

What is the tennis ladder tournament?

The tennis ladder tournament is a tournament for competitive tennis players (no matter the level) which will be ran from February to November (excluding June due to Limerick Open/South of Ireland). It's only suitable for players who are interested in playing **3 matches per month**. It's imperative that you try and play the 3 games, since if you cannot play other people won't be able to play and the ladder will implode on its own.

What is the purpose of the ladder?

- 1) It allows players of similar skill and ability level to play each other.
- 2) It helps to meet other members within the club and a great way for new members to meet established members.
- 3) It helps improve a players ability for tournaments by playing against different players in a competitive environment.

How does the box league ladder work?

- 1) You will join a "box" on the 2nd of Feb. Each box consists of 4 players.
- 2) You have to **schedule** and **play** those **3 players** by the **end of the month**. The phone number and email address of each player will be listed on the box table on the tennis noticeboard.
- 3) Each match is the **best of 3 sets**. **One point** is awarded for **each set won**.
The first two sets are the first to 6 Games. No tie breaker.
In the event of a match going to a 3rd set, the 3rd set will be decided by a championship tiebreak (i.e. first to 10 points win by 2).
The results of each match will be recorded on the noticeboard, where games within each set are recorded in order to aid decisions on promotions and demotions in the event of two people having won the same number of sets. Ranking is then done on the numbers of games won.
- 4) At the end of each month, the best player will be moved 1 group up, the last will go 1 down. In order to promote movement of players, in the top group, the last 2 will go down and in the 2nd group, the top 2 will go up. Similarly, in the bottom group, the top 2 will go up and in the 2nd group from the bottom, the last 2 will go down.
- 5) A tennis ladder points table will be ran over 9 months, where the total number of sets won by each player is recorded. **One point is awarded to each set won. Two Bonus points** will be awarded to somebody who plays all their matches on-time within the month.
- 6) The person with the most number of points accumulated over the 9 rounds will win the 1st prize of the mens and womens tennis ladder respectively. Prizes will also be awarded to 2nd and 3rd places of both the mens and womans ladder.
- 7) A full set of rules will be available on the noticeboard.

How do I join the Mens and Womens tennis box league ladder?

- 1) A separate mens and womens **ladder sign-on sheet** will be available on the **noticeboard**. It will be required to submit your phone number and email on the sheet to facilitate scheduling of matches.
- 2) A **€10 entry fee** per person is required to enter the ladder. The entry fee will be used for the purchase of prizes. Please enclose the **€10 entry fee** in an envelope with "Tennis Ladder" and your name written on the envelope and leave in either the office or bar.