

# Chesterbrook Junior Tennis Ladder Rules and Regulations

1. Ladder play begins now and continues through the end of August. The ladder is posted on the ladder board attached to the tennis shed. Only authorized personnel should ever make a change to the ladder. If you feel there is an error, please contact Celeste Miller at celeste.miller@mac.com.
2. Ladder is open to all juniors who are members of Chesterbrook Swim and Tennis Club. The purpose of the ladder is to facilitate match play which improves everyone's skills.
3. All matches will be singles. Girls and boys can challenge each other. There will be 3 age categories on the ladder: 10 & Under, 12 & Under, and 18 & Under.
4. Matches will follow the typical scoring for juniors which is as follows: 10&Under use 6 game set with 7-point tiebreaker at 6 all; all other age categories use an 8 game set with a 10-point tiebreaker at 8 all. Use regular (ad) scoring. Players must win by 2 (e.g. If a 10 and Under match, then the winner must win 7-5. If the score is 6-6, then the 7-point tiebreaker is played).
5. A player can challenge up to 3 places ahead of them on the ladder in their age group. If they win their challenge, they will gain the position on the ladder above the person they beat. You may also re-challenge a player that you previously played and lost to. You may also challenge players with the same ranking or ranked below in order to get practice.
6. A player may also challenge onto the ladder of the next higher age group. An initial free challenge may be made anywhere on the ladder. If they win their free challenge, they will gain the position on the ladder directly above the person they beat. If they lose, they will be placed at the bottom of that age group's ladder. Only one free challenge is allowed when coming onto the ladder. From that point on they may challenge up to three (3) spots above and will remain on the higher-age group ladder as well as their actual age-group ladder (i.e. they will be playing two separate ladders).
7. Register your challenge with the Ladder Rep (Celeste Miller) at the time the challenge is made. Those refusing to play (unless out of town or sick) within one week of the challenge will be replaced by the challenger and moved one place down on the ladder. You may make and/or accept only one challenge at a time. When making a challenge, you should be available to play within the next three days.
8. If there is a no-show for a challenge match, the player who does not show up will lose the match. The match is considered a no-show 15 minutes past the scheduled start time.
9. Please schedule 1 hour for the challenge. Match must be played to completion on day scheduled unless interrupted by rain. If injury occurs or a player can't finish the match they must default the match and allow their opponent to replace them on the ladder. A re-challenge may be made for a later date. This rule is to allow the ladder to have maximum play.
10. Challengers must provide acceptable balls for play (a new can is recommended).
11. As far as Quick start for 10 & Under, the players must agree ahead of time if they want to use this format for their match. If so, a parent will have to use chalk to mark the lines. The correct size is 60 ft by 21 ft for the singles format. **The 10 & Under matches can also be**

**played on the regular court size, but this must be decided and agreed upon by both players before the match begins. Furthermore, the type of ball (regular or quick start) must be decided upon before the match begins. It is recommended that the Quick Start be used since this is the USTA requirement for “10 and Under” and is the format that will be used during the Tennis Team matches. You may use Quick Start balls from the shed.**

12. Challenges can be made when court time is available. Please reserve a court time online at <http://chesterbrookclub.com/category/tennis>.

**Please contact Celeste Miller at [celeste.miller@mac.com](mailto:celeste.miller@mac.com) with any questions and to report scores.**