

## **RULES FOR THE LADIES LADDER 2011**

1. Ladder set up in order of merit
2. A partnership can challenge 3 places above their own position Examples: No 10 can challenge up to No. 7; No.15 can challenge No12; New partnerships will normally be added to the end of the ladder, unless the tennis committee deem that they should challenge at a higher position.
3. Challenge must be played within **7** days from the day the challenge is made ie. if the challenge is made on Tuesday, that day is counted as the first day . Failure to do so will result in the match being awarded to the challengers .
4. When a challenge is made details of the challenge must be entered into the **Doubles Ladder Register** which will be left on the counter in the club house **AND** a text sent to Veronica Donnelly 087 6754011 **Immediately**.
5. Partnerships can only be in one 'challenge' at any time
6. If a partnership cannot play due to injury or holidays (including Easter Week) they must inform Veronica Donnelly and provided they do so can then remain on the ladder. **BUT** when another partnership is challenging they can discount the injured/absent partnership when challenging up 3 places. This fact will be noted in the **Ladder Register**
7. When a partnership **loses** a challenge it cannot challenge again for **3** days and the day the game is played is counted as the 1<sup>st</sup> day
8. When a partnership **wins** a challenge it cannot be challenged for **3** days and the day they win is counted as the 1<sup>st</sup> day
9. All **results** are to be entered into the Ladder Register and a text sent to Veronica Donnelly
10. Under no circumstances will be ladder be allowed to be 'locked' and if this occurs the Committee will consider approving a higher challenge.

**It should be noted that the Tennis Committee reserve the right to review the operation of the ladder and may make a decision from time to time to ensure the smooth operation of the ladder.**

Please direct any queries as to the rules or interpretation of the rules to the Tennis Committee

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