

Milton Tennis Club Singles Ladder – 2017

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- Club members that wish to join the ladder should email the ladder administrator at davidfairfax@hotmail.com and include their full name, email and phone contact info. All Milton Tennis Club members are welcome to join the ladder at anytime during the season.
- All participants must be paid club members and the \$10 ladder registration fee must be paid online when joining the ladder program
- The ladder season will run from May 1st to September 30th
- The ladder will use a modified leap-frog format - see example below. There are two boxes, the Ranking Box (players ranked) and the Challenge Box (players unranked)
- Ranked players can challenge anyone up to 7 spots above them or accept challenges from anyone 7 spots below
- If someone in the ranking box has marked their status as away or injured (**their name will be shown in red**) then they can be skipped over when determining active participants 7 spots above you that you are able to challenge
- If the lower ranked player wins the ladder match they claim the rank of their opponent and everyone below moves down one spot (including the loser of the match). If they lose they stay at the same rank as before the match
- Challenge box players can challenge any ranked player except the players in the top five of the rankings. If they win, they claim the rank of their opponent and everyone in the box moves down one spot. If they lose that match they remain in the challenge box and their next challenge must be against someone ranked lower than the person you just lost to.

- **Example:**

Ranking box
1.Andy
2.Novak
3. Stan
4. Roger
5.Kei
6.Milos
7.Rafael
8.Marin
9.Dominic
10.Jo-Wilfried
11.Grigor
12.Tomas
13.David
14.Nick

Challenge Box
Alexander
Fabio
Juan Martin

- **Since Nick is ranked #14 he can challenge everyone above him up to #7 Rafael. If he challenges and beats Rafael then he claims the #7 ranking, Rafael becomes #8 and everyone else below that moves down one spot.**

- From the challenge box, Fabio can challenge anyone in the ranking box (except rankings #1-5). If Fabio challenges and beats Milos he takes over the #6 spot (and everyone else moves down one spot) but if he loses he remains in the challenge box.
- If you are challenged by someone you have up to one month to complete the match. Failure to do so will result in a default win for the challenger.
- “no shows” to arranged matches will result in a default loss
- Prior to the match players will decide the match format from four options: 8 game pro-set (tiebreaker at 8-8), 10 game pro-set (tiebreaker at 10-10), two regular sets with supertiebreaker if the sets are split, or best two out of three regular sets. If the format cannot be agreed upon than the default format is a 10 game pro-set.
- Players that join the ladder before the ladder start date (May 1st) will be placed in the ranking box and ranked based on the following:
 - position and results from previous years ladder
 - self-rating (e.g. 4.5)
- Players joining the ladder after the start date will be placed in the Challenge Box.
- Once you play someone in either box you cannot play them again for one month.
- If you are in the Ranking Box but have no activity for a one-month period (without updating your playing status to reflect unavailability), you will be moved to the Challenge Box. There is one exception to this rule: if you are the top ranked player and have not received a challenge from any of the lower players in over a month you will remain in the rankings box
- For a ladder match both players should bring a new can of tennis balls. The winner takes the unopened can and the loser keeps the used can. Good quality balls such as Wilson US Open/Dunlop Grand Prix or balls of equal value should be used.

- **Once arrangements are made to play a court should be booked using the online court booking website. Note that ladder match bookings are a separate category and are for 1.5 hours in length. Once the 1.5 hrs are up if nobody has the court booked after you play can continue**
- **Limit the warmup to 5 min especially if you know that there is no court is not available after the 1.5 hrs**
- **Players must agree before the match on what to do if you are removed from the court before the match is completed (because there are people waiting to use the court or because of rain). Same day options are to book another court and continue or declare the winner as the person who is ahead at the time (provided at least one set has been played). It is also an option to continue the match on another day.**
- **Official ladder challenges must be made using the challenge feature of the google docs ladder spreadsheet page. See quick guide document (tab at bottom of spreadsheet) for details of how this works. Players can challenge up to a maximum of three players at a time and should not challenge anyone who already has three inbound challenges from other players. If at anytime you wish to rescind a challenge inform the ladder administrator and it can be deleted.**
- **The match score result must input into the google docs ladder spreadsheet page for timely update. See quick guide document (tab at bottom of spreadsheet) for details of how this works. It should be agreed after the match who will report the score. See quick guide for details how to input scores. Do not enter a default victory for whatever reason. Instead inform the ladder administrator of your intentions to claim a default victory and if granted the result will be entered online.**
- **The boxes and rankings will be updated after every reported match score as specified by the ladder administrator. Positional changes will be completed by the ladder administrator as soon as possible**

- If the ladder administrator receives complaints from three different participants that you are (1) not responding to phone calls/e-mails or (2) unwilling to play, they reserve the right to remove you from the program with immediate effect
- If the ladder administrator receives complaints from three different participants of unsportsmanlike play they reserve the right to remove you from the program with immediate effect