



**Adult  
Tennis  
Ladders**

**LNSRC 2009**

A tennis ladder is an informal way for club tennis players of all abilities to meet and play matches with other similarly-skilled players at mutually convenient times. In a tennis ladder, players are arranged like rungs of a ladder. As a player wins or loses, the player moves up or down in position on the ladder. All play on any of the ladders is governed by the rules and code of conduct of the USTA. The goal of the tennis ladder is to be at the top.

#### 1) Ladder Categories

LNSRC will maintain separate ladders in each of the following categories, as activity warrants:

- \* Women's Singles
- \* Women's Doubles
- \* Men's Singles
- \* Men's Doubles

There will be only one ladder for each category with no classifications within a category.

#### 2) Current Ladder Standings

The previous ladder activity determines the current ladder positions. New players on the ladder will be placed based on their ratings.

#### 3) Ladder Periods

Ladders will be posted every two weeks. If no matches have been played on any given ladder, the play period may be extended. Ladder play runs from March until November.

#### 4) Minimum Play Requirements

Players are asked to play at least once every two weeks and at a minimum at least once a month. If you know that you will not be able to play for any given period of time, please contact Tony so that he can take you off the ladder until you can play regularly.

## 5) Joining a Ladder

Anyone wishing to join club ladders must be current LNSRC members. To register to play on a ladder, please visit the club web site. Once there enter your name and contact information. Also enter your current rating so that you can be placed in the appropriate position on the ladder. If you are not sure of your rating, please contact Tony for help. After registering, you will be placed on the next ladder when it is posted.

## 6) Challenging

To see who you are scheduled to play, simply go online or visit the club tennis bulletin board to see who you are scheduled to play.

A ladder match is initiated by contacting your opponent either by phone or email. Decide on a convenient time for both of you to play.

Players should determine beforehand which match system will be used (ie. add/no-add scoring). In the event you split sets, a ten-point tie-breaker is used to decide the third set.

Players may warm-up for up to 15 minutes.

If a player is more than 10 minutes late, the late player shall forfeit 1 game for every 5 minutes after the first 10 minutes.

At the conclusion of the match, the winner is to record the match results on the ladder sheet that is located on the tennis bulletin board.



## 7) Defaults

Once a match time is established, should a player be unable to play at that time, the match is considered a default, unless the other player is notified 24 hours in advance. In this event, the match is to be promptly rescheduled. If the player requesting the postponement cannot find a time to reschedule, his opponent is entitled to claim the win.

