief rallies with some consistency; beginning to apply placement, pace, and attack strategies	Consistently sustains rallies; effectively applies placement, pace, and attack strategies
<b>Drops</b>	Developing basic mechanics and technique	Maintains some consistency and accuracy	Consistently and effectively executes strategic drops that gain control of the net
<b>Volleys</b>	Developing reaction at the net	Sustains some brief exchanges	Consistently sustains longer exchanges; effectively maintains controlled, offensive volleys
<b>Serves and Returns</b>	Developing accurate serves and returns	Maintains some deep serves and deep returns	Consistently and effectively applies strategic serves and returns to create advantages and offensive pressure
<b>Ball Placement</b>	Developing skill in keeping the ball in play	Some accuracy in shot placement; minimizing “pop ups”	Consistently and effectively places shots to exploit defensive openings
<b>Partnering and Communication</b>	Developing communication and concepts around partnering strategies	Maintains partner communication and coordination	Consistently and effectively applies teamwork and communication strategies; improves partner’s performance
<b>Court Positioning</b>	Developing understanding of court positioning	Maintains effective court positioning with minimal errors	Consistently and effectively demonstrates court positioning to anticipate shots; improves partner’s court positioning
<b>Strategy</b>	Developing understanding of game flow	Maintains some purposeful shot choices and application of game strategies	Consistently and effectively anticipates opponents’ intentions; identifies weaknesses; adjusts strategy during game play