

Policy for Beginning Players

- Beginning Players
 - All new players must attend Beginner's Instructional class a minimum of four times.
 - At either the first or the second class, the new players will pay the annual LOW Pickleball Club fee. They will then receive their New Club Member packet, consisting of: a welcome letter with information on our website, facebook page, Club discount with Pickleball Central, and Club merchandise ordering information; a new member form; a waiver form; and a guest fee collection form. The players will also receive Sign Up Genius privileges, and advised they must use Sign Up Genius to sign up and play. They will also be told they can attend our free clinics.
 - The new players will also be advised they must pay the appropriate annual amenity fee as determined by the LOW Home Owners Association (HOA).
 - After the second class, the new players will be encouraged to start playing in the 1.0 – 2.5 indoor time slot, or outdoors with players from that group.
 - The new players will still have to complete two more Beginner's Instructional classes.
- Graduation
 - After attending four Beginner's Instructional classes, new players will be moved to the 2.0 level if:
 - they demonstrate a basic understanding of the rules;
 - they understand and can keep score under both regular and rally scoring;
 - they demonstrate a basic understanding of positioning;
 - they can put a majority of their serves in play, and can return the majority of easy shots.
 - Note: the above is roughly equivalent to the 2.0 standard used by the International Federation of Pickleball (IFP) and the USAPA.
- 2.0 – 2.5 level
 - Players may remain in the 2.0 – 2.5 level as long as they wish, but MUST remain a minimum of one month.
 - Players in this level are welcome and encouraged, but not required, to attend the Beginner's Instructional class. Instructors will welcome assistance with and mentoring of new players and will gladly assist 2.0 – 2.5 players in the improvement of their games.
- 3.0 Level
 - Any time after playing regularly at the 2.0-2.5 level for one month, a player may request the evaluation team, consisting of the instructors, to evaluate the player's eligibility for advancement to the 3.0 level.
 - The instructors will evaluate the player against the 2.5/ 3.0 standards used by the IFP and the USAPA.
 - After a player spends six months regularly playing at the 2.0 – 2.5 level, that player will be moved to the 3.0 level upon the player's request, unless the instructors, based on observation, deem otherwise. In that case, the instructors will explain to the player what he or she must do to advance.

Attachments: IFP Standards

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