

## Montgomery TennisPlex LADDER Rules

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- 1) Once you register for the ladder via the tennis office (240-477-4430), you will be added to the **Global Tennis Network (GTN)** website which will host our ladder. We will no longer be using the Tennis Engine website to record results. If you are not contacted within 48 hours of registering, please contact the **ladder administrator Marc Verde 240-400-3300 ([verdem@verizon.net](mailto:verdem@verizon.net))**. You will receive a passcode to register with GTN and update your profile. Here you will be able to access information on other ladder players, request matches, and record match results.
- 2) **The challenging player is responsible for calling the Tennisplex 240-477-4430 to reserve the court time.** Please contact players via email or phone to set up a match and confirm the court reservation time with your opponent.
- 3) **You may not challenge the same player within a 2-week period.** You are more than welcome to play each other within 2 weeks but it will not count towards your GTN points. Some exceptions to this rule may apply, i.e., shortened ladder season. Just inform administrator of your desire.
- 4) **Both players are expected to split the court costs.** If playing indoors, please make sure your opponent knows, as it costs more to play indoors. **Ladder players will receive a 15% discount for indoor match play.** Please let the front desk know it is a challenge match and that your discount should be applied. Outdoor court fees are not discounted. **The Tennisplex has a 24-hour cancellation policy.** If you cancel your court reservation within 24hours, both players will be charged their half of the court fees and the player who could not commit to the time will result in an 8-0 default. That player can choose to pay for the entire court fee to avoid the 8-0 defaults and reschedule the match should.
- 5) **All players are expected to arrive on time.** A 10-minute grace period will be allowed before a game penalty is accessed. After 15 minutes, the late player will start with a 3-0 deficit and must begin the match without a warm up.
- 6) **A match will be an 8 Game Pro Set with no ad scoring.** At deuce (40-40 or 3-3), receiving player chooses which side to return from for the game. A 9-point tie breaker (First player to 5 points wins) will be played at 8 games all. The warm up should be quick, approximately 5 minutes long. These rules have been established in order to complete the match within the 1-hour time limit. If the time expires, the player who is leading will be declared the winner. If agreeable and the courts are available, you may pay for the additional

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Court hour and complete the set. **The match cannot end in a tie.** There must be a declared winner. If you only have 5 minutes left and the score is tied at 5-5, you need to proceed to play the 9 point tie breaker and the winner of the tie breaker will be declared winner of the match. This will result in a 6-5 win. You will need to enter the score in GTN as an 8-7 result. You will always round up to 8, giving each player the same number of games, if you are not able to finish the match. For example, score is 5-2 when time expires. Enter the result as an 8-5 score, giving each player 3 games.

**Players may choose to play a normal set to 6 with regular scoring. This must be decided at the beginning of the set and must be agreed upon by both players; otherwise, the 8 game pro set will be played.** If you decide to play the 6 game match, you must enter the score as an 8 game result. For example, score ends 6-2, enter it as an 8-4 result, giving each player 2 games. Score ends in a 5-4 result because you are unable to finish because of time, enter the score as an 8-7 result.

7) **All players shall supply a new can of tennis balls to each match.** The winner will keep the new can and the losing player keeps the used can. Tennis balls can be purchased at the front desk.

8) **The winner shall input their score via the GTN website within 24hrs of match completion.** Non-winner should also double check to make sure the score has been recorded.

9) **Winners of the match will receive 9 points via the GTN website. Losing player will receive their number of games won.** Winner only receives the 9 pts if the score is entered as an 8 game result. That is the reason we round up the scores to 8. GTN will keep track of all games and scores.

10) **At the end of the ladder season, we will have an overall points winner.** If prizes are awarded, a minimum of 5 matches must be played in order to qualify for that prize.

11) **Ladder Administrator reserves the right to adjust or add any rules at any time to make sure all play is equitable.** Administrator also reserves the right to move players either up or down in category depending on skills or match results in order to maintain competitive play.