

# LADDER INFORMATION SHEET

We have the Leagues why join a Ladder?

The Ladder will give everyone the opportunity to play a competitive game as often or as little as they like and you are not tied in to the stricter requirements of the League. It will also provide regular League players additional opportunities for competitive games if they want to play more.

The Ladder simply creates a hierarchy of players who then have the opportunity to play a competitive game against someone who should be of a similar standard.

How does it work? The basics.

The Ladder runs directly from the clubs website. All challenges and results are recorded online.

You can challenge players up to 4 places above AND 4 places below you on the Ladder.

Players up to 4 players below you or 4 places above you can challenge you.

You can only be active in up to 2 challenges at a time. This means you cannot be overrun with challenges.

When you challenge someone or are challenged yourself you have 3 weeks to play the game.

Match results are entered on to the website (at home or at the club).

If you beat the player you challenged you go above them in the Ladder.

If you lose nothing changes.

If someone challenges you and wins they go above you...if they lose they are no changes.

It's that simple!

# How to join?

Members who are in the Leagues will have automatically been placed on the Ladder at the start, although these players can withdraw at any time they choose if they decide it is not for them. We hope <u>everyone</u> will give it a chance, however.

N.B. If you are in the Leagues please see the note at the bottom.

If you are not in the Leagues and would like to join the Ladder simply log on to the website, click the Ladder button at the top and the click JOIN, or contact the organiser at:

tavysquash.development@gmail.com

As a new player you will be allowed to challenge anyone on the Ladder as your first challenge. If you win you will go above them <u>BUT</u> if you lose you will have to work your way up the Ladder from the bottom!

#### How to Challenge a player

You can challenge a player up to 4 places above you on the Ladder (or four places below if you are keen for a game with someone below you).

To challenge another player simply go to the website, go to the Ladder section and login.

Click on the player you wish to challenge (the available players will be highlighted) and then click on the challenge button (or cancel button if you have made a mistake).

Both of you will then get an email or text confirming the challenge. You now have 3 weeks to organise the game.

We would recommend that you make contact with the other player as soon as possible to make arrangements, so you can be sure they are aware of the challenge.

Please remember that not everyone checks their emails every day.

N.B. If you do not use email you can opt to receive your challenges via a text message to your mobile phone.

## Someone has challenged me?

You may get an email or text saying that another player has challenged you (their details will be shown on the email or text). You then have 14 days to organise a convenient date with them for the match.

If you cannot play within three weeks for any reason you can either ask the other player to cancel the challenge or you can forfeit the game.

N.B. If you forfeit the game the other player goes above you in the Ladder.

# Entering the results.

The easiest way to enter the result of a match is for one of the players to go to the website, go to the Ladder section and login. On your Ladder home page you will see the game at the top, with a link to enter the result for the challenge.

N.B. Please remember there is a computer at the club to enable you to do this if you do not use one at home.

When you follow the link you will simply be asked which player won.

The rest is taken care of automatically. You will both get an email confirming the result and the Ladder will be re-organised automatically there and then.

# Cancel a Challenge

If you have challenged a player by mistake you can cancel the challenge by following the link to enter the result of the match and then selecting the cancel challenge option.

N.B. If you have already booked the game please make sure the other player knows the challenge has been cancelled.

## Forfeiting a game

If you are unable to play or you do not want to play for any reason, you can opt to forfeit the game. This can be done by following the same link to enter the result (see above). This will mean that the player who has challenged you will go above you in the Ladder.

#### Taking a Break!

One of the benefits of the Ladder is your ability to take a break <u>for up to one</u> <u>month</u>, without causing too many issues to the other players.

If you are going away or you are injured you can mark yourself as not available to play.

When you return you will slot back in to the same position you were in when you left.

To take a break or re-join the Ladder simply go to the website, go to the Ladder section and login. Click the options link and then the take a break/re-join the ladder link.

N.B. If you have active challenges please make sure you notify the other players of your decision to take a break.

## Leaving the Ladder

If you wish to take a break for longer than a month or leave altogether then click on the Quit the Ladder option.

N.B. Players leaving the Ladder cannot re-join for two months, other than at the bottom.

## Players Who Are Already In The Leagues

Please note that your League and Ladder games will now count as one so that you should not be overrun by games that need to be played.

If you now play a League game with someone who is also in the Ladder, then when you enter the result on the web site (this facility will start at the same time as the Ladder) the Ladder positions will automatically update themselves - if appropriate. This will of course make the game doubly interesting!

#### **Further Information**

The organiser will have the option of cancelling or forfeiting games which are not played. If you are close to the three week requirement then you do need to play or cancel the game. If no action is taken then unless there are mitigating circumstances the organiser will record that the challenged player has forfeited the game.

If you have any questions or wish to clarify anything please phone or email

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