

SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

- LADDER RULES -

1. The challenger must ring, text or e-mail his/her opponent on the *same* day as the challenge is made.
2. 1 point is awarded for making a challenge & playing the match. 3 points are awarded if the challenger wins the match. The challenged receives 2 points if he/she wins the match. The result must be e-mailed to shankill.ladder@gmail.com or texted to 086-6630403.
3. The date of the challenge must be e-mailed to shankill.ladder@gmail.com or entered on the list in the clubhouse. All challenges must be played within 7 days of the date of the challenge unless:-
 - (i) The challenged player already has another match to play
 - (ii) The challenged player is unable to play due to injury, holiday, etc.
 - (iii) The two players cannot *mutually* agree on a date and time for a match
 - (iv) Adverse weather conditions result in courts being unplayable

In the case of points (i) & (iv), the challenger can organise a date for the match in the following 7 day period (and so on).

In the case of point (ii) or (iii) a walkover will be awarded to the challenger. However, the challenged player shall be entitled to appeal this to the Club Captains who may, at his/her sole discretion, decide that a walkover shall not be awarded and that the match be played on a date to be fixed by the Captain.

4. Players ranked at positions 1-10 on each ladder may challenge up to two places above them. Players ranked below 10 may challenge up to five places above them save where such a challenge would result in a player ranked below 10 challenging a player ranked between 1-10, in which case the challenger may only challenge up to two places above them. So, a player ranked at 11 can only challenge up to 9, a player ranked at 14 can only challenge up to 12, but a player ranked at 16 can challenge a player ranked at 11, and so on.
5. No player may challenge the same player more than once in any period of 30 days. The first day of a calendar month will mark the start of the challenge month and the last day of the calendar month will mark the end of the challenge month for the purpose of ruling off the ladder as per 6 below.
6. If the winner of the match holds the higher position, there will be no change. If the winner of the match holds the lower position, he or she will take over the higher position. The loser and all others below the winner will move down one place. The calculation will be based on the position of the two players when the match is recorded, not when the challenge is made (as the positions may have changed during the interval). **Note:** the ladder will be ruled off at the end of each month and new rankings shall only take effect from the start of the following month (save in relation to rule 9 below).

7. Matches will be the best of three sets. Ordinary tennis rules will apply with tie-breaks in each set at six games all.
8. Results must be recorded on the sheet supplied in the Clubhouse and a copy of the result must be sent to shankill.ladder@gmail.com. Alternatively the result can be texted to 086-6630403. This is the responsibility of the winner.
9. New players entering the ladder will be assessed by one of the Club's coaches and the Captain will decide at what level that person shall join the ladder.
10. The challenger is responsible for providing the tennis balls. Tennis balls should be either new or be of reasonable quality and must be acceptable to both players.
11. Rankings will be used by the Captain in filling league teams (if a player wishes to play league) and in the seedings for the entries to the Club Championships but the Captain shall retain the discretion to use other criteria in assessing these matters following discussion with the relevant player.

Let the Challenges begin!

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