

#### LADDER RULES (Updated 3/8/22)

- ❑ Original ladder position will be determined by the Pros in conjunction with ladder results for the first week (position week). Last year's position and moving up from one age group to another will be taken into consideration.
- ❑ The Pros have the right to schedule a 'Coach's Challenge' to settle potential ladder issues. Other than a normal challenge match, this is the only means for determining a change in the ladder.
- ❑ You may challenge the player directly ahead of you or the player two (2) slots ahead of you. You may only make one challenge at a time. You must accept all challenges made to you. 'Dodging' a challenge match will result in automatic forfeit of the match. If either person who is one or two positions higher on the ladder is out of town, the challenger can challenge the next higher person (can be more than 3 positions higher.) Challenges must be made either by phone or in person.
- ❑ You may only challenge the same player one time per week. If you lose, you must wait a week to re-challenge. If you beat a higher placed player, they may re-challenge after 24 hours of the completed match. The tennis staff has the authority to default any player who does not adhere to these rules. Please direct questions and concerns to the tennis staff.
- ❑ A challenge match must be played within 72 hours (3 days) of the challenge, weather permitting. It is feasible that, while the challenged player is out of town, he/she will be moved down due to other challenging above him/her.
- ❑ If the challenging player wins, they will move ahead of the player beaten and those in-between will automatically move down one position.
- ❑ "Ducking" a challenge will result in automatic forfeit of the match. Unanswered phone calls constitute ducking. If you are not getting a response from the person you are trying to challenge please contact the tennis staff immediately.
- ❑ You must accept one (1) challenge per week (no declining the challenge, otherwise the player forfeits). The challenger must notify Samit, via email or in person before the challenge match is played, of the date and time of the match. The match must be completed by 12:00 noon the Tuesday before the team match for it to count for that week; otherwise it will count for the next week.
- ❑ You must wait one (1) week from the day you played a challenge match to challenge the same person.
- ❑ You may challenge a player without limit over the course of the summer.
- ❑ All challenge matches will be an eight game Pro Set, win by two games. At seven (7) all, a seven (7) point, win by two (2), tiebreaker is to be played.

- All results must be reported to Samit by email ( Samit\_Shah11@yahoo.com) soon after the match is played so the result can be reflected on the ladder. The following must be reported: date of match, winner's name, opponent's name and match score.
  
- The top four (4) players in each age group will play in the A match each week. If one of the top four (4) players is missing, then the next available player (based on the ladder) will play. Players 5-8 will play in the B match each week.
  
- The A&B team line-up will be determined by the ladder positions as of 12 PM on Tuesday. Any challenges played after this date will not impact the matches played that week.
  
- You must play in either two (2) A or B matches to be eligible to play in A or B Finals. Please let Samit know if you will not be able to play in two (2) matches or unable to play in either A or B finals.
  
- The last day for challenge matches for A/B Finals will be July 15th. Players will have the opportunity to challenge ONLY one (1) time and be challenged ONLY once during the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> - 15th. At that point, the ladder will be frozen.
  
- To ensure fairness (e.g. one player having "fan support" and another not), friends/family/relatives are not allowed on or behind the courts or in the pavilion while a challenge match is being played. The only exception is if another player is playing challenge matches themselves. If either player feels that they would like a staff member available during their challenge match (for example, the 10 and under players needing help with scoring or tie-break assistance) please let Samit know in advance.