

# Welcome to the Gates Tennis Center Spring Singles Ladder!

March 24<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>

Price: \$12

## For online ladder access:

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

User name for ladder access: spring

Password for ladder access: gatesladder

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

Men's 5.0	Sat 5:30pm
Men's 4.5	Sat 5:30pm
Men's 4.0	Sat 5:30pm
Men's 3.5	Sat 3:30pm
Men's 3.0	Sat 3:30pm
Women's 4.5	Sat 5:30pm
Women's 4.0	Sat 3:30pm
Women's 3.5	Sat 3:30pm
Women's 3.0	Sat 3:30pm
Women's 2.5	Sat 3:30pm

**"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!

### *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 June 6 – Sunday June 8** 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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# Spring Ladder Sign-Up

March 24<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

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 March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 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!

<b><u>PLEASE CIRCLE:</u></b>	<i>New! Optional</i> <u>Pick-Up-a-Match Time!</u>	<b><u>PLEASE CIRCLE:</u></b>	<i>New! Optional</i> <u>Pick-Up-a-Match Time!</u>
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## **Player Information**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK/CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Spring Ladder Rules

## GATES TENNIS CENTER

March 24<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

1. CHALLENGE MATCHES: The Ten Week Ladder is open challenge for the first 4 weeks (March 24<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>), you may challenge 20 spots above your position over the next 4 weeks (April 21<sup>st</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>), and you may challenge 10 spots above your position in the final 2 weeks (May 19<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>). The top 8 players in each division on June 1<sup>st</sup> are entered into an end of the season tournament.
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 March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 until they are completed.
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. 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 CTA and will affect ones NTRP rating. The tournament begins the evening of Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$12 tournament entry fee which covers fee for courts and balls.

# HAVE FUN!