

## Padel Levels Update – 16.03.26

With the forthcoming changes to the booking system at the end of March, it will be helpful for some players to know what 'level' they are. This is because when booking an 'open match' they may want to invite players of a similar sort of level to play in the match. This creates an even contest for all taking part. Players can also then enter the result of the match on to the system, where an in-built algorithm will boost or decrease a player's level according to the final score.

For example, a 2.5 player books an open court and sets as a criteria for others to join that they are at a level between 2.3 and 2.8. They play and the results are posted and the algorithm subtly adjusts the players' levels according to the games won and the relative strength of each pair. The winning 2.5 player is now a 2.6 etc...

As well as being useful for open matches, having a level will help get the right balance of players for mix-in social sessions, boxes and competitions.

Of course, there will those who are happy to play as before, amongst friends and in regular foursomes – and do not want a level. **That is fine there is no obligation to get a level!** But for those who do want to get one, the challenge lies in finding a starting point for each player.

Our aim is for Simon our coach to, initially, 'group' players into one of four alphabetic groups, each of which represents a numeric range. The player can then pick the mid-point of that range and enter it as their starting level on the App. If they then play open matches the algorithm will gradually tweak their level over time.

**Group A players: Level 3.76+ (NB the best player at the club is about 4.0)**

**Group B players: Level 2.76 – 3.75 (3.25 midpoint)**

**Group C players: Level 2 – 2.75 (2.37 midpoint)**

**Group D players: Level 1 – 2 (1.5 midpoint)**

For example, John Smith is assessed by Simon as a Group C player so his initial level to enter on the App will be 2.37.

Some players may have a Playtomic rating already – they are welcome to use that as their Marden level.

This is an attempt to get levels up and running, and it may well need correction! Simon will either enter your level on the App when you have been assigned one or advise you how to do so.

**To help Simon assess player levels we are attaching a link to a survey for anyone who wants a level to fill in and return. He knows many of you from boxes and coaching. And if he doesn't know you, he may know someone with whom you play – hence the question in the questionnaire! He will then email you with the group he believes you fit into. Please be patient!**

**Click for levelling survey (ignore any adverts): [Marden Padel levelling survey](#)**

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