

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, of similar skill level.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. There will be **Five** identical ladder sessions per calendar year (quarterly). Each session will be three months in length beginning on the first week of each quarter/programming Season. (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 Thursday 6-7:45PM
 - **Co-Ed Friday 7:30-9:30PM**
2. For all ladders, the top ranked players get the earliest times, the middle ranked the next earliest, and so on.
3. **From the 2022 Fall Season, and moving forward, an app. for the Men's Ladder is being put in use to facilitate weekly registration, as well as tabulating results and providing easy access to those results. All men in the ladder will receive a separate file regarding app registration. App use is not mandatory by the players, but will enhance their ladder experience. The Co-ed Ladder will begin on Feb 17th, 2023, with the app. used as the main management and organization tool for this ladder as well. The Thursday Ladies Ladder will transfer over to the app. as of Mar 2nd, 2023. The Wednesday Ladies Ladder is scheduled for app. use later in 2023.**
4. The wind up date for each Season will be on the last week of each Season and will be communicated as such via email.
5. There will be a maximum number of 38 players within each ladder. Wait lists of participants will be kept. Additional spots may become available based on court availability and player attendance. The minimum practical size for a Ladder Season is 15 players. Below this number, the ladder purposes of movement and variety are not likely to be achieved.
6. The fee will be \$15/month.
7. The following rules governing the Men's and Women's doubles tennis ladders will be e-mailed to all participants.
8. It is the responsibility of ladder participants to read, understand and abide by these rules.
9. Concerns with ladder rules must first be directed to the Tennis Manager or Ladder Administrator.

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LADDER PRELIMINARIES:

1. Ladder participants meet in front of Hot Shots Café, by court 8.
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, **or doing so on the ladder app. if applicable to your ladder.**
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), in case there is no Ladder Administrator present to start the matches. This may vary from day to day so please be sure that you understand your responsibilities.
2. For each week that there are courts of 5 players, priority to the courts of 4 players will vary weekly from the top, middle, and bottom of the ladder. Over the course of the Season, each player should end up on the courts with 5 the same amount of time, but this may not be the case in the short term due to the up and down movement of players on the ladder each week.
3. Courts of five players will play on courts 8-10 when possible, or on the closest courts to the entrance of courts 1-4, if courts 8-10 are not in use for a particular ladder.

NEW PLAYER PLACEMENT OPTIONS:

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

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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.

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REJOINING PLAYER PLACEMENT OPTIONS:

There are two options for a player to rejoin the ladder after any sort of extended absence. Each option would need to be communicated to the Ladder Administrator prior to exiting the ladder:

1. A player leaving, but expecting to return within 5 weeks would result in the player's name remaining on the ladder during that time. and dropping 1 spot for every week they're away (providing proper notice is given).
2. A player leaving, FOR AT LEAST 6 WEEKS, would be removed from the ladder and put back onto the waitlist (if applicable) for RE-entry UPON THEIR RETURN. He/She would be re-inserted into the ladder, WHEN A SPOT BECOMES AVAILABLE at the discretion of the Ladder Administrator (ie. they wouldn't necessarily drop spots on the ladder, unless there was an injury break, or multiple months/years off of the courts).

If a player does not let us know that they are leaving for multiple weeks, and they wish to return during that same season, then they will drop two spots on the ladder for every week they were away.

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 & Co-Ed 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 & Co-Ed Ladder will be two hours in length.

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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, **or on the app. If it's applicable to your ladder.**
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. **For Ladders in which the app. is being used, check-in for play will be done on it. For players choosing not to use the app, please check-in with the ladder administrator for the day.**
2. All players registered in a ladder **who fail to let us know by 8am on the day of the Ladder, that they will not** show up that week, will automatically be dropped two positions downward regardless of the reason(s) for their no show. **If a player does "opt-out" correctly by giving us notice they will not be playing that day, before 8am, then they will only drop 1 spot on the ladder. If the app. is being used for your ladder, you may opt-out directly on it. If you, or your ladder, is not using the app. then you can e-mail the ladder administrator, notifying of your absence.**
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) **In the event of a tie on the ladder with a player who dropped one spot for opting out in time, and a player who dropped two spots for not opting out on time, the player who properly opted out will not go down a spot.**
 - c) Players are arranged in each group according to their score.
 - d) 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)
 - e) Steps **"C" and "D"** are done around any absent players.

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4. In the event of a waitlist, if a player misses more than three successive weeks, **and no communication was ever made with the Ladder administrator**, he/she will be dropped from the ladder, and can request to rejoin at the beginning of the next Season.
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 (or who have to move down to a new session time) will be **communicated with** by the Ladder Administrator or Head Professional prior to the next session.
6. If you have a concern about the correctness of your placement in a particular ladder, please notify the Head Professional he will adjudicate.

LADDER FEES:

1. The ladder fee assessed to each participant upon sign-up. This fee covers tennis balls and a “wind-up” event for all participants.
2. In the wind-up event held at the Sports Lounge after the last session is played, refreshments and food are provided, to the maximum amount of funds available.