

PEM Pickleball Club (PEMPC) Rating Policy and Procedures

Four-Game Final Test for Levels 3.0-4.5

- Test Candidates will play with and against players from the target rating level.
 - Game 1 – This is a full-court, 11-point game, played with all regular pickleball rules.
 - *Game 1 Skills: Long serve, long return, appropriate shot choice, dinking, drives, shot control*
 - **A minimum of six (6) points is required to pass the full test.**
 - Game 2 – In this 11-point game, the baseline will be moved to mid-court and marked by a pylon on each side of the court. All balls that land behind the midcourt baseline will be out.
 - *Game 2 Skills: (In addition to Game 1 skills); shot speed control, game strategy*
 - **A minimum of five (5) points is required to pass the full test.**
 - Game 3 – This will be an 11-point dinking game and played entirely at the kitchen line. Balls will be considered 'IN' if they land within approximately 6" from the kitchen line.
 - *Game 3 Skills: (In addition to Game 1 & 2 skills); soft game and dinking*
 - **A minimum of six (6) points is required to pass the full test.**
 - Game 4 – This game will be a full-court, 11-point game and played with all regular Pickleball rules, with one exception. The server is required to make a drop-shot upon return of the serve; i.e., serve-return-drop. The drop need not land in the kitchen, but may not be a lob or drive. Failing to drop the ball on the third shot will result in a fault. **The drop-shot must enable at least one member of the team to advance at least 50% of the way to the kitchen line. (For the 4.0 test, the drop-shot must enable BOTH players of the team to advance fully to the kitchen line.)**
 - *Game 4 Skills: (In addition to Game 1, 2 & 3 skills); Third-shot drops, timely movement to the kitchen line, ability to reset after a shot*
 - **A minimum of five (5) points is required to pass the full test.**
- The Testing Lead will record scores for each game and total the scores for all four games. Testers will play with a different partner each game.
- **Candidates must achieve 22 total points.**
 - Players who fail this part of the test, may test again in one month but will not be required to repeat the Skills part of the test.