

STSC TENNIS LADDER FORMAT

Once the ladder has been formulated, players must follow the subsequent guidelines:

- 1) Only club members will be allowed to be placed on the ladder.
- 2) A challenge match will consist of the following format; best 2 out of 3 sets, 10-point tiebreaker for the 3rd.
- 3) There will consist of a “challenger” and a “challenger.”
- 4) Challengers are responsible for setting up challenge matches to potentially move up spots on the ladder.
- 5) Challengees are obligated to accept challenge match requests within 48 hours of the made request. Once accepted, both players are responsible for setting up the match time and location. Matches should be played within one week once the challenge is accepted. The challenger is responsible for providing the balls.
- 6) **Challengers** are allowed to request challenge matches with those players within 3 spots of the challenger’s current standing on the ladder. Similarly, **challengees** can only be challenged by those players within 3 spots of their current standing. For example, a player ranked 5th on the ladder can **challenge** players ranked 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; the 5th ranked player may only **be challenged** by players ranked 6th, 7th, and 8th.
- 7) If a challengee beats the challenger, he/she has the option to not play the same person until the challenger plays at least one other challenge match.
- 8) If the challenger wins the match, he/she will replace the person he/she beats.
For example, if player #5 challenges #2 and wins, see below for the subsequent changes in ladder.

#1 – Tom	#1 – Tom
#2 – Ben	#2 – Gus
#3 – Jerry	#3 – Ben
#4 – Sam	#4 – Jerry
#5 – Gus	#5 – Sam
- 9) Players are only obligated to play ONE match per week. If the player is not challenged, or chooses not to challenge another player, he/she is not obligated to play that week. If a player plays a challenge match and another request is made, the player has the option to play or not to play this second match in the same week.
- 10) Cancelling matches and forfeits.
 - a. If a player must cancel a match, contact must be made with the other player at least the day before the scheduled match. If contact is not made the day before or earlier, the cancelling player will automatically forfeit the match.
 - b. Forfeited matches equal a loss. The ladder will be adjusted accordingly when forfeits are made.
 - c. If a player forfeits twice (e.g., no contact is made, or contact is not made within the specified timeframe), the player will automatically drop to the lowest spot on the ladder.
 - d. To prevent forfeits, simply make the appropriate phone call or email at least the day before the match.
- 11) Please report scores to the office for posting. The ladder will be updated on a weekly basis to ensure accurate challenges for subsequent weeks. Contact lists will be provided that will include all eligible players’ phone numbers and email addresses (if applicable).
- 13) New players. Since the club is constantly looking for new members, new additions will be made to the ladder. The ladder will be expanded based on the number of players on the roster.
 - a. New players will automatically be placed on the last ladder position.