

Elite Junior Challenge Ladder

Rules and Procedures

1. We require a minimum tennis ability when looking to participate in the Junior Challenge Ladder. Participants must know how to keep score, be able to get serves in on a somewhat consistent basis, and be able to sustain a rally.
2. Match Timing
Matches will be either 60 or 90 minutes in length. Matches will be played between the hours of 11:00am -5:00pm on Sundays.
 - Green Ball matches will be 60 minute long, unless agreed upon in advance to do 90 minutes.
 - Regular Ball matches are 90 minutes long.

Match times will only differ if North Shore has an event such as a CTC program, tournaments, college matches, etc. In those situations there may be a slight variance.

When you register, please let us know if you have any timing conflicts, we will do our best to fit your schedule, although we cannot guarantee all requests.

3. You may request two matches per day. We will do our best to honor those requests when openings are available.
4. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled match time.
5. Matches will be administered using USTA rules and regulations.
6. Each match starts with a 5 minute warm-up.
7. Scoring:
 - a. Please use scorecards and rotate on odd games
 - b. Matches will consist of regular scoring - play set, total games determines the winner. A tie goes to the higher player on the ladder.
 - c. Lateness: 1 game per every 5 minutes.
 - d. Report scores and return balls to Marty upon completion of the match. Scores will be entered by Tuesday for the ladder to be updated.

8. There are both singles and doubles matches for the challenge ladder. Singles are offered every week and doubles will be offered the last Sunday of the month (when COVID-19 regulations change).
9. Sportsmanship will be strictly enforced according to the USTA Code of Conduct. Because we are publishing results there is no coaching allowed from parents during play.
10. On court issues: Players have been taught to raise their racquet if there is an issue on their court.
11. The InterTennis software system will be used. The website is www.intertennis.com. We will utilize the leap frog system - the winner of the match takes over the higher number on the ladder. Numbers will change weekly. Numbers may also change as players are added/dropped from the ladder. An updated ladder will be posted in the North Shore lobby weekly.
12. Registration for Challenge Ladder:
 - a. Player commitment is on a weekly basis - no sessions. All registration will be done via Sign Up Genius.
 - b. The registration link is eliteclubs.com/challengeladder
 - c. Parents/players must register via Sign-Up Genius and must update play information weekly by Tuesday at 10pm for the following Sunday.
 - d. The challenge ladder is open to Elite members only.
13. Parents will be notified by Friday night for the upcoming weeks' playing time via email from Marty.
14. Players and parents will not be given opponent's names ahead of time. We want players to get used to playing weaker, even, and better players. There are a lot of changes during the week which makes it impossible to give out opponent's names.
15. Players must play at least one time per month in order to keep their spot on the challenge ladder. Player might be moved down the ladder or taken off.
16. New participants will be placed on the ladder at the discretion of the coordinator.
17. Cost:
 - a. Singles: \$16/person for 60 minute matches and \$20/person for 90 minute matches.
 - b. Doubles: \$12/person for 90 minute matches
 - c. Includes match play, balls and ladder organization.

18. Defaults: If one player does not show up for their match without having given 48-hour notification by 11am on Friday, they will be charged for their match and the match will be a default. Please do not just not show up.
19. Viewing: Please do not sit on your son/daughter's court during match play. Courts 2-7 must be viewed on the lobby. Courts 8-11 can be viewed from either court 8 or court 11.
20. From a coaching (learning) standpoint: Match results and specific details will be shared with Elite pros. We see this ladder and Sunday match play as a learning tool, so it will be treated that way. The ultimate purpose of this ladder is to facilitate the improvement of your child.
21. Rules and procedures can be amended at anytime. Please check back periodically. If any major changes happen we will let you know via email.