

# TCK Ladder

## Rules & Regulations

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The TCK Ladder competition is based on the concept of a challenge ladder whereby players challenge one another to a match and establish their spot on the ladder.

The TCK Ladder tournament is a **singles tournament**.

The tournament shall start from May until November. Games played beyond the end date will not be valid and will not impact your positioning on the ladder.

## **Ranking & Points**

This tournament will follow a leap frog system. where the following rules shall apply:

- When a lower ranked player beats a higher ranked player, the lower ranked player "leap frogs" over the higher ranked player, pushing them and each player initially between them down one spot. If the higher ranked player wins, nothing happens.

When a new player is added to the ladder, he or she will join the competition in the final spot. Then that player will have to work himself or herself towards the top.

- The player ranked #1 at the end of November shall be declared the winner of the ladder tournament.

## **Idle Penalties**

- In some cases, the ladder manager may remove inactive players from the ladder. A player who is inactive for 30 consecutive days shall have their ranking dropped by 10 every month until they play their first match. In this case, other players' rankings will be adjusted automatically.

## Matches

- All matches shall be played best of 3 sets with 3<sup>rd</sup> set being a super tiebreak. Best of 3 sets is the first to win 2 sets. Each set is first to win 6 or more games with a margin of 2 games. A tie-breaker is played if each player has won 6 games. The third set will take the form of a professional tiebreak (10 points). This will determine a match winner.
- **In the case of a Deuce, the players are to set the game with a Die Point (winner of that point takes the game). The receiver is to decide where they want to receive the ball, either on the forehand or the backhand side**
- The challenger is required to provide 3 adequate balls for the encounter. Both parties shall agree to the condition of the balls to be used.
- Players are expected to honour the fixtures and be on time for their match. A first-set walkover will be given if players do not show up after 15 minutes from the match start time. A second-set walkover will be given after an additional 15 minutes.
- If a player postpones a match, the match has to be played within the next 10 days. Suppose 3 alternative dates & times within the stipulated time frame are proposed and declined by the opponent. In that case, the points may be awarded to the player who has initially postponed the game. Alternatively, the other player gets the win.
- If a game is rained off, the challenge is deemed null and thus, a new challenge must be mounted. This shall be done to not hinder the rest of the tournament.
- **It is the challenger's responsibility to book their own courts for the match. Players are free to choose the time of the match that suits both parties. If a player decides to play at 20:30, they will benefit from a discount, thus having only to pay €6 for the 20:30-22:00 slot.**
- Scores are to be submitted to the tournament director at the earliest convenience.

## Challenges

- Players will communicate with each other with any means as deemed necessary to them, Upon challenging a player, the tournament director must be notified. The challenge must also be shown on the system being used.
- Max Simultaneous Challenges: One up, one down
- No player shall decline more than 3 challenges in a row.
- Under no circumstance can a player challenge the same person twice in a row.
- Challenges expire after 22 days after which it is forfeited and the challenger wins the match.
- If a challenge is postponed (not due to weather), whoever postpones the match is solely responsible for advising the opponent and the tournament director. Failure to do so might result in the challenge being forfeited. The game must still be played within the stipulated time frame (22 days from the original challenge date)
- Your challenge will be cancelled if it drops outside of range because of another result.

## Who to play against?

- Players may play an opponent within
  - MEN's Ladder tournament: Four (4) ranks above them.
  - LADIES' Ladder tournament: Three (3) ranks above them.

## Immunity

- Immunity (due to light injury, vacations, etc.) can be requested by any player for a total of 50 days, during which their rankings shall not suffer due to inactivity. The player must always get confirmation from the tournament director with regard to the granted immunity. However, the player's ranking

might suffer if other players overtake other opponents. **This rule does not apply to the player who sits in first place.**

## **Disclaimer**

- The tournament sub-committee deems the above to be correct and complete at the time of compilation. However, suppose any issues or situations arise that are not covered by the above rules. In that case, the organising committee reserves the right to handle these in an ad hoc manner. The outcome of such cases shall be final and binding.