

Level 4.5+

Elite · 4.50 +

You set the tempo of the point rather than reacting to it, you reset under pressure from anywhere on court, and you and your partner run a game plan and adjust it mid-match. Your level does not move with the score.

The session

A Level 4.5+ Club Rating Session is **two hours on one court with four players**. You play **6 games** of doubles, partnering with each of the other three players twice, so no single pairing decides your result. It is all game play — you just play, and we watch the whole thing. Your result is confirmed by our coaching team and emailed to you within 48 hours; ratings are never given on court.

What a 4.5+ looks like

Every player is assessed on the same ten areas. This is the standard we are looking for at 4.5+.

1	KITCHEN GAME Dictates when the kitchen exchange ends; rarely gives up an attackable ball
2	BALL CONTROL Full command of pace, spin and depth off both wings; shapes the ball to the situation
3	OFFENSE Finishes reliably from any attackable ball; speed-ups are chosen deliberately and executed cleanly
4	DEFENSE Resets consistently under pressure from anywhere on court; turns defense back into a neutral rally
5	COURT AWARENESS & POSITIONING Covers the court as a unit with partner; stacking, switching and poaching are automatic
6	SHOT PLACEMENT Plays to a target rather than a zone; serves and returns apply pressure from the first ball
7	PACE CONTROL Sets the tempo of the point rather than reacting to it
8	SHOT SELECTION Makes the highest-percentage choice under pressure; almost no unforced decision errors
9	PARTNER PLAY Runs a game plan with partner and adjusts it mid-match
10	COMPOSURE Level does not move with the score; plays the same at 9–9 as at 2–2

How each area is marked

Meets Expectation	You do this consistently at the 4.5+ standard	2 pts
Approaching	It shows up, but it does not hold up yet	1 pt
Needs Improvement	Not yet present reliably	0 pts

What you need

Ten areas, 20 points. **To be rated 4.5+, you need a score of 16 or higher.**

Score below that and you will receive the rating your play does support — you will never leave a session without a rating.

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