

Game parity is one of GoSoccer main goals such that league games are close and league participants are having fun playing. One way to do so is to have each player conduct an objective and honest assessment of themselves such that those ratings may be used during the team assignment process. The league captains reserve the right to make changes as necessary to the initial assessments such that ratings may be kept up to date for future uses.

### **Level 1**

Players/GKs at this level are new to the game and have very limited knowledge of the fundamentals of the game (i.e. rules, positioning, game awareness). This level is for those who have never played the game and have not watched or followed the game.

### **Level 1.5**

Players/GKs at this level understand the overall objective of the game, but still very much lack the basic fundamentals of the game (i.e. passing, trapping the ball, shooting). Players in this group would also include those who are not natural athletes and may take more time to develop their fundamental ball skills. Players may have a difficult time controlling their body movements during the game.

### **Level 2**

Players/GKs at this level are becoming more comfortable with the basics and starting to learn the rules, positioning and game awareness. However, fundamentals are still lacking in 2 out of the 3 categories (accurate passing, trapping the ball and shooting).

### **Level 2.5**

Players/GKs at this level are comfortable with the fundamentals of the games. They are starting to understand positioning, team concepts and game awareness.

### **Level 3**

Players/GKs at this level have a good knowledge of the game and good fundamentals of the game. Players at this level have had years of experience in rec soccer. Given increasing in age, some players may be moving down to level 3 from higher ranks. Level 3 players are average in most areas of the game.

### **Level 3.5**

Players/GKs at this level are comfortable in a fast paced game and able to keep up with play. They are in average physical shape and slight above average in the fundamentals of the game.

### **Level 4**

Players/GKs at this level have substantial soccer abilities, skills, knowledge and experience. Most level 4 players have been coached and have played considerable soccer since a young age.

### **Level 4.5**

Players/GKs at this level play at a high level in all areas of the game. They are super fit and generally can out pace most players. Most level 4.5 players are starters for their youth, high school and college team and may have won local and state tournaments.

### **Level 5**

Players/GKs at this level should be playing in a semi-professional / professional league. See NPSL, USL for details.