

Tullamore Tennis Club Ladder

Introduction

Welcome to your new tennis ladder! Hopefully, this will give everyone the opportunity to play more tennis. Everyone is encouraged to play as much as possible to make the ladder work.

Firstly, the players' positions on the respective mens and ladies ladders are to be recorded manually on the tennis club ladder board behind the counter. Also, a listing of the positions will be posted on the noticeboard every 2 weeks to take a snapshot of positions as a record.

Secondly, results of ladder matches should be recorded on the "ladder results sheet" on the notice board, giving details of the challenger's name, opponent's name, date of challenge, date of match, winner and the score.

Challenges are to be carried out by text message and the person being challenged must also confirm receipt of challenge by text message. This effectively gives a record of the challenge. A date and time for playing the match can then be subsequently arranged.

The rules of the ladder are set out below. Should anyone require clarification, please contact the ladder administrators, Craig Murray or Bernie McArdle – the current Activities sub-committee members.

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Tullamore Tennis Ladder Rules

1. Matches to be the best of three sets, with a tie-break at six-all in the third set.
2. It is up to the challenger to make contact with their opponent. You may challenge anyone else on the ladder, up to and including 3 places above you.
3. Each player is expected to play at least one match every 4 week interval, otherwise HE or SHE will be dropped 2 positions. The leading player however is exempt from this requirement.
4. A player who is challenged must agree to a match with the challenger no later than two weeks after the challenge has been made unless:
 1. The challenged player is unable to play due to injury, holiday etc.
 2. The two players cannot mutually agree on a date and time for a match.
5. Once a challenge has been made, neither player can accept or make another until the challenge has been played.
6. In the event of the challenger winning, he or she takes the place of the loser, who moves one place downwards. If the winner has the lower position, he or she takes over the higher position. The calculation is based on the position of the two players when the match is recorded, not those at the time the challenge is made. It may be possible to find the positions of the players have changed during that interval. Please observe good sportsmanship and play your match even if you find your respective positions have changed.
7. After a challenge has been played, the winner cannot be challenged for 2 days, during which time they can challenge forwards. If the person who is challenged is defeated, they may not submit another challenge for 2 days following the match.
8. After a challenge has been played, neither player can challenge each other for 10 days.
9. When players who are within challenging distance of each other meet in any other club competition, the match shall be regarded as a challenge.
10. New members to the Tennis Ladder have the option of 2 open challenges. If they should lose the first challenge, they may make a further challenge lower down the ladder. If they should lose the second challenge, they must start from the bottom of the ladder.