

Welcome to the Gates Tennis Center Winter Singles Ladder!

Oct. 20th - March 22nd

Price: \$12

For online ladder access:

Go to our website: www.gatestenniscenter.info

User name for ladder access: winter

Password for ladder access: gatesladder

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

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| 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 March 27 – Sunday March 29** 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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Winter Ladder Sign-Up

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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 19th, 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!

| <u>PLEASE CIRCLE:</u> | <i>New! Optional</i> <u>Pick-Up-a-Match Time!</u> | <u>PLEASE CIRCLE:</u> | <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 _____

Winter Ladder Rules

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1. CHALLENGE MATCHES: The Twenty-Two Week Ladder is open challenge for the first 10 weeks (Oct. 20th - Dec. 28th), you may challenge 20 spots above your position over the next 10 weeks (Dec. 29th - Mar. 8th), and you may challenge 10 spots above your position in the final 2 weeks (Mar. 9th - Mar. 22nd). The top 8 players in each division on Mar. 22nd 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 June 1st 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 2nd 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). The results will be registered with the CTA and will effect ones NTRP rating. The tournament begins the evening of Friday, March 27th and concludes on Sunday, March 29th. There is a \$12 tournament entry fee which covers fee for courts and balls.

HAVE FUN!