

Doubles Tennis Ladder Rules

1. REGISTRATION PROCESS & INITIAL RANKINGS – Interested in signing-up for a ladder? Just sign up at the tennis shop or call 366-8859. Fee is \$15 per person for the season (\$30/team).

2. PARTNERS – Players must have their own partner. If you do not have a partner, we will try to pair you up with another player. Partners play the entire season together. After season is over, you may get a new partner. If partner gets injured or is not able to complete the season, you may find your own sub but of same ability.

3. RANKINGS – After registering you will be ranked on the ladder(s) you register for. These rankings occur chronologically in order of registration; in other words, the earlier you sign-up, the higher your initial ranking.

4. CHALLENGING – You may challenge a team ranked one or two spots above you. If you win your match you take the place of the team you defeated.

5. IF YOU ARE CHALLENGED – If you are challenged you will receive a call or email from your challenger. You then have two options:

a. ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE – You have 7 days from time of being challenged to play the match.

b. DECLINE THE CHALLENGE – Instead of accepting the challenge, you may Decline the Challenge and forfeit the match. This is the option you should choose if you cannot accept the challenge due to illness, vacation, busy schedule, etc. Although you forfeit matches you decline, this process will keep the ladder moving and allow players to participate in more matches. This option is also the default if you do not respond to a challenge within 48 hours.

6. MATCH RULES –

a. BEST TWO OUT OF THREE SETS – All challenge matches must be played in the best two out of three sets format with a seven-point tiebreaker played if any set is tied at 6-6. Teams will spin a racquet or flip a coin to determine the initial serve or side of the court.

b. RULES – The Rules of Tennis will apply to all challenge matches so please become familiar with such rules. These rules may be found at www.usta.com.

7. AFTER EVERY MATCH – After every challenge match, the winner must report the score to the tennis shop. Scores must be entered within 48 hours of the challenge being issued or else the team will remain in the same ladder positions. Both players may challenge immediately after any match scores are reported but not before.

8. EQUIPMENT, COURTS & WEATHER – The player being challenged is responsible for bringing at least three tennis balls to the match. Additionally, both teams must supply their own tennis equipment (racquet, tennis shoes, water, etc.). Both teams are responsible for finding tennis courts and paying all required court fees (if applicable). If inclement weather does not permit a match to be played, you need to play the rescheduled match within 72 hours.

9. LADDER SEASONS – Each tennis ladder will be three-four months in length and you may register and begin playing at any time during any particular season. Teams must sign up again for the next season. Once you sign up, player will stay in the same position in the ladder.

SEASON	LADDER START DATE	LADDER END DATE
SPRING	FEBRUARY 1	MAY 31
SUMMER	JUNE 1	AUGUST 31
FALL	SEPTEMBER 1	DECEMBER 31

10. PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each ladder category.

11. REFUND POLICY – No refunds are permitted once you have registered and paid for any tennis ladder. This policy will remain in effect regardless of how many matches you have played during the particular ladder season. Additionally, you are not guaranteed any specific number of matches per ladder season as this depends entirely upon the discretion of the players issuing the challenges. However, please keep in mind that players refusing challenges or otherwise missing matches will automatically drop down the ladder and this should provide you will a greater number of matches.