

DPTC LADDER RULES 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Court Booking:**
 - o Ladder matches do not have priority for court time.
 - o Matches must be booked through the court booking system, just like regular singles bookings.
 - o Matches must be completed within the booked time slot.
 - o Arrive on time and communicate any delays with your opponent.
 2. **Eligibility:**
 - o Ladies can participate in both the **Adult Singles Ladder** and **Ladies Ladder** simultaneously.
 3. **Minimum Match Requirement:**
 - o All participants must play **at least two matches per month** to remain in the ladder.
 - o Exceptions are made for illness or injury, provided the organizer is informed.
 - o Failure to meet this requirement will result in removal from the ladder, and the entry fee will not be refunded.
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BOX RULES

1. **Match Format:**
 - o Each player plays a singles match against every other player in their box during a cycle.
 - o Boxes typically consist of 4 or 5 players.
 - o Matches are played as an **8-game pro-set** (first to win 8 games, using **no-ad scoring**).
 - In no-ad scoring, the next point wins the game at deuce.
 - The receiver at deuce can choose the side to receive the serve.
 2. **Late Arrivals:**
 - o Late players start **down two games for every 10 minutes** of delay, unless otherwise agreed.
 - o A **default** occurs if a player is **30 minutes late**, unless agreed otherwise.
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RECORDING SCORES

1. **Score Submission:**
 - o Players must record match scores in the **online Google Excel sheet** provided by the organizer.
 - Example: If you win 8-5, enter "8-5" in your row under your opponent's column. Your opponent records "5-8" in their row under your column.
 - o Alternatively, players can email or text the ladder organizer to report results.
 2. **Match Winner:**
 - o The winner is the player ahead in games when time runs out.
 - o If tied at 6-6, a **mini tiebreaker** (first to 5 points) determines the winner.
 3. **Rain Delays:**
 - o Rain-delayed matches can be rescheduled, with scoring resuming from where it left off, unless otherwise agreed.
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PROMOTION AND DEMOTION

1. Scoring System:

- o **1 point** for each match played.
- o **1 additional point** for each match won.
- o Each player earns a **minimum of 1 point** and a **maximum of 2 points** per match.
- o **Bonus Points:**
 - Players who complete all their matches in a month receive **1 additional point**.
 - Players who complete all matches from **May to August** receive **2 additional points** to start the September ladder.

2. Box Reorganization:

- o At the end of each month, boxes are reorganized based on scores:
 - The **top two players** in each box move **up** to the next box.
 - The **bottom two players** move **down** to the lower box.
 - Remaining players stay in the same box.

3. Tiebreakers:

- o If players are tied, the tiebreaker is determined by:
 1. The **total number of games won minus games lost**.
 2. If still tied, the **head-to-head result** between the tied players.

4. No-Shows and Retirements:

- o **No-shows:** Matches can be rescheduled at the discretion of the aggrieved party. If not played, it is a **win by default**.
- o **Retirements:** If a player retires due to injury or other reasons, the opponent wins the match. Record “ret” for the retired player and “def” for the winner.

5. Scheduling Matches:

- o Players must make every effort to contact each other and arrange matches.
- o If a player cannot reach their opponent after **two attempts**, they must inform the organizer before registering a default.

MONTHLY WINNERS

- The **monthly box winner** in each box receives a **\$20 Starbucks gift card**.