

**ROYAL GLENORA CLUB**

**TENNIS DOUBLES LADDER OPERATION**

**PURPOSE OF LADDERS:**

The purpose of the Doubles Ladder Programs at the RGC is to:

- Encourage achievement by moving participants up the ladder as they win games.
- Allow individuals to meet and play with a variety of tennis players.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. There will be four identical ladder sessions per calendar year (quarterly). Each session will be three months in length beginning on the first Monday of each quarter for men and on the first Wed. or Thurs. of each quarter for women. (Please note that this may vary slightly because of holidays and tournaments).
  - Men's Monday 6-7:45 PM
  - Men's Monday 7:45-9:30 PM
  - Women's Wednesday 1-3 PM
  - Women's Thursdays 6-7:45PM
2. For all ladders, the top ranked players get the earliest times, the middle ranked the next earliest, and so on.
3. The wind up date for each session will be on the last day for each session and will be posted on the bulletin board next to the indoor tennis courts.
4. There will be a maximum number of 40 players within each men's ladder group as well as the Wednesday Women's Ladder. There will be a maximum of 30 participants in the Women's Thursday ladder. Wait lists of participants will be kept. The minimum practical size for a Ladder session is 15 players. Below this number, the ladder purposes of movement and variety are not likely to be achieved.
5. The fee will be \$15/month.
6. The following rules governing the Men's and Women's doubles tennis ladders will be posted on the bulletin board next to the indoor tennis court 8.
7. It is the responsibility of ladder participants to read, understand and abide by these rules.
8. Concerns with ladder rules must first be directed to the Head Tennis Professional or Ladder Administrator.

**LADDER PRELIMINARIES:**

1. Ladder participants meet at the indoor tennis courts hallway by court 8.
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2. Participants are asked to check in at least 5 minutes prior to ladder start time to confirm attendance. This means checking your name off on the weekly Ladder participation sheet.
3. Substitutes are not permitted in the ladder unless authorized by professional staff.
4. Late players will not be able to play after the courts have been assigned. It is the responsibility of all players to monitor and enforce this rule.
5. Ladders are to start on time in order to finish on time.
6. If there are more participants than courts, or if the number of participants is not divisible by four, there will be some courts with five players, designated by the Ladder Captain.
7. All play must cease on the courts at the assigned time. If the court is not finished their sets they may continue on unused courts.

#### **COURT ALLOCATION:**

1. The top player in attendance for each ladder session is responsible for court assignments (Ladder Captain). This may vary from day to day so please be sure that you understand your responsibilities.
2. The top and bottom courts will alternate playing inside and outside every second week.
3. The top and bottom courts will also alternate every second week as to which courts will have five players.
4. Courts of five players will always play in the outside building.

#### **LADDER PLACEMENT:**

1. New players joining the ladder and players rejoining the ladder after an absence must abide by the rules. No player will be able to be placed into any position other than that outlined below regardless of the reason for the player's absence and regardless of their skill level.
2. Rejoining participants can be added after removing themselves from the ladder for an extended absence (i.e. more than two weeks)

#### **NEW PLAYER PLACEMENT OPTIONS:**

New player's must let their intentions of entering the ladder be known by contacting the head professional or ladder administrator in writing by the end of the month.

Head Professional – [ryan.schroffel@royalglenora.com](mailto:ryan.schroffel@royalglenora.com)

Ladder Administrator – [lane.richard@royalglenora.com](mailto:lane.richard@royalglenora.com)

Under no circumstances will a player place themselves into the ladder by penciling themselves in.

New players joining the ladder will be placed as follows.

- All players interested in being added into the ladder must be assessed by a member of the coaching staff to determine where they should be placed in the ladder. Following the assessment the player will be placed at the bottom of the court to be played based on 4 people to a court, i.e. he/she will be placed in position 4, 8, 12, 16 etc.

### **REJOINING PLAYER PLACEMENT OPTIONS:**

Players rejoining the ladder after an extended absence (i.e. more than two successive weeks) will be reinserted back into the ladder at approximately the level at which he/she left, provided space is available.

They must let their intentions of entering the ladder be known by contacting the head professional or ladder administrator in writing at least one week in advance.

Under no circumstances will a player place themselves into the ladder by penciling themselves in.

### **LADDER PLAY:**

1. Limit warm-up time to 10 minutes from ladder start time (not from time of arrival of participants). If this is consistently followed, the ladders should end on time, even with 5-player groups.
2. In a given group, each participant is to play once per play day with each of the other players in the same group. Players in a group are given a ranking from 1 to 4 (or 5, if 5 participants). In a 4-player group, it does not matter in which order the participants play the matches; in a 5-player group, matches must be played in the correct order, with the fifth-ranked person sitting out first, then replacing the next lower-ranked player, number 1 being replaced last. (1,2,3,4 PLAY 5 SITS OUT; 1,2,3,5 PLAY 4 SITS OUT; 1,2,4,5 PLAY 3 SITS OUT; 1,3,4,5 PLAY 2 SITS OUT; 2,3,4,5 PLAY 1 SITS OUT).
3. Depending on the number of players in the group, there are either three or four matches played. If there are four players, there will be three matches of 8 games each. If there are five players in a group, there will be four matches of 6 games each.
4. Deuce rule: if a game reaches deuce, in the interest of meeting time constraints.
  - In the ladies' ladder the next point wins the game ( sudden death point )
  - Receivers select who is to receive serve.
  - In the men's ladders, this rule is only used when there are 5-player groups and time becomes a problem.

The Men's Ladder & Thursday Women's sessions will be one hour and forty five minutes in length.

The Wednesday Women's Ladders will be two hours in length.

## **LADDER SCORING:**

1. Each participant receives one point for each game won in every match played. The scores of each match are to be recorded by the participants at the end of each match on the ladder score sheet attached to the clipboard.
2. Players are responsible for ensuring that the ladder score sheet reflects accurately the scores in the games they have played.
3. Members should also ensure that the lines separating the 4 or 5 player groups are clearly marked. If they are not, it is easy for the Coordinator to misinterpret the scores.
4. The winner of a group is the person who has won the most games among the players in the group. In the event of a tie, the person having the higher ranking at the start of the ladder session is deemed to be the winner.
5. At the conclusion of play if no scores are recorded no movement will occur for those players with no score.
6. If a player decides to withdraw from the ladder they must do so by email to the Head Professional or Ladder Administrator.
7. The scores will not count when any ladder falls on the evening of the Club AGM.
8. Ladder players currently serving on the board of directors will not be dropped down on the ladder standings while attending Board of Directors meetings but must notify the Head Professional or Ladder Administrator in writing.

## **LADDER MOVEMENT:**

1. The Ladder Administrator is responsible for providing the ladder ranking each week, the ladder score sheet, and new balls for each ladder session. The balls can also be picked up at Member Services desk.
2. All players registered in a ladder who do not show up for their ladder time that week, will automatically be dropped two positions downward regardless of the reason(s) for their no show.
3. There is a standard method for determining ranking, which is consistently applied:
  - a) Absent players are moved down two positions on the ladder ranking. This is done FIRST.
  - b) Players are arranged in each group according to their score.
  - c) The top player in each group moves above the bottom player in the above group. (The top player in the ladder does not move up, unless there is movement between ladder sessions)
  - d) Steps 2 and 3 are done around any absent players.
4. In the event of a waitlist if a player misses more than three successive weeks he/she will either be dropped from the ladder or will be placed at the bottom of the ladder in which he/she is registered, at the discretion of the Head Professional.
5. Where movement occurs between ladder sessions, the ladder is considered to be a sum of all the ladder sessions. Players who have earned the right to move up to a new session time