

Hoc Habet Ladder Competition

2018 - 2019

1 Introduction

Coming Tuesday Hoc Habet will organize a ladder competition every semester, a so called *season* (See section 3 for explanation about the seasons). Participation is not required, but it is completely without cost. The idea of this competition is to create a more competitive environment in Hoc Habet throughout the year. The system is based on challenges, you can challenge the person above in the ranking to a *ladder bout*. Each weapon has a ranking list, a so called *ladder*, which should be updated after each ladder bout (see the rules). There will also be a specific foil ladder for beginning fencers, this ladder is only accessible by fencers that have fenced (in total) a year or less. After each season a winner will be crowned for each ladder.

2 Rules

Important note In case of doubt, a member of the board should be informed and will make an appropriate, irrefutable decision. If the dispute involves a member of the board, a different member of the board should be informed.

2.1 General rules

1. The ladder ends 2 weeks before the end of the semester (before the exam weeks start).
2. On signup, everyone is added on their preferred ladder in alphabetical order (first name).
3. If you are not on the ladder and you want to compete after the signup, you will be put at the bottom of the ladder, regardless of the correct alphabetical order.
4. You may participate in multiple weapons. Add yourself to the ladders.
5. If you are absent more than 4 weeks, the board may decide to put you at the bottom of the ladder.
6. If a board member is him/herself part of a dispute about any part of the ladder. He/She may not make any decisions about its outcome and has to let another board member decide.

2.2 Challenge rules

1. You may only challenge fencers higher than yourself on the ladder of your preferred weapon.
2. When challenging an opponent, it must be clear it is for the ladder competition, either from context or it is explicitly mentioned before the ladder bout starts.

2.3 Ladder bout rules

1. Ladder bouts may start when the free fencing starts (21:30), you may challenge your opponent before though.
2. Ladder bouts may be fenced mechanically, but fencing electrically is a lot more convenient. As long as both parties agree on the method, it is fine.
3. Fencers may follow KNAS tournament bout rules, but it is not necessary, i.e. referees, cards, passivity, etc. may be ignored.
4. Fencers may decide the number of touches required to win the ladder bout between themselves, with a minimum of 5 touches.
5. If the lower ranked fencer beats the higher ranked fencer, the fencers will change positions on the ladder.
6. If the higher ranked fencer beats the lower ranked fencer, the ladder rankings of both fencers are not affected.
7. If the ladder has to be changed, this should be done directly after the ladder bout.

3 Seasons

The year 2018-2019 is divided in two seasons, see Table 1. At the end of each season for each

Season #	Start date	End date
Season 1	23-10-2018	15-1-2019
Season 2	5-2-2019	18-6-2019

Table 1: Start and end dates

ladder a winner will be crowned for each ladder, and receive a small prize¹. Since you are able to sign up for multiple ladders, you can win multiple times as well, e.g. for foil and epee.

4 Ladder examples

Consider the ladder for foil (Table 2). Charlie challenges Alice to a ladder bout of 10 touches, and

Ranking	Fencer
1	Alice
2	Bob
3	Charlie

Table 2: Foil ladder before

she accepts. Charlie wins the ladder bout, and so the ladder will be modified to Table 3:

Ranking	Fencer
1	Charlie
2	Bob
3	Alice

Table 3: Foil ladder after

¹This prize is chosen each season at discretion of the board.