



RULES FOR EAST GLOS TENNIS LADDERS

1. Contact with opponent[s] should be made within three weeks of the start of the ladder.
 - a) If an organiser has made reasonable and multiple attempts to organise a match, (providing at least 3 options over a 3-week period), and receives no response, then the match is void and the organiser scores 3 points. If an organiser has made reasonable attempts as above and an opponent[s] cannot play at all in the 2 month ladder period then the organiser will score 3 points, the unavailable player[s] scores 0. If both pairs have offered at least 3 options over a 3 week and none of those options are viable then both pairs score 0 points.
 - b) If a pair/player starts a league but then drops out, the results of matches played will stand and the other pairs/players who have not played against them will score 3 points.
 - c) If matches are not played, no points can be awarded. Pairs cannot “split the points” between them.
2. All players must allow enough time to complete three tie-break sets.
3. Each match shall normally consist of 3 tie break sets. The third set can be a championship tie-break, if agreed by both pairs/players before the start of the match. If there is disagreement, a tie-break set must be played.
4. A tie break is used to determine the winner of a set once the score in games is 6-6. The winner is the first to 7 points but only if you have won two more points than your opponent. A championship tie break is the same as a normal tie break except the winner is the first to 10 points with 2 points clear.
5. Scoring is as follows:-

4 points for a win	2 points for a set
1 point for playing	0 score if match not played
6. If the opposition do not turn up, on the date and time arranged, then the 4 points shall be awarded to the player/players who have turned up. The player/players not arriving shall receive 0 points. The match will be void and not re-arranged. If a pair is not ready to start within 20 minutes of the agreed time, then the late pair shall concede the first set to their opponents.
7. If a player/pair cancels an agreed match, the onus is on them to rearrange. If this is not possible, the other player/pair may claim 3 points.
8. If a player is injured or taken ill during a match and has not recovered in 10 minutes: the injured pair /player scores 2 points if they have won a set, or 1 point otherwise. The other pair/player are the winners with 4 points.
9. **The Ladies' singles, Men's doubles, Ladies' evening/weekend doubles and Ladies' daytime doubles are played in a vertical format.**

For the top division, the top 3 players/pairs stay where they are and the bottom 2 go down one division. In the other divisions, 2 players/pairs with most points are promoted up 1 division and 2 with the least points are demoted down 1 division. In the event that 2 pairs

have the same total points, then if they have played each other, the winner of that match will gain the advantage. However, if they have not played each other than reference will be made to the previous ladder.

10. **The Men's singles, mixed singles and mixed doubles ladders are played in a pyramid format.**
Only 1 player will be promoted from Division 1A and Division 1B to the Premier Box. In other divisions the top 2 of each division are promoted. (The top player going straightup and the second player going to the opposite side of the pyramid but not in Div 1A & 1B as above). The bottom 2 of each division are USUALLY demoted. The bottom player going straight down and the second bottom going to the opposite side of the pyramid).
11. In the double's ladders, partners cannot be changed during a session.
12. Any player[s]who have not played at all for 2 consecutive ladders will be removed, unless the organiser has been contacted with a reason such as illness, injury etc.
13. **In the event of a dispute that cannot be resolved between the players, please contact the organiser who will try to reach a fair decision. If players are not satisfied the matter will be taken to the Tennis Committee.**
14. **New entrants to the ladders will normally start at the bottom.**
New members, or players returning from long periods of illness/injury/absence may feel they should start at a higher position. This can be agreed with the advice of the coaching team. They will be entered at an agreed point but no higher than two thirds of the way up the ladder (so that even the best players have to do some work to get to the top!). If a Player has been given this benefit but then fails to play they will be dropped to the bottom box.
15. **The Ladies' daytime doubles** should be played predominantly in school hours unless all players agree otherwise.

All other ladders should be played predominantly in the evenings or at the weekend.
16. **Junior Participation in Ladders.**
a) Junior members 16 years and over may participate in any adult ladder.
b) Junior members aged between 12 and 16 years of age may play in doubles ladders with an adult partner except the Ladies' daytime doubles ladder, which is played in school hours.
17. Any players withdrawing from the ladders for any reason must inform the Organiser when they are ready to return.
18. Participants must be tennis members of the club (and not just a social member, if altered due to injury).

Finally, please understand that rules cannot cover every eventuality!

For any queries, if you are injured, or if you are changing partners, please contact the organiser for the relevant in the first instance:

Organisers:

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Ladies' Evening/Weekend Doubles Mixed Doubles	Lucy Rathbone	lucyrathbone@icloud.com	07775 908140

Ladder Co-ordinator (who will provide support to the Organisers and report to the Tennis Committee):

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