

WVTC SINGLES LADDER RULES

Ladders are extremely popular tennis activities. The ladders are open to both adult (men and ladies) and junior members. The ladder runs from **June 7th to September 26th**.

Register on or before June 6th to get in the Ranking box for Session 1.

How to sign up:

- Sign-up by contacting the **Ladder Coordinator at: WVTC.Ladder@Gmail.com**.
- Any signups that happen after the session started means that you will have to wait until the next session to start play, so do not delay, **sign up right away!**

For more information, please contact the Ladder Coordinator at: WVTC.Ladder@Gmail.com.

Joining the Ladder

- There will be two ladders:
 - Men's Singles Ladder
 - Ladies Singles Ladder
- *** Junior members may also participate in the ladders.**
- The Ladder players **MUST** be Members of the club. The Ladder gives members the opportunity to play up to 4 singles matches per session (4-week period) with a variety of players in a competitive, but friendly environment.
- There is **NO** cost to join the ladder.
- You may join the ladder by sending an email to the **Ladder Coordinator WVTC.Ladder@Gmail.com**.
- After the first session starts, you can join the waitlist at any time.
- Matches are booked using the new Online Court Booking System (OCBS).
- There will be 4 sessions (**you do not have to commit to play in all sessions as each session is independent of each other**):

Sessions:

Session 1 – Monday, June 7th to Sunday, July 4th

Session 2 – Monday, July 5th to Sunday, August 1st

Session 3 – Monday, August 2nd to Sunday, August 29th

Session 4 – Monday, August 30th to Sunday, September 26th

How It Works

- The Ladder season runs from June 7th to September 26th in a box format.
- There will be 4-6 players in each box of the ladder, playing each other once during a 4-week period.

- At the beginning of each session, players will receive the contact information of each player in their box that they need to play.
- Participants will be placed in a box with players of a similar skill level.
- All players are equally responsible to arrange matches with their box opponents.
- Both players must bring a new can of tennis balls to each match. After the match, the winner takes the unopened can of balls and the loser keeps the used can.

Example:

BOX 1

		WINNING PLAYER					
Scores		Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	Player 5	TOTAL
LOSING PLAYER	Name						
	Player 1						
	Player 2						
	Player 3						
	Player 4						
	Player 5						
TOTAL							

Contact Info		
Name	Email	Phone #
Player 1		
Player 2		
Player 3		
Player 4		
Player 5		

Booking Matches

- All players within their box are responsible for booking their matches through the Online Court Booking System (OCBS), at a time convenient for both players during weekday evenings and weekends. All matches are going to be approximately 50 minutes (if you limit your warm-up to 10 minutes).
- Ladder matches does not exempt players from the sign-up rules. They must follow the OCBS rules like everyone else. If during the ladder match the players are “kicked out” in the middle of the match, they should sign up again and continue the game afterwards.
- All players must respond to the challenge within **48** hours from the time the request is sent out for the match and either accept the proposed date/time for the game or suggest two alternate dates/times for the match. Suggested dates must be within 7 days from the challenge date. If the player has not responded to the challenge within 48 hours, the Ladder Coordinator may suspend the status of the player.

Warm Up

- Please keep your warmup time under 10 minutes. Remember that you only have 50 minutes to play your match. The longer you warm up, the shorter your match will be.

Scoring and Match details

- Ladder matches are 50 min. in duration (10 min warm-up).
- **The Ladder match is played as a Pro Set.** A Pro Set is a set where the winner is the first to win 8 games, by a margin of 2 (for example, 8-6). If a match is tied at 7-7, a 7-point tiebreaker is played to determine the winner of the match (the first player to get to 7 points with a 2-point margin). The score after a tiebreaker will always be 8-7.
- If you have not reached the end of the Pro Set in the allotted time, whoever is ahead before time is up, is declared the winner, **unless both players agree to finish the match at another time and/or date.**
- **In the event of a tied score in games and points at the end of a booking, one point must be played to determine the winner of the match as our system cannot log ties. Players will spin a racquet to determine who gets to serve or receive for the match deciding point. The final point is worth one full game to break any tie.**
- Points will be awarded in the following manner:
 - **Win = 3 points Loss = 1 points Default = 0 points**
- Players who participate in all their session matches will receive **2 bonus points** at the end of the session.
- The winner must email the scores of the match to the Ladder Coordinator and cc: your opponent's email address. Record only finished games or tiebreaks.
- If a match will not be played for whatever reason, please read the **default rules.**

Defaults

Type 1

If a player fails to attend or cancels within 24 hours of a booked match, the offending player loses by default. The "winner" is awarded 3 points, the defaulter 0 points.

Type 2

A player who fails to respond to a match request with prospective play dates, or otherwise declines to play, will lose by default. **This includes inability to play due to INJURY.**

If in a period of fifteen consecutive days a player has sent three challenges with consecutive play dates, the player may ask the Ladder Coordinator, by email, to approve a default.

Type 3

If you are late for your match (even 1 minute), you start the match down 1-0. If you are 5 minutes late, you start the match down 2-0. If you are 10 minutes late for your match, the match is considered a default.

Note: If the Ladder Coordinator receives numerous complaints that one player either: (1) fails to respond to phone calls/emails within 48 hours, or (2) is unwilling to play, the player may be removed from the ladder, at the Ladder Coordinators discretion.

Questions and Answers

Q: What happens if my Ladder match gets rained out?

A: You are permitted to re-schedule and re-book the match in consultation with your opponent.

Q: What happens if my opponent does not show up because he/she thought it was raining or the courts were wet (and they were not)?

A: The opponent should make every effort to contact their opponent before deciding not to show up. If no effort is made, the player who showed up at the courts will be awarded a win, and the other player will receive a default.

Q: It rained during our ladder match and we did not get to finish! What do we do?

A: You are permitted to re-schedule and re-book to complete the match.

Movement on the Ladder

- After the end of each session, new boxes are created based on the results of the previous sessions and any additional players waiting to be added to a box.
- As a rule, those who win matches will rise to a higher box and those that lose matches will go to a lower box. Adjustment of the Ladder boxes and addition of new players is at the discretion of the Ladder Coordinator.
- Anyone playing fewer than three matches during the session will be ineligible for promotion to a higher box.
- If you play no matches or default more than once, 2 months in a row, you will be removed from ladder play for the remainder of the season.
- The top 2 ladies in the highest box on the Ladies Ladder will have the option (they will be asked in advance of the end of the session) of moving to the Men's Ladder. They are not required to go to the Men's Ladder; it is optional. If they choose to move to the Men's Ladder, they will be placed into a box on the Men's ladder with players of similar skill level. If a Lady chooses to crossover to the Men's Ladder, they do so for the remainder of the Ladder season.
- There may be situations where a box may have Men and Ladies players, if it means filling a box.