

	Strokes	Movement	Serves & Returns	Shots & Shot Selection	Playing Style
0-.5 (Beginner)	This player is just starting to play and is working on getting into rallies.				
0.6-1.5 (Novice)	fh developing; bh used sparingly; erratic contact; grip problems; incomplete swing; rarely squares off	No foundation; little anticipation; doesn't move back; randomly returns; chases ball	Hts hard serves; has little control; uses back wall often; forehand to ceiling;	Overhits; forehand ceiling ball knows serve rules; shys away from bh; often misdirects	Scores on serve; keeps ball in play; has little strategy no power base
1.6-2.5 (D)	fh; d'line & x-ct; little bh used; full swing both sides; fh; sets power base on tentative with bh	Moves forward ok; spacing problems; ends rally with fh; off balance often; ball stays behind	Drives & z serves; 1 lob developed; poor relocation; still random returns	Still overhits; dl, x ct, fh pinch; over-uses back wall; tentative with bh; fh/bh ceiling shots with little control	Basic strategies; erratic execution; defense minded; knows most rules;
2.6-3.5 (C)	Developing pts. of contact; favors strong side	Late to move; overruns ball; trouble w/ angles; can keep ball in front	Drive Z to both sides; lob to both sides; poor relocation uses def. returns	Still erratic; can negotiate ball off back wall; greater shot range	Wants to improve; developing strategy; considering more instruction
3.6-4.5 (B)	More consistent from both sides; power base is more frequent	Reasonable in all directions; can improve on tracing skills	Uses diff. locations; offensive serve weapons; easier relocation; more consistent with off. returns	Low zone shots; ball drops lower in strike zone; pinches both sides	Studies game; intent on learning; learning to practice; knows percentages
4.6-5.5 (A)	Confidence for hitting shots; Uses fh & bh	Moves in all directions well; has spacing skills	Off. and def. serves; uses nick lob; has relocation skills; can match off. serves with offensive returns	Developing wide angle, splat; hits fh/bh pinches	Knows the rules; lacking the mental toughness; practices with purpose; excessive unforced errors
5.6-6.5 (Elite/Open)	Technically sound; hits from different locations & stances; tracks ball well	Efficient; keeps ball in front; stops feet for balance	Keen shot selection; full array of off. & def. serves; takes advantage of serve errors	Strong execution; can disguise weaknesses	Makes adjustments soon enough to win; few unforced errors; practice is part of the agenda

fh = forehand
bh = backhand
d'line = down the line