

MLTCC Tennis Club

Ladies Singles Challenge Ladder – Rules

Challenger means an individual in Singles

1. A Player on this NEW ladder today can challenge up to 10 places above their position on the ladder for their first challenge, and 5 places for every subsequent challenge.
2. A Player entering this NEW ladder for the first time (after the start date) can challenge up to 10 places above their position for their first challenge, and 5 places for every subsequent challenge.
3. In order to be fair and manage the number of challenge matches that a player must play per month. We suggest that players can accept typically 2-3 challenges per month.
4. If the challenger loses the match, she will remain in the same ladder position (before that challenge) and must wait 4 weeks before she can challenge that same player again. The challenger can challenge other players in this time frame as appropriate.
5. If a player challenged loses the match, she will drop one place, therefore all players between her and the challenger will also drop one place.
6. The challenger must only inform the Ladies Singles Ladder Coordinator of the result of the challenge match after it has been played (Linda Honan coordinator: email: lindapatriciahonan@icloud.com & mobile: 086 8366677).
7. The Ladies Singles Ladder Coordinator shall be the only person to make changes to the ladder.
8. In adverse weather conditions, a decision not to play must be mutually agreed by both parties.
9. If a challenger has made several attempts to arrange a match and the player being challenged has not responded, a decision on awarding a walkover will be

at the discretion of the Ladies Singles Ladder Coordinator. Typically, more than 2 attempts with no response will result in a WO being given to the challenger.

10.If there are special circumstances i.e. holidays, injury, bereavement, illness, a player will be exempt from challenges – please inform the coordinator immediately. Typically, we will withdraw the player here from the ladder and we will re insert them at an appropriate level when they are ready to play.

11.Challenges can be played at any time that suits both parties.

12.Matches will be two short sets (first to 6, win by 1 game e.g. 6/5 is a set win), and if the result at that stage is one set all, a normal tie break will decide the winner of the match (tie break first to 7 and win by 2pts).

13. Juniors

- A. To be eligible to play in the Ladies Challenge Ladder 2019/20, players must turn 14 years of age before or during the year 2019.
- B. Contact telephone numbers for ladder players are those listed on the club Membership system. In the case of Juniors, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that it is their own number on the system and not the Junior's.
- C. Regarding ladies' singles ladder challenge matches:
 - a. A Junior's parent has the right to attend a match of the junior playing against an adult and in each case may or may not take up this option.
 - b. An adult player playing against a junior may request to have a parent of the junior in attendance during a match with a junior. A reasonable and timely arrangement should be made in advance.

14.Miscellaneous

- Please contact Ladies Singles Ladder Coordinator with any queries/disputes over matches, challenges etc
- In preparation for Summer League 2020, we may increase the matches here to best of 3 sets in Spring 2020
- We hope to have ladder software available to support the ladder by year end, in the meantime we will update manually, so bear with us.
- Most importantly – ENJOY.