

# CHALLENGE LADDER RULES

- 1. Joining the ladder:** A person joining the ladder has one initial chance to challenge anyone in any position on the ladder (including at the beginning). If they lose 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 above the person they just defeated.
- 2. Playing format:** All matches will be the best of three sets, regular scoring with a 10 pt. tie-break in lieu of a third set. Matches stopped for any reason (weather, light) must be completed within one week or the leading player wins.
- 3. Challenge guidelines:** Players may challenge upwards a maximum of three positions. Matches must be accepted and scheduled within two weeks of the challenge, unless players agree to an extension.
- 4. Time between challenges:** To avoid excess challenges against any single player/team, 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. The time of matches must be convenient to all players.
- 6. Reporting scores:** Winners of matches must report scores to Judy by e-mail within 24 hours of the match at which time an e-mail will be sent with any changes in the ladder positions.
- 7. Post-match positions:** If the higher position player wins the match, there is no change of position. If the challenger wins the match, they move above the loser's position and everyone in between moves down one place.
- 8. Response:** You must respond to a challenge from someone behind you on the ladder within 48 hours. Once a match has been mutually scheduled, if either player/team cannot play they forfeit the match.

