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## Tennis Singles Challenge Ladder: Season Two

### Section 1: Date information

April 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30, 2009

The ladder fee will be \$10.00

### Section 2: Ladder Information and Rules

**A. General Information** Strong participation / activity are needed for any ladder to be successful. Players must play at least one match per month to remain active on the ladder.

#### B. Registration

Visit [www.avac.us/SinglesChallengeLadder](http://www.avac.us/SinglesChallengeLadder). Click on Register Me to notify Manny Fernandez that you agree to have your e-mail available to when Challengers click on your name. Please indicate if you do NOT WISH to have your phone number listed. You will be asked for your AVAC Membership Number so that your account may be charged \$10 per ladder listing.

#### C. Refunds

No refunds are permitted once you have registered and paid for any tennis ladder. This policy will remain in effect regardless of how many matches you have played during the ladder season. Additionally, you are not guaranteed any specific number of matches as this depends entirely on both the number of challenges you issue and the discretion of other players issuing challenges. However, please keep in mind that players refusing challenges or otherwise missing matches will automatically drop down the ladder and this should provide you with a greater number of matches.

#### D. General Rules

1. The ladder is open to all adult Tennis Members of Almaden Valley Athletic Club.
2. All players will be listed on the ladder responding to their USTA rating. Players may play at their rating and / or one level above. The fee to play on a second ladder will be \$10.00

#### E. Challenging

1. To challenge, click on the name of the player you are challenging, copy the Ladder Administrator, [mfernandez@avac.us](mailto:mfernandez@avac.us). A challenged player shall respond with two reasonable days and times for the match to be played.
2. A player can challenge up to and including 3 positions above or below. This rule will not be enforced unless it becomes a problem – we don't want to discourage people from playing whoever they want, but the challenged player does not have to accept a challenge from a player more than 3 positions above or below. .
3. Starting the month of July, if a player has not played a ladder match to date the player will be considered "INACTIVE" and moved to the bottom of the ladder.
- 4 The winner is responsible for posting the results via email to [mfernandez@avac.us](mailto:mfernandez@avac.us) or by phone to the "ladder administrator" 408.445.4920. Scores must be reported within three days of completed play.

5. The standings will be posted at [www.avac.us/SinglesChallengeLadder](http://www.avac.us/SinglesChallengeLadder).
6. The challenged player must play within 10 days of the challenge. If the challenged player already has another match arranged the challenged player must play within 7 days of his/her already arranged match. If a challenged player cannot play within 10 or 7 days, as described, the challenger can report a default match score of 6-0, 6-0 in the challenger's favor.
7. Balls. Both players shall bring a new can of balls for the match. The winner keeps the unopened can.

#### **F. Court Reservations**

The player issuing the challenge is responsible for reserving a court. Please contact the AVAC Front Desk at 408.445.4900 to reserve your court.

#### **G. Scoring**

Players will play two sets regular scoring followed by either a full set or ten point tie-break. Players will agree prior to starting play on type of third set. The default will be a ten-point tie break if both players do not agree on a third full set.

#### **H. No Shows**

1. A player is considered to be a NO SHOW after 15 minutes of the agreed upon start time of play
2. No shows are always potential problems. The Ladder Administrator reserves the right to disqualify a player for the season who makes a habit of not showing up for their match without notifying their opponent . We will utilize the three strike rule.
3. The match is awarded to the player who shows up.
4. In the event of a 'no show', the winner (person who shows up), takes over the position of the opponent if the person is higher placed.

#### **I. Unfinished or postponed matches**

1. An unfinished match must be resumed and completed within 7 calendar days.
- 2.. If the match, for whatever reason, cannot be resumed and completed within 7 calendar days, the unfinished match will be considered completed and the player ahead at end of play will be considered the winner.
3. If the time is running out and it looks like the match may not be completed, both players may agree to play 'no ad' games. At 40-40, the receiver has the right to choose which side to receive the serve, and the next point wins the game.
4. In the case of postponement, the previous score shall hold good, the points scored will stand and the match resumed from there.

#### **J. Disputes and disagreements**

1. For the purpose of this ladder we will be on the honor system. Tennis is a gentlemen's game and we put forth an expectation that this ladder can be handled that way.
- 2.. If there are disputes, all disagreements between the players are to be forwarded to the Ladder Administrator, in writing within 24 hours of an incident. The Ladder Administrators decision will be final.

#### **K. Updates**

1. The ladder will be updated every two weeks. The ladder will be updated every other Monday – new standings will be available on Tuesday.