



What is a "D" Player?

A player who is just beginning to receive instructions. Lacks playing experience. Is in the process of learning safety, rules, forehand and backhand strokes, Z serves, back wall shots, angles, passing shots and is ready to start participating in club leagues and friendly competition.

What is a "C" Player?

A player who has played over 6 months, plays frequently, and is developing strengths in the basics listed above for a "D" player. Level of knowledge is rising and can execute most shots with some precision, like ceiling , pinches, pass shots and an occasional kill shot. Has taken an occasional lesson and has attended a racquetball clinic. Has started entering tournaments and has an extra racquet.

What is a "B" Player?

Players who play regularly and have found time to practice on their own to perfect their shots. Has good knowledge of court strategy and positioning. Has good knowledge of offense and defense situations. Is able to select the proper shot most of the time. Probably is still inconsistent but improving. Is developing patience and is able to accept tips from better players. Shows interest in private racquetball lessons and instructional camps. Participates in most club events.

What is an "A" Player?

A player who plays regularly. Is a top player in the club. Trains for racquetball and both backhand and forehand shots are near equal. Has high level of knowledge. High percentage of executing most shots and no apparent weaknesses. Perfected the kill shot and now re-kills opponents' attempted kill shots. Can and probably does compete in sanctioned tournaments. May seek to participate in AARA Elite Camp and either has a coach or is seeking a coach.

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Pro	Highest level. Competes on PRO tour. Trains year round to achieve highest skill level and physical conditioning.
Open	Competes or has competed at Open level in sanctioned tournaments. Can hit any shot from anywhere on the court with great accuracy. No apparent weaknesses. Can develop and execute game plans and mental strategies.
A	One of the top players in the club. Probably trains for racquetball. Forehand and backhand strokes are equal. High level of knowledge. high percentage of successful shots. Hits killshots and rekills. Accurate serves, passes, killshots. Able to compete regionally and nationally, if interested.
B	More experienced player/athlete; probably plays and/or practices regularly. Knowledge of offense vs. defense and shot selection. Able to execute most shots; lacks consistency; improving footwork and ability to wait for shots; may have developed a variety of serves; and backhand is starting to become more equal to forehand. Weakness are apparent.
C	Plays frequently, developing strengths. Starting to understand and execute "basic" shots consistently. Level of knowledge is improving. Learning pinches, ceiling shots, basic serves, strategy, and center court positioning.
D	Lacks playing experience and may not play on a frequent basis. Learning basics: safety, rules, forehand and backhand strokes, serves and returns. Shots are inconsistent; often follows ball direction rather than anticipating where to move to wait for a return; most shots will be high and rebound back to the center court area. Has difficulty judging shot and return angles.
Novice	Just starting to learn to play. Lacks knowledge of all aspects or sport. May be taking lessons or someone who rarely plays.

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