

University of Tennessee Tennis Club Ladder Rules and Information

1. **Season:** The Ladder will be played during the warm months of the spring and fall semester. One match will be played every week. The ladder will end in the fall when the weather gets cold and start up with the same rankings in the spring when it is warm.
2. **Rankings:** At the beginning of the season rankings will be assigned randomly. Any players joining the ladder after the rankings are established will be placed at the bottom. Males and Females will be ranked together.
3. **Challenging:** Any player may challenge another player within 5 spots above them in the ranking. Challenges will be made by e-mail. You may only play one match every week. If you are challenged you must accept unless you have all ready been challenged or have all ready challenged someone. When challenged you must respond to the e-mail within 48 hours and either accept or tell the person who you are all ready playing. If you do not respond the challenger must e-mail me and you will forfeit the match and the challenger will receive a 6-0, 6-0 win. The #1 ranked player may not make a challenge. The same two players may not play back to back matches. If you forfeit 2 matches in a row you will be removed from the ladder. To get back on the ladder you must send a request to Will at whaselba@utk.edu.
4. **Setting up a Match:** When a challenge has been made the challenger must include two times during the week period that would work for them. The challenged player should try and accommodate the challenger's times. If this does not work the challenged player must send back their phone number and two times that would work for them. If these times do not work for the challenger you must call and figure out a time together. **The original challenged player must bring the tennis balls to the match.**
5. **Match Scoring:** Each match will be a best 2 of 3 sets.
6. **Reporting the Score:** The winner should report the score. All scores for the week period must be sent to whaselba@utk.edu by Friday at 8:00am. In the report include the score, who played, the previous ranking of each player, and when the match was played.
7. **Moving Up the Ladder:** If the higher ranked player of the match loses the lower ranked player takes their spot and the loser moves own one spot. (i.e. if a player ranked #10 challenges #7 and wins player #10 will become #7 and #7 will move to #8, #8 to #9, etc.) If the lower ranked player loses the ladder is unaffected.
8. **Ladder Updates:** The ladder will be updated every Friday of the challenge period on the tennis club website, <http://web.utk.edu/~tennisut/index.htm>. An update e-mail announcement will be sent out and challenges may start for the next period.

Notes: Remember, this is for fun and everyone should have fun with it. Feel free to play an exhibition match with anyone on the ladder but only the first legal match will be counted for the ladder. Remember that the first couple matches of the season may be uneven but after that the ladder will start to equalize itself and you will be playing players close to your level.