



Singles Ladder 2014

The Ladder management is implemented at the members' area of the club website. The players must login to join, view the Ladder standings, to challenge players, and report scores. These rules may be reviewed to reflect the updates to the website.

The ladder is intended to give members an opportunity to play against a variety of players in a competitive environment. During the competition the Ladder should sort itself according to the results of the matches. This is a singles ladder with both female and male competitors. There will be a prizes for the winners at season end (more details to come).

Important: By participating in the Ladder you agree to disclose your contact information to the other participants in order to be contacted regarding challenges, and you agree to not use the information of other player for any other purpose.

Duration: The ladder will commence May 1st, 2014 and end on September 30, 2014

How does the ladder work?

When first published, the players will not have a position assigned in the ladder; anyone joining will be placed at the bottom of the ladder.

Players must play at least one ladder match each month. A player may challenge another player who is up to 10 positions ahead or down. E.g. if you are #15 on the ladder, you may challenge the player #14 up to the player #5 and the #16 to the player #25. In any ladder match, if you beat a player above you, you take their place on the ladder and they go down one position (as all the players in between). If you beat a player below you, nothing changes.

In the beginning of the ladder when players do not have a position assigned, they will be assigned to a position at the time of the first match. This means that in the beginning of the Ladder you will be able to challenge any other player. For example the first two players to play a ladder match will be assigned to the positions #1 (winner) and #2. If another player without a position assigned challenges the player #2 and wins, he will take the position #2, and if he loses he will be at the position #3. With the progression of the ladder, players without position assigned will only be able to challenge the last 10 players in the ladder or another player without position assigned.

Once a challenge has been made, both players must find a mutually acceptable time and date for the match. Please check the club calendar to determine when you are most likely to find a court available.

Players must contact themselves both by email and by phone. Players may start multiple challenges at a time in order to be able to book matches faster. If a player does not respond to a challenge within 48 hours, the challenger must report this to the ladder coordinator, who will decide if a default should apply. The ladder coordinator will not take any action if the challenger has not tried to contact the other player **both** by email and phone. If two players set a time to play and one does not show up, the one who showed up has won.

If a player does not play at least one match in a month, they will be **dropped 5 positions**.

Ladder Matches

- Court booking is available for Ladder matches, a fee of \$5.00 applies to all members who join the ladder.
- All ladder matches are played during a regular court time slot
- The winner is the first to win 8 games by a margin of 2, e. g. 8-6, or the player who is ahead at the end of the court time, e. g. 5-4.
- Deuces are played out, and if the score reaches 7-7, players play a tiebreaker.
- **Remember all matches must have a winner!** If the score is tied at the end of the court time, the players must play one more point to decide the winner of the game.
- **Results of all ladder matches must be reported using the ladder system on the website.** It is the responsibility of the winner to ensure that the match scores are **reported within 24 hours after the match**.

Injuries / Vacation

Players who become injured and unable to play or who are going on vacation, should inform the ladder coordinator, and ask to be marked as “unavailable” for a period of time. As soon as players are ready to resume playing, they should notify the club back to become available again. If players become unavailable for more than a month they will not be exempt of being dropped because of inactivity.

Other recommendations

During the signup process you are asked to provide two pieces of information which may help arranging games better.

Players can specify which days of the week and evenings they are available to play. This can help the challenger to suggest some times for arranging the games and reduce the game arrangement efforts.

The other piece of information is the NRTP rating which corresponds to the player level. In the beginning, before the ladder sorts itself, player should look at the other player levels and try to arrange games and make challenges to other players in a similar level. Please avoid challenging weaker players just to get easy wins. One of the advantages of the ladder is to offer a way to get games and meet players at our own level. Crushing a player at a lower level is not that fun for any of the sides.

