Pickleball Skill Levels The Simple "Yes or No" Way to Figure Out Your Skill Level = "Yes" to 5 or More Statements Beginner = "No" to 5 or More Statements 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 Beginner I am getting the hang of keeping score Yes Plus I can often keep the ball in play 2.5 I know what a dink shot is I have the basic rules down I am working on getting my serves & return of serves deeper (Low) I am working on getting my dinks shallower/lower Intermediate Yes I am capable of hitting a few dinks in a row I can usually hit backhand shots when I need to 3.0 I'm trying to add more power or softness to my game I know most of the rules (including net rules, net post issues, NVZ) My serves & returns are almost always deep (High) I sometimes hit a 3rd shot drop shot Intermediate Yes I try to be strategic about how and where I hit the ball I have a wide variety of shots in my arsenal 3.5 I actively work with my partner to win the point I can often anticipate my opponents' shots I often finish the point when my opponent gives me an **Advanced** opening I am usually consistent with drop shots and dink shots 4.0 With a partner I can cover almost any shot I try to be patient & wait for the opening I can consistently convert a hard shot to a soft shot I am almost always patient & wait for the opening Expert I rarely make unforced errors Yes I consistently use power & finesse to my advantage 4.5-5.0 I can easily sustain a rally of 40 or more shots I have completed and/or won in tournaments at the 4.5 level

or higher