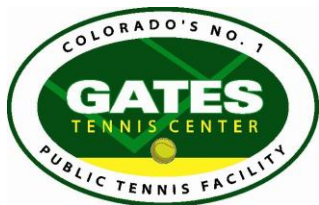


# Welcome to the Winter Singles Ladder!



Ladder - Oct. 17, 2011 - March 18, 2012

Price: \$12

Ladder Tournament - April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 8<sup>th</sup>

Price: \$25

**Sign up for both now! - \$35**

## 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: winter

### **WEATHER PERMITTING**

*Have you tried our  
"Pick-Up a Match" times?*

### **WEATHER PERMITTING**

Men's 5.0	Sat or Wed at noon
Men's 4.5	Sat or Wed at noon
Men's 4.0	Sat or Wed at noon
Men's 3.5	Sat or Wed at noon
Men's 3.0	Sat or Wed at noon
Women's 4.5	Sat or Wed at noon
Women's 4.0	Sat or Wed at noon
Women's 3.5	Sat or Wed at noon
Women's 3.0	Sat or Wed at noon
Women's 2.5	Sat or Wed at noon

**"Pick-up a Match" Times.** Just show up at your level's designated time and try to pick up a match. If someone else shows up at your level, split the court cost (\$6/hr) and play a match. **BONUS:** If there is no match available, the ball machine is available at a discounted price to all ladder participants during this pick-up time!

*The Ladder Tournament is open to anyone who has played at least 5 matches on the Gates Ladder.*

*Top 8 Players in each division will be seeded. Additionally entries will be randomly placed.*

*Divisions 3.5 and above will be USTA Sanctioned.*

The Gates Fall Ladder Tournament will be held

**Thur. April 5<sup>th</sup> – Sun. April 8<sup>th</sup>**

(See Rules sheet for more details)



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# Winter Ladder Rules

## GATES TENNIS CENTER

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - March 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

1. **CHALLENGE MATCHES:** The Twenty-Two Week Ladder is open challenge for the first 10 weeks (Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>), you may challenge 20 spots above your position over the next 10 weeks (Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>), and you may challenge 10 spots above your position in the final weeks (Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 18<sup>TH</sup>).
2. **NTRP:** Players must play within ½ point of their published NTRP rating without playing lower than your NTRP rating.
3. **RANDOM DRAW:** Initial position on the ladder will be determined by a random draw. Players added after the application due date of October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon 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 should 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 A MINIMUM OF 5 MATCHES:** Weather conditions being a factor for the winter ladder, play a minimum of 5 matches for the season. More matches are encouraged and welcomed!
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
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. **NEW TOURNAMENT RULES!** Anyone who has played at least 5 matches qualifies to play in the tournament. Top 8 players in each division will be seeded. Divisions 3.5 and above will be USTA Sanctioned. (must be a member of the USTA to participate in the 3.5 and above divisions). The results will be registered with the USTA Colorado and will count toward your NTRP rating. The tournament begins the evening of Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$25 tournament entry fee which covers fees for courts and balls.

# HAVE FUN!

# Winter Ladder Sign-Up

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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 October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon will start at the bottom of the ladder. Applications received before this time will be randomly drawn for starting ladder position.

**What is Pick-Up-A-Match Time?** Pick-Up-A-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!

**Come pick up a match any Wednesday or Saturday at noon.**

**PLEASE CIRCLE:**

MEN'S 5.0 SINGLES

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WOMEN'S 4.5 SINGLES

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WOMEN'S 2.5 SINGLES

**Player Information**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL NTRP RATING \_\_\_\_\_ REQUESTED LADDER LEVEL \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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