

Adult Men and Women's Tennis Singles and Doubles Challenge Ladder

Rules and Regulations

Registration is open to all members of Gainesville Area Community Tennis Association (GACTA) 19 years of age and up. Go to "Membership" link for further information if you are not already a member.

Contact Libby Smith at benandlibby@cox.net for access information and passwords. The username and password for the Adult Tennis Ladder will allow you access only to the: Men's Ladder, Women's Ladder; Men's Doubles Ladder and the Women's Doubles Ladder. The username and password for the Junior Tennis Ladder will allow access only to the Junior Tennis Ladder. Contact Dave Porter – 262-4905 for information on the Junior Tennis Ladder.

Go to www.gainesvilletennis.com and click on "Adult Ladder" and follow directions to register as a player and/or doubles team. The adult ladder is considered "open" and is not grouped or divided by NTRP or other rankings of tennis abilities.

After registering, you may begin contacting other registered players listed to challenge them to matches, where and when to be of mutual agreement. The player who initiates the contact will be responsible for arranging for a court. One player of a doubles team will be their contact person and will be listed as such on the Ladder website.

Ranking in the Adult Tennis Ladders is based solely on match wins. If a lower-ranked player beats the higher-ranked player; he/she takes the place of the higher-ranked player and all subsequent players in the ranking move down one spot. If the higher-ranked player beats the lower-ranked player, all rankings remain the same. New players join the ladder at the bottom and can immediately challenge the other players. Match dates and scores can be found on the ladder website to help players determine who they would like to challenge.

Both players/teams will bring a new can of balls.

Play begins with a racquet spin and a call of up or down, M or W, etc. to choose serving and sides. The winner of the spin can save his/her can of balls to use another time. The winner of the match may keep the used balls and will enter the scores on the Ladder website.

Play will be best of 3 sets. Players may, by mutual agreement and before any play begins, opt to play a 10 point tie-breaker in lieu of a third set given time constraints and court availability. Play will be according to USTA rules and the Tennis Honor Code of Ethics. The game of tennis depends on courtesy and fairness. Complete rules are available at www.usta.com and www.ustatennisflorida.com. Disputes will be immediately brought to the attention of the GACTA Ladder Coordinator, whose decisions will be final in all matters.

Players may join the ladder at any time. There is no minimum or maximum number of challenges or matches required. Player prizes and recognition will be given at GACTA's end-of-year meeting and tennis social in December.

Player recognition will be posted on the GACTA website on a regular basis – photos may be submitted to martieh@cox.net.

Check out your ranking on the Ladder website. ~~~~~ Keep going. ~~~~~Challenge others.

Have fun! ~~~~~ Play more tennis!