For the safety and enjoyment of all players, Pickleball Manitoba encourages players to participate in their level of play that best meets their play ability. A helpful descriptor of the different types of play that can be offered are listed below. The intent of the information provided is to allow a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

**Open Play**

This is all levels of player ability. No courts are reserved, but are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please abide by the posted courtesy rules to allow fellow residents the opportunity to play.

**Beginner**

These players keep some short rallies going but still fail to return balls frequently. They have played a few games and know how to keep score and know the basic rules of the game. These players are learning to judge where the ball is going and can sustain a short rally with players of equal ability. They have obvious weaknesses in their strokes and are working to improve these weaknesses. This player has attended Pickleball lessons.

**Advanced Beginner**

These players are able to keep quite a few balls going with their forehands, make most easier volleys and are beginning to make more backhands, but need to work more on developing their strokes. They are thinking more about coming up to the non-volley zone to hit volleys and are trying to be more aggressive. They are thinking more about the use of dinks and lobs.

**Intermediate**

These players are fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but are not comfortable with all strokes and lack control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots. They are using dinks and lobs on a regular basis as an important part of the game. This player has become knowledgeable with the rules and communication with partner during play.

**Advanced**

These players have dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides. They can use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with success and occasionally force errors when serving. Rallies may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident. Use dinks and lobs as a major part of their game.