

NPC Skill Based Assessment Clinics

Hello Nanaimo Pickleball Players. This is to advise you that the NPC Executive has partnered with Lee MacDonald to offer a skill-based assessment for members who wish to have an evaluation to determine their play skill level. This skill level assessment is for Nanaimo Pickleball Club use only.

Why is this skill assessment important?

Once assessed, players will be able to use this information to request Club play at higher levels and the Club has agreed to accept this assessment for purposes of moving players into high skill level courts.

Why is the assessment 'skill based'?

There are no qualified raters in the NPC. The skill-based assessment model that Lee has developed is designed to evaluate players based on their ability to perform techniques skillfully during drills and during games. Lee has provided pickleball training at three progressive levels over the past seven years for more than 3700 hours and therefore is well equipped to assess players' skills at the 2.0-3.0 level.

What is involved in the skill assessment?

The skill assessment is three hours in length for four players at one time. There are two coaches participating in the clinic. Players are expected to demonstrate specific skill sets and achieve predetermined numbers of successful hits under each technique category. If the player is asking to be assessed at 3.0, then the 3.0 criteria would be applied as well as the 2.5. The player would first have to exceed the 2.5 requirement and at the same time, have achieved the requirements at the 3.0 level. This is a simple matter of applying the respective requirements against the scores earned. It is an intense three hours of drills followed by three games. Both coaches will collect information independently and this will later be tabulated to determine an assessment of the players skill level.

What are the benefits to players?

The first benefit is that players are introduced to drills that represent the minimum requirements to achieve both their current rating as well as what will need to be developed to achieve the next higher rating. Second, the players will receive a several page assessment report, completed by myself outlining their specific scores and the areas that need to be improved upon to achieve the next higher rating. This report will provide detailed information and offer suggestions as to how the player might go about improving their scores.

What do I need to know prior to being assessed?

The clinic is intense. Players are under pressure to perform as well as they can. The environment is a single pickleball court and there is no competition among players. Each player is rated independently. Players need to be patient as the preparation of the written assessment takes a few hours to write up for each player and will be available within seven to ten days. If a player is assessed at a higher level, Lee will advise the Club that you should be moved into a more challenging court for recreational play.

What is the cost?

The cost is \$75.00 for the assessment. This includes the individual's portion of the cost for the rent and the remainder goes toward the coaches' services. There are NO other charges.

How do I register?

Simply contact Lee at LeeMacDonald1951@gmail.com or call Lee at (250) 714-3307. Please advise what rating you believe you are presently (a subjective score) and what times of day and preferred days of the week you would like to attend the clinic. Because these are "one off" clinics, it is easier to find times to conduct assessments than it is to provide a series of consecutive lessons. Payment can be e-transferred after registration is confirmed, to the email address noted above.

This clinic will provide you with a substantial amount of information to help you improve not only your play level but also your enjoyment of this wonderful game of pickleball. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call Lee.

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