

JUNIOR TENNIS LADDER GUIDELINES & SCORING

- There will be one co-ed tennis ladder for both Advanced and Intermediate players.
- Any player aged 7-14 can join the ladder. Players currently attending high school are ineligible (players can play up until they begin high school in August, so they can play during the summer time before their freshman year).
- The ladder will be posted in the bulletin board at the Argonaut HS tennis courts. Players can challenge any player that is three spots higher than them. For example, if you are in spot #6 you can challenge players #3 to #5.
- The winning player in a challenge match takes the higher spot on the ladder. The losing player takes the lower spot.
- Players that are challenged have two weeks to accept the challenge and set-up a match. If the player challenged doesn't accept within two weeks, then the challenging player takes the spot of the other player being challenged. The challenging player is responsible for bringing a new can of balls to the match. Intermediate players can play with orange balls and advanced can play with yellow balls. This is up to the players to agree on the type of tennis balls used.
- Matches will be a seven game pro-set, no-ad scoring. This means the first player to win 7 games wins the match. You do not have to win by two games, so 7-6 can be a winning score. Players make their own line calls and keep track of the score. If there are lots of difficulties with making line calls, parents can assist. See next page for more details on scoring.
- The winning player is responsible for reporting the match score to the league director. The league director makes all changes on the ladder.
- The ladder will be set up in a bulletin board at the Argonaut HS tennis courts.
- If possible, the ladder will also be posted on the Amador Tennis Club web site and updates will be made weekly.
- The director of the Jr tennis ladder will keep a master list of all player contact information (phone numbers, e-mail). Once someone joins the Jr tennis ladder, you will receive an e-mail from the director with the contact list.
- There is no cost to join the ladder. Interested players simply need to e-mail the director of the Jr tennis ladder to join.
- To start the ladder, all interested players will submit their information to the director of the Jr tennis ladder. Players will receive an initial ranking to determine their initial placement on the ladder.
- Once the season begins, any new players will need to start at the bottom of the ladder and work their way up the ladder by playing challenge matches.

Scoring in Ladder Matches

- Spin the racket to see who serves first. Winner of spin decides whether to serve or return. Loser of spin decides what side to start on
- The player serving serves starting from Deuce side of court. Player serving gets two serves or chances to get the serve in to start each point. Points can be won by the returner or the server.
- First point won by each player: 15, second point: 30, third point: 40, fourth point: wins game Server calls their score first and opponents second. For example, 30-40. If both players are tied at 40 all, we call this point “deuce.” Server calls out deuce or 40 all and asks their opponent what side they would like to receive the final serve. Again, player serving always gets two chances to get serve in. Whoever wins the last point at deuce wins the game.
- Players alternate serves, switch sides on total number of odd games (1, 3, 5, 7), and continue playing games.
- Winner of challenge ladder matches is the first player to win or get to 7 games. Score could be 7-0 or 7-6