

LAKE MURRAY TENNIS CLUB- WOMEN'S DOUBLES LADDER RULES

1. All players on the ladder or wishing to challenge onto the ladder must be current members of LMTC. Both team members must be available for at least 50% of the leagues matches played each season. The ladder is open for challenges throughout the year (Jan 3-Nov.19). November 20 through January 2 will be considered a down time for all challenges. No challenges have to be played during this period.
2. Matches will consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets. Challenger must supply new tennis balls.
3. Any team that challenges you must be given first priority to play you before you can accept or issue another challenge.
4. If you have challenged a team that has already issued or accepted a challenge and the team accepts your challenge, you will still have the right to play that team whether they win or lose. A challenged team does not have to play another challenge before their listed challenge is complete but should do so if possible.
5. A date must be decided within 6 days of the challenge and match must be played within 2 weeks (14 days) of the challenge or it will be considered a default. Once challenge has been verbally made to 1 player of opposing team challenger must notify Emmo Tennis in order for challenge to be valid. Common courtesy dictates that you notify both partners of challenge. The team challenged must give challenger 3 or more dates to play match. Failure to offer 3 dates will be considered a default. If challenger cannot accept the dates, challenge is void. If a challenge cannot be played because of rain/emergency, match must be played within 1 week (7 days). Two (2) dates must be provided by challenged team. If there is no agreement on dates, challenge is void. If the challengers lose the match, they must wait 2 weeks (14 days) before rechallenging the same team. If challenger's loose again to the same team, they must wait 2 months before issuing any additional challenges against the same team.
6. A new team must challenge and win to be placed on the ladder. They may challenge anywhere on the ladder the first time. If they lose they must challenge one or more places below their challenge. If they win, they take that position and each team from that position drops down one spot. If existing team loses, they must wait 7 days before issuing a challenge back. New teams must challenge and play by 7/1 for Fall League and 11/1 for Winter League.
7. Lower teams may challenge up to 2 positions on the ladder but you must challenge the team directly above you first. If they cannot play due to another challenge, unprotected vacation, or un-protected illness, you may then challenge the team above them. You must be available throughout the year to accept challenges. If you do not have a valid reason (challenge, vacation, medical leave), challenger will be considered the winner. If players do not notify Emmo Tennis of vacation, illness, or injury, then position on the ladder is **not** protected.
8. A medical leave (not to exceed 4 weeks) may be granted during which time your team cannot be challenged. And your challenger must wait until your protected time is over to challenge you or anyone above you. You must receive approval from Emmo Tennis. You must notify Emmo Tennis of medical leaves and challenges between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.
9. Each player will be given 3 weeks of vacation a year during which time your team cannot be challenged. Anyone challenging you must wait until you get back to challenge you or anyone above you. You must notify Emmo Tennis prior to vacation.
10. A challenge Ladder Committee consisting of team captains will meet to discuss any disputes and will present results to the Board Chairperson for approval.
11. Challenges for existing teams must be completed by 8/1 for Fall League and 11/20 for Winter League unless the roster due date is changed by League Manager. Check board for details.
12. Doubles Ladder rules are governed by USTA rules unless Board has ruled otherwise.
13. LMTC Board has final approval on all league rules