



## PLAYER MOVEMENT GUIDELINES - 2026

The Lake Country Pickleball Club (LCPC) are pleased to release to membership our newly developed Player Movement Guidelines, allowing members the ability to move up to higher groups based on the quality and consistency of their play.

In developing these new guidelines, the Board has endeavoured to ensure that the new system is simple, transparent, equitable and based on clearly defined statistics that each member could assess on an individual basis. The overriding objective has been to achieve balanced play amongst all our groups.

### **STEP 1 - Assessing Your Readiness to Move**

On the homepage of each member's PickleHeads App, you'll find on the bottom right corner a small logo with a bar chart and the word - Stats.

On opening this, you'll find your ACTIVITY profile, which lists a variety of information on your play frequencies and a RECORD which records the total number of games you've played (Wins, Losses and Ties) and the number of times you've achieved 1st (Gold), 2nd (Silver) and 3rd (Bronze).

Both these two information streams can be viewed by 30 Days, 60 Days and All Time.

Importantly, this information is personal to you and can not be accessed by anyone else without your permission.

For the Player Movement Guidelines, follow these easy stages;

- A. Tap the Stats Button and select 30 Days
- B. Add the first row of Games played (adding Wins, Losses and Ties together) to calculate the Total Number of games played in the last 30 Days. Call this X
- C. Then add together the second row, recording how many times you've been in Gold, Silver or Bronze position. Call this Y.
- D. Your Placement % is simply calculated by  $y/x$  expressed as a percentage



If your Captains decide that you require more time in your existing group to develop your skills further, this decision should be respected.

If a player feels, however, that their request to move has not been treated fairly, they have the right to request the Board's Player Movement SubCommittee to review the Captain's decision, whose decision on the matter will be final.

### **STEP 3 - Probationary Period**

Once a player is accepted into a higher group, they have a 30-day probationary period in which to acclimate themselves to the new group.

To ensure your skill levels are consistent with the standard in the new group, the Group Captains will, at the end of your 30-day period, review your performance. If you fall within the bottom 5% of the new group, you may be asked to return to your original group.

This Probationary process will also be applied to any new members joining any of groups (with the exclusion of Red Group) to ensure their self assessed capability is accurate.

### **Inter Group Movement**

The Board recognizes that whilst some members may not wish to consider moving up a group, others may wish to consider the benefit of playing in a group more aligned with their capabilities.

Players who consistently fall below a group's minimum standards may be asked if they wish to secure additional skills development training, possibly with another group to improve their game. Regardless, no member will be moved to another group by either the Board or their Captains without their agreement. Again the simple objective here, as with moving players up, is to ensure balanced play within all our groups.

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