

Ladder Rules

- 1. Joining the Ladder:** A person joining an existing ladder has one initial chance to challenge anyone in any position on the ladder. If he or she loses that challenge match they will then be placed on the bottom of the ladder and have to challenge to move up. The new ladder participant who wins that initial match moves into the position of the person they just defeated
- 2. Playing Format:** All matches will be the best of three sets, with a tie-breaker being played in lieu of a third set. If the players split sets, the match will be determined by a standard tie-breaker, with the match going to the first player to win seven points. The tie-breaker must be won by two points. All other aspects of fair play and conduct will follow USTA guidelines. Matches stopped for bad weather or similar reasons must be completed within one week or the leading player wins.
- 3. Challenge Guidelines:** Players may challenge upwards a maximum of three positions. Challengers must issue the challenge to higher players and matches must be accepted and scheduled within one week of the challenge, unless both payers agree to an extension or the ladder director (Jere Mitzner) accepts a reasonable reason for a delay, such as a challenged player being out of town or injured.
- 4. Time Between Challenges:** To avoid excess challenges against any single player, no player may be challenged within one week of having played any challenge match.
- 5. Challenger Responsibilities:** Challengers will make all needed court reservations and supply a new can of balls for the match. Reservations to be made with Gordon Paul via e-mail, to GAPTennis@aol.com.
- 6. Reporting Scores:** Winners of matches must report scores to Gordon Paul via e-mail within 24 hours of the match.
- 7. Post-Match Positions:** If the higher position player wins the match, there is no change of position. If the challenger wins the match, he or she moves in to the loser's position and everyone in between moves down one place.
- 8. Question or Suggestions:** Please bring any suggestions to the ladder director, who is the final decision-maker for all disputes or questions. However, the ladder director may appoint an impartial ladder committee to rule on disputes as needed.