

Mono Pickleball Club

Skill Assessment Procedure

Purpose:

Any MPC member requesting a change in their designated level of play will be required to follow the procedure described below. This also applies to new members as per Membership Policy Article 4 which states that new members will be considered “Beginner/Novice”.

Exemptions:

Members with an official CTPR or UTPR (or equivalent) rating of 3.0 or higher will not be required to demonstrate their level of play.

PROCEDURE:

Demonstration of skills will follow a three step process as follows.

1. **Self-Evaluation** based on MPCs Skills Matrix or IPTPA’s Skill Checklist (see below)*:
 - 1.1. MPC will provide members with access to the IPTPA Skills Checklists outlining the specific skills and criteria of assessment for each level.
 - 1.2. Members will evaluate their own skills based on the criteria provided in the IPTPA Skills Checklists.
 - 1.3. MPC emphasizes the importance of honesty in self-assessment and encourages members to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement.
 - 1.4. MPC will provide guidelines or examples, if requested, to help members understand the skill expectations at each level.

2. **Informal Assessment During Play**
 - 2.1. MPC will organize casual sessions, as required, for members to play with existing MPC members.
 - 2.2. MPC coaches and/or experienced players will observe and assess the performance of members during these sessions with a focus of identifying strengths and weaknesses in the skills list in 2.3.
 - 2.3. The observable skills may include:
 - 2.3.1. Consistency of: Serve, Return of Serve, Dinking, Volleys
 - 2.3.2. Mobility: Court Position and Court Coverage
 - 2.3.3. Strategy and Communication
 - 2.4. Following the Informal Assessment, those observing (from 2.2) will determine if a formal assessment is necessary.

3. **Formal Assessment of Skills based on IPTPA Skill Levels**
 - 3.1. MPC will schedule formal assessment sessions for members to participate in structured skill demonstration, and possibly play scenarios.
 - 3.2. The assessment will utilize the IPTPA Skill Levels as a framework for evaluating specific skills described for each level.
 - 3.3. A certified coach or skilled player will conduct the formal assessment, for consistency and fairness.
 - 3.4. The determined skill level will be communicated. If requested, constructive feedback will be provided with suggestions for next steps.
 - 3.5. If required, the play scenario will take one of the following formats. The format may be adjusted as needed.
 - 3.5.1. *Play Format 1*
The assessed player will play in a 15-point game of skinny singles with a MPC member of the desired level and must achieve a minimum of 10 points.
 - 3.5.2. *Play Format 2*
The assessed player will play in three 11-point games with 3 MPC members of the desired level, changing partners in each game, and must achieve a minimum of 21 points.

* IPTPA Skill Assessment Levels

Level 2.0 Novice Player <https://iptpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/IPTPA-Rating-Assessment-2.0.pdf>

Level 2.5 Early Intermediate Player <https://iptpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/IPTPA-Rating-Assessment-2.5.pdf>

Level 3.0 Intermediate Player <https://iptpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/IPTPA-Rating-Assessment-3.0.pdf>

Level 3.5 Advanced Intermediate Player <https://iptpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/IPTPA-Rating-Assessment-3.5.pdf>

Level 4.0 Advanced Player <https://iptpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/IPTPA-Rating-Assessment-4.0.pdf>