



# THE GATES LADDER!

## FLEXIBLE 8 WEEK SINGLES PROGRAM!

Play as much as you can in 8 weeks!



Men's Ladder



Women's Ladder

### HOW IT WORKS

**\$45 for 8-Week Ladder**

- Covers your portion of court fees at Gates for 3 matches.
- Play as much as you can during the 8 week ladder.
- Meet new people, work on your game.
- Play 5 matches to qualify for playoffs!
- Play 8 matches at Gates to win a choice of prizes. (up to \$48!)

### LEVELS

Men: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+  
Women: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0+

### LEVEL CONTROLLED LADDER

Players must compete at their official published NTRP level.

**If you don't have an official NTRP level**, GTC will help place you in the correct ladder division! We use win-loss %, game differentials, verification clinics, and other methods.

**We are committed to a level controlled ladder, so everyone can the most fun.** The Ladder Director may move you to the proper level in the middle of the ladder season.

### SIGN UP NOW!



*\*Although our online option is always the quickest method, feel free to call the Front Desk at 303.355.4461 to register.*

### DATES

- SPRING:** April 15<sup>th</sup> - June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026
- SUMMER:** June 15<sup>th</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- FALL:** Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- WINTER:** Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027 (15 wks)

### MATCHES

Matches are either scheduled:

By participants at your convenience throughout the 8-weeks by challenging others or being challenged at GTC or elsewhere.

**-or-**

At GTC-organized "Quick Events" (for extra fee), where you can play up to 3 different opponents in a 3-hr event.

### DETAILS

The Gates Ladder is not USTA-sanctioned. Results do not count toward USTA ratings. It is a great way to work on your game.

#### Three Ways to "Win"

1. **Regular Season Champion** - Play as much as you can!
2. **Win the Tournament** - Play 5 matches to qualify!
3. **Everybody Wins** - Playing a lot and meeting people!

- **Spirit of the Ladder:** Always friendly-competitive and community-first, mirroring that of Gates Tennis Center.

### "ELITE 8 CLUB"

**Play 8 matches at Gates in one Ladder Season** and qualify for the "Elite 8 Club"! Pick your choice of 1 **FREE Gates activity**:

- **Social Mixer** (value \$13) **-or-**
- **Ball Machine** (value \$16) **-or-**
- **Friday One And Done Drill** (value \$38)

**PLUS \$10 Discount off** next season's Gates Singles Ladder!

### "END OF LADDER" TOURNAMENTS

**Play at least 5 matches in 8 weeks** and qualify for the "End of Ladder Tourney"!

Tournament Entry fee is \$25, which covers courts/balls.



- SPRING:** Fri June 26<sup>th</sup> - Mon June 29<sup>th</sup>
- SUMMER:** Fri Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> - Mon Aug. 31
- FALL:** Fri Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Mon Dec 7<sup>th</sup>
- WINTER:** Fri Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> - Mon Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>

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# I DON'T HAVE A RATING? WHAT SHOULD I DO?

## Three Convenient Options Offered:

### **1. Come to our FREE GTC Rating Clinic:**



Before each Ladder Season, GTC offers a Rating Clinic to get assessed for FREE! (reg. \$15). Run by GTC Pros, the GTC Ratings Clinics are **1 hour**: 45 minutes of drills, hitting, and 15 minutes of an off-court review. Try some demos, talk to the pros, and most importantly, have a GTC stamp of approval/rating for YOUR proper level for the Ladder! GTC Clinics are also open to the public for \$15.

### **2. Take a Private GTC Verification Lesson**

Lesson can be 30 or 60 minutes, cost range \$40-\$80. Book with a GTC Verification Specialist. Email Ladder Director at ladder@gatestenniscenter.info.



George Ferguson



John Page



Chris Foglia

### **3. None of the above. Self-Rate and take a gamble!**

Take the highest risk and sign up for The Ladder on your own assessment. The Ladder Director will monitor your results closely.

## Rating Clinics Details:

**SPRING:** Sat, April 11<sup>TH</sup> @ 3:15pm

**SUMMER:** Sat, June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm

**FALL:** Sat, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm

**WINTER:** Sat Nov 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:15pm

• Registered Ladder Players **FREE!!**

• Open to the Public: \$15

• Slots available each day:

**3:15pm** (45 mins. on-court + 15 min. review)

**4:15pm** only offered if/when 3:15pm is full.

**5:15pm** only offered if/when 4:15pm is full.

• 14 players max per slot.

## **SIGN UP EARLY!**

*\*More Quick Events will be offered through the season.*

## TIPS ON BOOKING COURTS AT GTC

- **Your \$45 entry fee covers your portion of court fees at Gates for your first 3 matches.**
- Courts become available to book online at 10am 5 days in advance. Use the GTC Court Reserve App.



### Easiest Times To Book Matches at Gates:

- Mon - Fri: middle of day, -or- very early, -or- very late.
- Saturday - Sunday: later in the day



### Hardest Times To Book Matches at Gates:

- Mon - Fri: after 4pm
- Sat - Sun: 8am-2pm

*\*Times subject to change based on season*

## GATES IS A DIGITAL LADDER!



View rankings, message opponents, report scores, and stay updated on ladder activity with the Tennis Rungs app. This app is your go-to-tool for scheduling matches, adding your scores, and tracking your progress throughout the season. The app is integral to participation, but is not related to the sign up process.

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Having trouble scheduling on your own?  
Give us a call and we'll make sure you keep playing!

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# LADDER RULES & GUIDELINES

## 1. ENTRY FEE: \$45 - Includes YOUR PORTION of court fees for 3 matches at Gates Tennis Center. (reg. \$24; excludes Quick Events)

- Ladder Court Time is for Ladder matches only; length of 1.5 hrs or 2 hours, your choice.
- Play additional matches beyond your 3, and pay Gates regular, affordable court fees of \$8/hr split amongst the players.
- Book courts through GTC's app or online system. Online: GTC has an "up to 5-day" in advance reservation ability. Call front desk 303.355.4461 with any questions or email our Ladder Director, Chris Foglia: ladder@gatetenniscenter.info
- **The value of the matches in the Ladder Program are not transferable to your general GTC account, and expire at the conclusion of each Ladder season.**

## 2. WHAT DIVISION SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR? I HAVE A CURRENT NTRP.

Players having a current NTRP must sign up at their official published NTRP level.

## 3. WHAT DIVISION SHOULD I SIGN UP FOR? I DON'T HAVE A CURRENT NTRP.

Players without a current NTRP have 3 choices:

1-Attend GTC's FREE Rating Clinic.

2-Take a private lesson with a GTC Verification Pro and get a GTC recommendation for approved Ladder Division.

3-Join the Ladder as "Self-Rated". This is the highest risk of the Ladder Director moving you to a different level.

## 4. CAN I PLAY "UP" A DIVISION? (playing ½ level higher than your published NTRP level)

**This is not allowed.** To "play up", you must either become a "Regular Season All-Star", defined as undefeated with a minimum of 6 matches played at Gates, or win the end of season Ladder Tournament.

**\*Note to all players:** In the course of the Ladder season, you may be moved to a higher or lower ladder level than your published NTRP level, based on match results. Current ladder match results supersede your NTRP. The Ladder Director has the final decision in any Ladder season.

## 5. FORMAT:

Everybody starts with 0 points. Anybody can "challenge" anybody! Play the same person a maximum of twice, if you desire.

## 6. REGULAR SEASON SCORING and LEADERBOARD:

- Play as much as you can in the Regular Season
- Loss = 0 Points, Split Set Loss = 1 Point, Win = 2 Points
- The person who plays the most will most likely have the best opportunity for the most points!
- The "Regular Season Champion" is often one of the individuals who plays the most and wins a lot.

## 7. PLAYOFF SCORING and QUALIFICATION:

- Minimum 5 matches to qualify for playoffs
- **Points are** Loss = 0 Points, Split Set Loss = 1 Point, Win = 2 Points, **Quality Win\* = 3 points**  
*\*A Quality Win is a win over a player who finishes the season with .500 winning %. Therefore, at the time of your Win only 2 points is given, the extra point is not awarded until the end of the season until we know if the opponent is a player with a .500 winning %.*
- **Take Your Best 5 Results for Playoff Seeding**
  - If you played more than 5 times, than you can "Throw Out" all the results you don't like!
    - **EXAMPLE: Player A has a 5-3 record.**
      - Best 5 Results = "throw out" the 3 losses
      - 5-0 (10 points) plus, say, two of the 5 wins were against "quality opponents" (determined at the conclusion of the season) earning 2 Bonus points = **12 pts total**
      - Tiebreaker is: 1) head to head, 2) total wins ladder season, 3) total win % ladder season, 4) game differential ladder season.
      - **Top 2 Seeds will receive automatic BYE into MAIN DRAW of LADDER TOURNAMENT and RECEIVE ½ PRICE TOURNAMENT ENTRY!**

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**8. SCORING:** Best 2 out of 3 sets. 7-point tiebreak at 6–6 in each set. If players split sets (1-1) players play a 10-point tiebreaker. USTA rules apply to all matches. Other scoring formats are allowed if both parties agree at start of match.

**9. BALLS:** Both parties bring a new can of balls for the match. Winner keeps the unopened can.

**10. ETIQUETTE WHEN CHALLENGED:** 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.

**11. SPIRIT OF THE LADDER:** The spirit of the Ladder is to accept as many challenges as you can within reason, play lots of different opponents, and to have fun and meet people in the community.

**12. RESERVATIONS:** Matches can be 1.5 or 2 hrs. Incomplete matches cannot be counted. While a 2-hr reservation is preferred, with competitive court reservations at GTC, sometimes a 1.5-hour reservation can work well, particularly with an abbreviated scoring format (*ie: no-ad, etc*) as long as both players agree in advance.

**13. SCORE REPORTING:** Winner must enter scores into the TennisRungs App immediately after the match. Any disputes of scoring, rules, or otherwise, must be brought to the Ladder Coordinator.

**14. UPDATES:** Rankings, scores, and match results are updated instantly through the TennisRungs app. Download the app to view the ladder, report scores, and message other players.

**15. TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION:** Players that completed a minimum of 5 matches are eligible. Seeding will be based on final ladder rankings. A \$25 Tournament Entry Fee applies.

**16. REGISTRATION DETAILS:** Sorry, the Ladder is non-refundable. Payment is due upon registration.

**17. LADDER DIRECTOR:** The Ladder Coordinator has the final word on any complaints or disputes. Please contact Gates Front Desk 303.355.4461 for immediate assistance, or email Chris Foglia at [ladder@gatestenniscenter.info](mailto:ladder@gatestenniscenter.info)

**18. AGE REQUIREMENT:** Ladder participants must be at least 15 years of age or older to join.

**19. MATCH CANCELLATIONS:** If a Ladder participant cancels a scheduled match within 24 hours or less of match time and when courts have been booked, the player cancelling must pay all applicable court fees and report an official “loss” to their opponent.

## **20. GETTING BUMPED DOWN:**

To get “bumped down” a division, the Ladder Director will look for uneven matches, using analytics such as win-loss % and game differential. Any player under 25% match win-loss rate, and/or 35% game differential versus verified opponents becomes a potential for getting relegated. Players who are “Self-rated Gamblers” (players who did not get GTC verification) will be audited with priority. The Ladder Director has the final decision on all ladder levels. The integrity of the Ladder is always prioritized. No money back when downgraded. Reminder of GTC Ladder Spirit: thank you in advance for switching levels if deemed appropriate by GTC staff. Your cooperation keeps all matches more fun, equitable, and competitive for all involved.

**21. ELIGIBILITY FOR NEXT LADDER:** The integrity of the levels of the Ladder will be an ongoing focus. In addition to moving participants up and down during the ladder season, the Ladder Director reserves the right to determine eligibility for certain participants based on their results, for upcoming ladder seasons. Our goal at GTC is always to help players have a great experience, while balancing fairness of the program and integrity of the overall community. In addition to determining eligibility, GTC may offer opportunities for individuals to improve their tennis, such as lessons, ball machines and clinics. Please inquire.

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