

## **Open and Women Ladder Rules**

2010

### **I. Ladder Format and Main Guidelines**

- A. Best out of three sets with a 10 point tie break.
- B. Year round format, with top 8 player playoffs at the end of season.
- C. Odd/Even number format challenging every week. Ex. Every other week odd numbers will challenge even numbers above them, and vice versa.
- D. One week to complete matches. (Tuesday-Sunday, Monday day off to update ladder)
- E. If unable to complete at least one match a month, person will move down one spot in the ladder.
- F. Challenger provides balls.
- G. Players will initially be placed on the tennis ladder according to their level of play. After that, new players welcomed to join the ladder any time of the year; however they will have to start from the bottom part of the ladder.
- H. Cost for joining the ladder is a one time \$25 fee. Non-members will have to pay an additional \$14 court fee every time they use the court.
- I. All Men, Women 4.5 or above and juniors in our Elite group welcomed to join.

### **II. Placing a Challenge**

- A. Look at Ladder Board to determine if you are challenging or not.

B. Each month Challenges go as follow:

1. Week#1 Even numbers challenge next Odd number up. (Ex. #8 challenges #7)
2. Week#2 Odd numbers challenge next Even number up. (Ex. #7 challenges #6).
3. Week#3 Even numbers challenge two Odds numbers up. (Ex. #8 challenges #5).
4. Week#4 Odd numbers challenge two Even numbers up. (Ex. #7 challenges #4).

C. Contact your opponent Monday evening, or Tuesday to set up your match for the week.

D. Contact front desk Tuesday in between 1pm-4pm to announce challenge match (time and date to help us avoid any dispute).

E. Play your match.

F. Winner report scores to club. (Score must be reported by phone or emailed to [rudyjimenez05@gmail.com](mailto:rudyjimenez05@gmail.com) by Sunday night).

G. Scores on the ladder will be updated every Monday.

### III. Miscellaneous

A. If challenger wins, he/she takes the spot of the person challenged, and the person challenged moves down only one spot. If challenger loses then spots will remain the same.

B. If person challenged defaults match, Challenger will take that person's

spot. Challenged person will move one spot down.

- C. If Challenger defaults the match, then spots remain the same for that week.
- D. Default will occur when a match is set to play and one or both of the parties are unable to play for any reasons. (Rescheduling is fine as long as you play your match within the same week, and notice the club about this).
- E. If after considering all available options, both players are unable to find a time to play their match during a week, then spots will remain the same on the ladder for that week. (Make sure to call the club to report this situation or a default may be issued to the person)
- F. If Challenged person cannot play at all during a specific week or weeks (traveling, sickness, etc) then challenger will move up to that person's spot. Challenged person moves down only one spot.
- G. Reminder: If a participant is unable to complete at least one match a month, the participant will be moved down one additional spot on the ladder at the end of the month regardless if that person is challenging or being challenged.