

Milton Tennis Club Singles Ladder - 2022

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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 early May 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.Novak
2.Rafael
3. Alexander
4. Roger
5.Dominic
6.Kei
7. Kevin
8.Stefanos
9.Juan Martin
10.John
11.Marin
12.Karen
13.Borna

14.Daniil

Challenge Box
Denis
Felix
Milos

- Since Daniil is ranked #14 he can challenge everyone above him up to #7 Kevin. If he challenges and beats Kevin then he claims the #7 ranking, Kevin becomes #8 and everyone else below that moves down one spot.
- From the challenge box, Felix can challenge anyone in the ranking box (except rankings #1-5). If Felix challenges and beats Kei 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 may result in a default win for the challenger. The enforcement of this rule is at the discretion of the ladder administrator. If you wish to claim a default win based on this rule contact the ladder admin.
- “no shows” to arranged matches will result in a default loss. If a no-show occurs please contact the ladder administrator and the results will be adjusted.
- 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 June 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 June 15th 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 may be moved to the Challenge Box at the discretion of the ladder administrator. 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 warm-up to 5 min especially if you know that there is no court 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). Options are to book another court and continue or 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 officially 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
- All players must respond to the challenge within 48 hours from the time the challenge email was sent and either accept the proposed date/time for the game or suggest alternative dates/times for the match. Suggested dates must be within 14 days from challenge date. If the player receiving the challenge is unable to play within 14 days their status should be adjusted to “away”
- If player has not responded to challenge within 48 hours, ladder director can set player status to "Away", so other players can skip when counting spots for challenge.
- Players injured or away for 7 or more days must update their status using online “Player Status Update” form
- If the ladder administrator receives complaints from three different participants that you are (1) not responding to texts/phone calls/emails or (2) unwilling to play, (3) not bringing a new can of quality balls to the match he reserves the right to remove you from the program with immediate effect
- If the ladder administrator receives complaints from three different participants of unsportsmanlike play he reserves the right to remove you from the program with immediate effect