



# Revised Player Movement Guidelines

Effective: 30 June 2026

## Purpose

The Player Movement Guidelines are designed to ensure balanced and enjoyable play across all groups. The Board reviews these guidelines regularly and makes improvements based on member feedback.

## Recent Improvements

- Minimum games increased from **24 to 30** to provide a better assessment of player ability.
- Players achieving a **Placement Percentage of 10% or higher** qualify for automatic movement, subject only to space being available and approval of the higher Group Captains.
- A **Movement Coordinator (MC)** has been appointed to assist players and Captains throughout the process. Current MC is Michael Thompson 250 826 1115 or thomp michael@gmail.com
- A **Movement Application Form (MAF)** standardizes all movement requests.
- Movement applications are reviewed **monthly** to improve planning and group balance.

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## Step 1 – Determine Your Eligibility

Open **STATS** in the PickleHeads app and select **30 Days**.

Calculate:

1. **Total Games Played (X)** = Wins + Losses + Ties
2. **Podium Placements (Y)** = Gold + Silver + Bronze finishes
3. **Placement Percentage**

$$\text{Placement \%} = (Y \div X) \times 100$$

## Requirements

- A minimum of **30 club games** must be played within the previous 30 days.
- Only **club group games** count. Exclude DUPR games and privately arranged games.
- The required Placement Percentage is:

- **5%–9.9%:** Eligible to apply for review.
- **10% or higher:** Eligible for automatic movement (subject to available space and approval of higher Group Captains).

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## Step 2 – Applying for Movement

### Placement Percentage of 5%–9.9%

1. Complete a **Movement Application Form (MAF)** including a screenshot of your personal Stats - Attachment A. (also available on our Website)
2. Submit it to your Group Captains and copy the Movement Coordinator.
3. Your Captains and the Movement Coordinator will review the application based on an assessment of your skillbase and performance data captured within the PKHeads app.
4. If approved, your application will be forwarded to the Head Captain of the higher group.
5. Movement is subject to available space and the approval of the higher Group Captains. Approved players receive priority over new members when vacancies occur.

If your application is not approved, continue developing your skills and reapply during a future review period.

### Placement Percentage of 10% or Higher

Players achieving **10% or higher** do not require Captains approval. Simply submit your MAF directly to:

- Your Head Captain
- Movement Coordinator
- Head Captain of the higher group.

Admission remains subject only to available space and approval of the higher Group Captains.

## Appeals

If you believe your application has not been handled fairly, you may request a review by the Board's Player Movement Subcommittee. The Subcommittee's decision is final.

## Step 3 – Monthly Reviews

Movement applications are reviewed once each month to:

- reduce workload for Captains,
- allow groups to rebalance after player movements, and
- better manage available capacity.

Current review dates are:

- 18 July
- 1 August
- 1 September

Future review dates will be advised by the Board.

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## Step 4 – Probationary Period

Players moving to a higher group enter a **30-day probationary period**.

During this period they should:

- play at least **30 games** (unless exceptional circumstances apply), and
- demonstrate they can compete comfortably within the new group.

At the end of the probation period, the Group Captains and the Movement Coordinator will review each player's performance.

A player may be returned to their previous group if they:

- have not played at least **30 games** during the probation period (unless exceptional circumstances exist), **and**
- finish in the **bottom 20%** of the group's monthly league table.

The same probation process applies to new members joining any group, except Red Group.

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# Movement Between Groups

Not every player wishes to move to a higher group, while others may benefit from playing in a group that better matches their current ability.

Players who consistently fall below a group's minimum standards may be encouraged to undertake additional skills development or consider playing in a different group; however, no player will be moved to another group without their agreement.

The objective of these guidelines is to maintain balanced, competitive and enjoyable play for all members.



**MOVEMENT APPLICATION FORM (MAF)**

Applicants Name: .....

Existing Group: .....

Placement % .....

Number of Group Games played in the last 30 days? .....

Placement over last 30 days only

Wins ..... Draws ..... Losses .....

Gold ..... Silver ..... Bronze .....

Placement % .....

Rationale for a Move: .....  
(If below 10%)

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Existing Group Captains Recommendation: .....

Movement Coordinator's Comments: .....

Higher Group Captains Recommendation: .....

Approved: Yes /No                      Date: .....

Attachment:    Players Stats            Yes / No

NOTE: Players are to ensure that all Non Group Play (ie DUPR games, personal games arranged outside of Club play) are specifically to be excluded from the calculation of a Placement %. Inclusion of Non Group play may result in a player's application being deferred for 30 days.