

ADVANCED LEVEL

Players at the advanced level should have the following skills and abilities:

- **Have proficiency with all of the basic strokes (forehand, backhand, volley, serve) and have solid enough form with the forehand and backhand to be able to maintain a competitive rally from the baseline.**
- **Ability to rally with another player while standing from the baseline. The rally should be at least 7-8 strokes. Advanced players should have appropriate footwork and movement that allow the player to maintain good positioning with their strokes no matter where the ball is placed.**
- **The difference between an advanced player and an intermediate player with groundstrokes is a higher aptitude level with movement, footwork, positioning, and consistency. The advanced player also has the ability to move around the full court and hit shots (short balls, deeper balls).**
- **The backhand stroke should have good form and be consistent for a player to be at the advanced level.**
- **Ability to serve the ball overhand from either side of the court into the appropriate service box. Player should be able to hit at least 50% or more of serves in. The difference between an intermediate and advanced player with the serve is that the advanced player should have greater consistency with this stroke and serves should be all overhand.**

ADVANCED PLAYER EVALUATION FORM

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: _____

What organized sports has the player previously participated in (Circle)?

Baseball Soccer Basketball Football Tennis

Has the child played Jr. Team Tennis before? How many seasons and what level?

TEST 1 (Forehands):

Evaluator stands at the net on one side of the net. Player stands on the baseline. Evaluator feeds five forehands and asks the player to hit down the line. Evaluator feeds five forehands and asks the player to hit crosscourt. (Use cones as targets)

- 1 Player hits 1-4 shots in, has low accuracy, and lacks form, movement, footwork, and positioning
- 2 Player hits 5-7 shots in, is somewhat accurate, and has adequate form, movement, footwork, and positioning
- 3 Player hits 8-10 of shots in, is mostly accurate, and has good form, movement, footwork, and positioning

TEST 2 (Backhands):

Evaluator stands at the net on one side of the net. Player stands on the baseline. Evaluator feeds five backhands and asks the player to hit down the line. Evaluator feeds five backhands and asks the player to hit crosscourt. (Use cones as targets)

- 1 Player hits 1-4 shots in, has low accuracy, and lacks form, movement, footwork, and positioning
- 2 Player hits 5-7 shots in, is somewhat accurate, and has adequate form, movement, footwork, and positioning
- 3 Player hits 8-10 of shots in, is mostly accurate, and has good form, movement, footwork, and positioning

TEST 3 (Forehand and backhand rally):

Evaluator rallies the ball with the player using appropriate type of balls from the baseline. Two-three rally attempts.

- 1 Rally consists of less than five times over the net
- 2 Rally consists of 5-10 times over the net
- 3 Rally consists of 11 or more times over the net

TEST 4 (Volleys):

Evaluator stands at the baseline on one side of the net. Player stands at the net in the center of the court. Evaluator feeds five backhands and five forehands and asks the player to hit volleys in the court.

- 1 Player hits 1-4 shots in
- 2 Player hits 5-7 shots in
- 3 Player hits 8-10 of shots in

TEST 5 (Serves):

Player "serves" twelve balls from the baseline (6 on the deuce and 6 on the ad court). Ball lands in the appropriate service box. All serves should be overhand.

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| 1 Player hits 1-5 serves in | 2 Player hits 6-8 serves in | 3 Player hits 9-12 serves in |
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OVERALL EVALUATION:

Add up points for each number circled after three tests are completed. Circle Below. (Looking for 10 or more points)

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RECOMMENDED JTT LEVEL: _____