

# The Simple "Yes or No" Way to Figure Out Your Skill Level

**YES** = "Yes" to 5 or More Statements

**NO** = "No" to 2 or More Statements

- 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
- I am getting the hang of keeping score
- I can often keep the ball in play.
- I know what a dink shot is.

NO

NEWBIE  
2.0

YES

- I have the basic rules down 100%.
- I am working on getting my serves & return of serves deeper.
- I am working on getting my dinks shallower/lower.
- I am capable of hitting a few dinks in a row.
- I can usually hit backhand shots when I need to.
- I'm trying to add more power or softness to my game.

NO

BEGINNER  
2.5

YES

- I know almost all of the "special case" rules.
- My serves & returns are almost always deep.
- I sometimes try to hit a 3rd shot drop shot.
- I try to be strategic about how and where I hit the ball.
- I have a wide variety of shots in my arsenal.
- I actively work with my partner to win the point.

NO

NOVICE  
3.0

YES

- I can often anticipate my opponents' shots.
- I often finish the point when my opponent gives me an opening.
- I am usually consistent with drop shots and dink shots.
- I almost always play at the non-volley line.
- With a good partner I can cover almost any shot.
- I try to be patient & wait for the opening.

NO

INTERMEDIATE  
3.5

YES

- I can consistently convert a hard shot to a soft shot.
- I am almost always patient & wait for the opening.
- I rarely make unforced errors.
- I consistently use power & finesse to my advantage.
- I can easily sustain a rally of 40 or more shots.
- I have competed in tournaments at the 4.5 level or higher.

NO

ADVANCED  
4.0

YES

EXPERT  
4.5-5.0