

# RULES FOR THE FUN TENNIS LADDER

## GENERAL

This Fun Tennis Ladder is a great way for members to meet and play with other members who are at their same level of skill. Based on the level of play described on your registration form, all players will be placed in a ladder, one on top of the other. Players challenge each other. If a player lower down the ladder beats a higher placed player, they change places - the lower, winning player moving up the ladder.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

Players are responsible for organizing their own matches. The winner of each match is the first player to win 8 games. Players are also responsible for logging their score and updating the ladder in the Clubhouse the end of each match.

## RULE FOR CHALLENGES

- 15th and below placed players can challenge players to a maximum of 4 places above them.
- 15th - 5th placed players can challenge players 3 places above them
- 4th-1st can challenge players up to 2 places above.

## DATES AND LATE REGISTRATION

Players must be registered by May 31, 2011 to permit the club to set the initial ranking based on your registration form. The Ladder will officially start on June 1, 2011 and will end on August 31, 2011.

New players who join the ladder after May 31, 2011, can challenge any player at any position on the ladder up to 80% from the top for your first challenge. Chose very carefully whom you challenge since after this unique opportunity, you may only challenge players according to the RULES FOR CHALLENGE. If you win the match, you take that player's place on the ladder. The player you defeated, and everyone below him/her, moves down one place. If you lose the challenge, everyone remains in the same place you will be put at the bottom of the ladder.

## DISQUALIFICATION

Players should not refuse a challenge from a player below, if players continue to refuse challenges or are unable to play matches they will be removed from the ladder and all players below will be moved up one place.

# TENNIS LADDER REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that this telephone number and/or Email will be posted adjacent to your name on the Ladder Board so that other members can contact you for setting up matches.

Your Tennis Level Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the NTRP chart below, enter the rating number that most accurately describes your level of play.

RATING	ABILITIES
1	This player is just starting to play tennis.
1.5	This player has limited experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play.
2	This player needs on-court experience. This player has obvious stroke weaknesses but is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play.
2.5	This player is learning to judge where the ball is going although court coverage is weak. This player can sustain a rally of slow pace with other players of the same ability.
3	This player is consistent when hitting medium paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks control when trying for directional intent, depth or power.
3.5	This player has achieved improved stroke dependability and direction on moderate shots, but still lacks depth and variety. This player is starting to exhibit more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage, and is developing teamwork in doubles.
4	This player has dependable strokes, including directional intent and depth on both forehand and backhand sides on moderate shots, plus the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success. This player occasionally forces errors when serving and teamwork in doubles is evident.
4.5	This player has begun to master the use of power and spins and is beginning to handle pace, has sound footwork, can control depth of shots, and is beginning to vary tactics according to opponents. This player can hit first serves with power and accuracy, place the second serve and is able to rush the net successfully.
5	This player has good shot anticipation and frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured. This player can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls, can put away volleys, can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes and has good depth and spin on most second serves.
5.5	This player has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon. This player can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation and hits dependable shots in a stress situation
6 to 7	These players will generally not need NTRP ratings. Rankings or past rankings will speak for themselves. The 6.0 player typically has had intensive training for national tournament competition at the junior level and collegiate levels and has obtained a sectional and/or national ranking. The 6.5 player has a reasonable chance of succeeding at the 7.0 level and has extensive satellite tournament experience. The 7.0 is a world class player who is committed to tournament competition on the international level and whose major source of income is tournament prize winnings.