

Tennis Center at College Park Tennis
Open Singles Ladder 2008
New Format and Rules

General Information

- You must be a member of the Tennis Center at College Park to participate in the singles ladder
- To join the ladder, simply contact Dana Evans at devans@thetccp.com and provide your contact information and playing level.
- The singles tennis ladder is a way for members to meet and play matches with other similarly skilled players at mutually convenient times.

Cost

- The cost of playing a ladder match will be a flat fee of \$10 per person for a 1.5 hour indoor reservation and free for an outdoor reservation.

Placement on the Ladder

- The initial placement of players on the ladder is determined by recent club tournaments, leagues and events.
- New players that join the ladder during the year have the opportunity for one free challenge to any position on the ladder. (See free challenge rule)

Free Challenge Rule

- To begin the ladder in 2008, each participant will have one opportunity for a free challenge, allowing them to challenge a player in any position on the ladder. The free challenge exists to offer players one chance to move up quickly on the ladder.
- New players that join the ladder also have one opportunity for a free challenge, allowing them to challenge a player in any position on the ladder.

Making Challenges / Receiving a Challenge and Scheduling Matches

- You may challenge a player up to three spots above you.
- If the challenger wins the match they take the place of the person they defeated and everyone will adjust down one position.
- If the challenger loses the match, no change in ladder position is made.
- If you are challenged you have 72hours to respond and attempt to schedule the match within the next ten days. The player being challenged should offer at least two playing times for the ladder match within the next ten days or it will be deemed a forfeit and your position on the ladder will be moved down accordingly.

Playing Format / Match rule

- Each match will be allocated a 1.5 hour time slot in which to play.
- All matches will be best two out of three sets, regular scoring with a 7 point tie breaker at six all in a set. If time does not permit a third set, a 12 point tiebreaker should be played in lieu of a third set.
- If time expires before two sets have been completed, the winner will be determined by tallying total games won.
- The player making the challenge should provide a new can of balls for the match.

After Every Match / Reporting Results

- The winner of the match is responsible for reporting the results and score of the match.
- Results must be reported EVEN if there is no change in ladder position.
- To report a ladder match, please send an email to devans@thetccp.com with the names of the players, the result and the score. You may also complete a ladder score sheet form (available at the front desk) and leave for Dana to record the results.

Injured Reserve / Unavailable for Play

- If a player is unavailable for play due to injury, illness, vacation or travel, they should notify Dana in advance to be put on inactive status.
- When a player is on inactive status, they may return to the ladder in the position that they previously occupied.
- When a player plans to return to the ladder from inactive status they must notify Dana at devans@thetccp.com.

Forfeits

- When a player forfeits a match, the challenging player moves into the position of the forfeiting player, just as in a win, and everyone moves down accordingly.
- A forfeit will be declared if a player is:
 - More than 15 minutes late for their scheduled match
 - Does not respond within 72 hours of being challenged
 - Does not provide a least two opportunities to schedule the match within ten days from being challenged
 - Cancels a scheduled match and makes no attempt to reschedule
 - If a player is forced to retire from a match that has started