

Mono Pickleball Club

Skill Evaluation Policy

PURPOSE:

Any MPC member requesting a change in their designated level of play to 2.5 or higher will be required to follow one of the procedures described below. This also applies to new members as per *Membership Policy Article 12* which states that new members will be considered “Beginner/Novice”.

Exemptions:

Members are exempted from the Skill Evaluation Policy who have an official ‘DUPR’ (or equivalent) doubles rating of 2.5 or higher based on a minimum Reliability Score of 60%.

PROCEDURE:

Demonstration of skills and play will follow one of the procedures below:

1. **Evaluation Day for Any Member Wishing to Play at a Higher Level**

– fee \$20 per person

MPC will schedule ‘Evaluation Days’ throughout the season. Complete details and registration will be posted on the [Evaluation](#) page of the [MPC website](#).

The format of the 2-hour session will include:

- a. skill demonstration (e.g., serve, return of serve, dinks, volleys)
- b. game play to demonstrate tactical awareness (e.g., court position, mobility, shot selection) as well as demonstrating skills from (a) within a game format.

**Appendix 1* will be used for this evaluation.

In the event that a player is unable to attend any of the scheduled MPC Evaluation Days, they may choose one of the following options, #2 Competitive Games or #3 Individual Evaluation.

2. **Competitive Games** - fee \$10

Players wishing to play at a higher level can use the Competitive Games format with 3 MPC members rated at the desired level. (e.g., to achieve a 3.0 level, all 3 players must be rated 3.0 or higher)

Follow these steps:

- a. “Find” 3 players rated at the desired level of play (or higher) to take part in this evaluation with you.
- b. Complete the registration information found < [here](#) >.

- c. Using the 'Reserve a Court' option on the weekly SUG schedule, reserve a court and play 3 games to 11 points (hard 11) and record the results of each game using ****Appendix 2**.
 - d. Submit the completed form 'Appendix 2' to < Clinics.MPC@gmail.com > indicating the results of each of the 3 games including partner and opponents' names.
 - e. A total score of 21 points or more is required to move to the requested level.
3. **Individual Evaluation** – fee \$30 per person
- a. If a member wishing to move to a higher playing level is unable to attend an Evaluation Day or if they are unable to arrange a game as per #2 above, they must contact the coaching team at < Clinics.MPC@gmail.com > to request an individual skills evaluation to demonstrate their skills as outlined in the Evaluation Rubric (*****Appendix 3**)
 - b. A MPC coach will arrange a time to observe and evaluate the performance of the member during the session using the MPC Evaluation Rubric.
(*approximately 1 hour*)
 - c. The evaluation will be comprised of specific skill demonstration followed by game play at the appropriate level to demonstrate tactical awareness (e.g., court position, mobility, shot selection) as well as demonstrating skills within a game format.
 - d. During the Evaluation, the coach will complete the Evaluation Rubric for the participant and provide feedback.
 - e. If there are 2 members requesting an individual evaluation, they may be evaluated at the same time, with 2 coaches present.

*Appendix 1: MPC Evaluation Day Rubric

Member:				
A player might demonstrate skills at various levels thus overall score will determine placement. <i>Fundamentals must be clearly established.</i>				
Skill Demonstration				
Skills (circle appropriate score)	Still Developing (0)	Sufficient (2)	Exceeds Expectation (3)	Comments:
Serve: Consistency, Depth, Legal	0	2	3	
Return of Serve: Consistency & Depth	0	2	3	
Dinks: Straight, Cross, Forehand, Backhand, Height of Ball, Stance & Position	0	2	3	
Volleys: Punch, Block, Stance & Position	0	2	3	
Appropriate Shot Selection & Successful Execution During Play <i>Appropriate shot may vary based player and opposition.</i>				
Game Play Demonstration (circle appropriate score)	Still Developing (0)	Sufficient (3)	Exceeds Expectation (4)	Comments:
Groundstrokes: (Forehand & Backhand) Note: Can be observed during RoS above.	0	3	4	
Set Up, Court Position & Recovery	0	3	4	
Shot Selection (variety, controls height, placement)	0	3	4	
Bonus: one additional point can be earned for consistent Drops, Overheads, Lobs		1		
Total: A total score of at least 17 is required for play at 2.5.				
Total Score / Next Steps:		<i>A total score of at least 17 is required for play at 2.5.</i> <i>A total score of 24 is required for play at 3.0.</i>		

Evaluators:

**Appendix 2: Competitive Games Scoring Summary

Members Name: _____ Date: _____

I am attempting to move to level _____

	Partner's name	My Score	Opposing Team Players' names	Opponent Score
Game 1				
Game 2				
Game 3				
My Total Points				
Participating Players		Signatures		

Please submit completed form to: Clinics.MPC@gmail.com

***Appendix 3: MPC Evaluation Rubric

Member:							
<p align="center">A player might demonstrate skills at various levels thus overall score will determine placement. <i>Fundamentals must be clearly established. Score '0' if the feature does not exist.</i></p>							
<i>Indicate score on Continuum</i>	Seldom	Sometimes	Normally	Often	Almost Always		
<p align="center">Serve: Placement & Recovery (e.g.; deep, to backhand, stays back, legal serve)</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
<p align="center">Return of Serve: Placement & Recovery (e.g.; deep, centre of court, moves to NVZ)</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
<p align="center">Volleys, Dinks Consider the 'soft game' and resets.</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
<p align="center">Ground Strokes (Drives) May be observed in RoS above.</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
<p align="center">Overheads, Drops, Lobs Consider shots that are not developed.</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
<p align="center">Appropriate Shot Selection & Successful Execution during Play <i>Appropriate shot may vary based player and opposition</i></p>							
<p align="center">Footwork & Position (based on anticipated ball return) (e.g.; moves to NVZ, ready position, recovery)</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
<p align="center">Ability to Maintain a Rally including Shot Selection Uses a variety of shots, transitions from offence to defense, controls height, depth and angles of the ball.</p>	0 _____ 3 _____ 6						
Overall SCORE		1.0 Beginner 0 - 10	2.0 Novice 11 - 19	Intermediate			3.5 + Adv Int & Above 33+
				2.5 20 - 24	2.75 25-28	3.0 29-32	
Evaluator(s):							
Next Steps:							