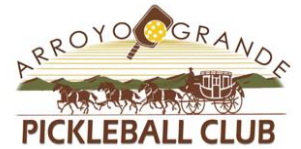




# City of Arroyo Grande AG PICKLEBALL CLUB ADVANCED PLAY GUIDELINES



The City of Arroyo Grande Recreation Services Department and the AG Pickleball Club are proud to offer two Advanced Play nights on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30-7:30PM. A rated 3.5 skill level & above is recommended. If not rated, please see guidelines below. AG Pickleball Club Volunteers have authority to remove player for their safety.

The following skill level set is a guide for evaluating and determining your skill for "Advanced Play". This guideline was developed utilizing both existing guidelines listed by the USAPA ([usapa.org](http://usapa.org)) and input from other Pickleball clubs and advanced players:

Player will...after having played for approximately one year be able to:

- Actively work with partners in communicating, covering court, moving to net
- Specifically place shots rather than just hitting shots anywhere
- Control and place serves and return of serves to best advantage
- Put advanced playing strategy into the game, particularly in dinking
- Consistently vary shots for competitive advantage, uses power shots selectively
- Communicate and move well with partner — easily “switches” court positions
- Be very comfortable playing at the non-volley zone. Works with partner to control the line, keeping opponents back and driving them off the line.
- Block hard volleys directed at them
- Perform with good footwork and move laterally, backward and forward with ease
- Hit overhead shots consistently, often as put-aways
- Have the ability to change a hard shot to a soft shot
- Consistently execute effective drop shots that are not easily returned for advantage
- Effectively poach
- Hit a low number of unforced errors per game
- Regularly demonstrate “anticipation of play”
- Self-correct during play



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