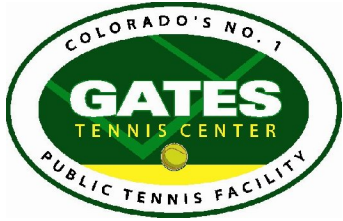


# Welcome to the Fall Singles Ladder!



Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>

Price: \$12

## For online ladder access:

Go to our website: [www.gatestenniscenter.info](http://www.gatestenniscenter.info)

User name for ladder access: gatesladder

Password for ladder access: fall

Have you ever participated in the optional  
"PICK-UP" Match Times?

**NEW!!** 3 CHOICES OF  
"PICK UP" MATCH TIMES!

**Wednesday at 12noon**

**Friday at 4pm**

**Saturday 7pm**

*"The fun and easy way to play matches!"*

**All Ladder Levels invited!**

- Men 5.0 and below
- Women 5.0 and below

**What is "Pick-up" Match Times?**

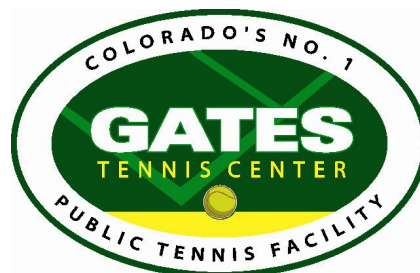
- It is an optional way to line up matches – without the time-consuming task of lining up opponents and/or courts. Just show up!
- If someone else shows up at your level, split the court cost (\$6/hr) and play a match.
- If there is no match available, the ball machine is available at a discounted price.

*Did you know the  
Gates Tennis Ladder Playoffs  
are now a USTA Sanctioned  
Tournament?*

The Gates Spring Ladder playoff USTA Sanctioned Tournament will be held  
**Friday Oct. 29 – Sunday Oct. 31**  
over a fun-filled weekend!

Make the Top 8 in your division to qualify  
for the tournament!

(See Rules sheet for more details)



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# **Fall Ladder Rules**

## **Ten Weeks: Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- 1. CHALLENGE MATCHES:** Arrange your matches following these guidelines:
  - Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>: First four weeks, Open Challenge, play anyone in your division.
  - Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Middle 4 weeks, 20 Spot Challenge, play anyone within 20 spots.
  - Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>: Final 2 weeks, 10 Spot Challenge, play anyone within 10 spots.
  - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>: Tournament weekend, when the league concludes the top 8 players in each division will be entered into the ladder tournament, a USTA sanctioned event.
- 2. NEW RULE! NTRP:** Players are always encouraged to play at NTRP level. Players on the Gates Ladder may have the privilege to play ½ level above your official NTRP rating. If your winning percentage in any particular ladder season drops below 35%, you may be subject to losing this privilege and having to play “at-level”. The ladder coordinator will make determinations after each ladder season. The spirit of this rule is to keep the quality of matches as clean as possible. (IE: A 3.0 player who is playing on the 3.5 ladder but finishes with a 1-9 record will be asked to return to the 3.0 ladder in the next ladder)
- 3. RANDOM DRAW:** Initial position on the ladder will be determined by a random draw. Players added after the application due date of Sunday Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12noon will start at the bottom of the ladder.
- 4. SCORING:** Matches will be best two out of three sets; 12 point tie-breaker at six all unless both players agree before the match starts to play with a different scoring format. Official U.S.T.A. rules apply to all matches.
- 5. BALLS:** Both parties bring a new can of balls for the match. Winner keeps the unopened can.
- 6. CHALLENGER WINS:** If the lower-ranked player wins, he/she takes the position of the higher-ranked player. All other players in between those positions move down a notch.
- 7. CHALLENGER LOSES:** If the lower-ranked player loses, both players remain at their same position on the ladder.
- 8. SPIRIT OF THE LADDER:** A challenged player should offer two reasonable days and times for the match within a 14 day period. No shows, inability to play and/or cancelled matches may be considered defaults. The spirit of the ladder is to accept as many challenges as you can within reason, play lots of different opponents; to have fun and meet people in the community. The ladder Director has the final word on any complaints or disputes.
- 9. PLAY EVERY 2 WEEKS!:** Players must play a match every two weeks from the start of the ladder or they will drop below those who have played a match during that two week period.
- 10. RESERVATIONS:** It is recommended to reserve two hours to ensure enough time for the match. Incomplete match scores will not count. All matches should be played at the Gates Tennis Center.
- 11. SCORE REPORTING:** Scores must be posted in the Ladder Results Book at the front desk immediately after a match. Sorry, we cannot accept phone results. Incomplete matches should not be reported.
- 12. UPDATES:** The ladder is updated every 2 weeks. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening at close is the deadline for matches. The ladder will be updated during the next business day. New standings will be available on Tuesday.
- 13. PLAYOFFS ARE SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT!** The Top 8 players in each division at the conclusion of the ladder are entered into The Gates Ladder Tournament now sanctioned by the USTA. (must be a member of the USTA to participate in the tournament). The results will be registered with the USTA Colorado and will count toward your NTRP rating. The tournament begins the evening of Friday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a \$12 tournament entry fee which covers fees for courts and balls.

# Fall Ladder Sign-Up

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

\$12 - Sign-Up Today!

Join the Gates Ladder! \$12 fee for the season. Please read ladder rules available on-line and at the front desk. You may sign up only ½ level above your NTRP). Any sign-ups received after 12 noon on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, will start at the bottom of the ladder. Applications received before this time will be randomly drawn for starting ladder position.

## **STEP 1: PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR DESIRED LADDER LEVEL:**

MEN'S 5.0 SINGLES

WOMEN'S 5.0 SINGLES

MEN'S 4.5 SINGLES

WOMEN'S 4.5 SINGLES

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MEN'S 3.0 SINGLES

WOMEN'S 3.0 SINGLES

WOMEN'S 2.5 SINGLES

**STEP 2: Do you know about optional "PICK-UP" Matches? Please Rank 1-3 the following on most likely Day or Time you might be able to make for a "PICK-UP" Match.**

**Wednesday 12noon**

**Friday 4pm**

**Saturday 7pm**

**What is Pick-Up-A-Match Time?** "Pick-Up" Match Times are an optional and fun way to find opponents in order to play ladder matches. You simply show up at your designated time and our staff will help set you up for a competitive match. This can eliminate the time-consuming process of lining up opponents. If there is no match available, the ball machine is available for a great workout! It's fun and easy. JUST SHOW UP!

## **Step 3: Player Information**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL USTA LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ REQUESTED LADDER LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_ (please circle level above)

E-MAIL (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME AVAILABLE TO PLAY \_\_\_\_\_