

# Rules/Guidelines for the Challenge Ladder system in Templeogue Tennis Club.



## SINGLES LADDER RULES

The singles ladder is managed on [www.clubmanager.ie](http://www.clubmanager.ie).

### Section 1 - To join the ladder:

New players should request a logon to [www.clubmanager.ie](http://www.clubmanager.ie) from the relevant steward. Once logged in, they can choose the ladder and elect to join it.

New players have **two free challenges**, which means they can challenge any player on the ladder.

Players who remove themselves from the ladder must wait for a minimum period of one month from removal before being able to return to the ladder. In such cases returning players must contact the relevant steward who, at their discretion, may allow a challenge anywhere on the ladder.

In both cases, if the challenger wins they will assume the ladder position of their opponent and all other players behind this position will move down 1 place. If the challenger loses they go directly to the bottom of the ladder.

### Section 2 - Challenge Range:

Players ranked between **1 and 20** may challenge up to **3 positions** higher than their current ranking.

Players ranked between **21 and 50** may challenge up to **5 positions** higher than their current ranking provided the person challenged is not ranked No. 20 or higher. If a challenger, from the 21 - 50 bracket, is challenging into the 1 – 20 bracket the highest position they can challenge to is 17. (See table below).

Players ranked **51 and lower** may challenge up to **10 positions** higher than their current ranking provided the person challenged is not ranked No. 50 or higher. If a challenger, from 51 or lower bracket, is challenging in the 50-21 bracket the highest position they can challenge to is 45. (See table below).

Players who are on a holiday rest period from the ladder will be ignored when your targets are calculated by the software. Example: If a player can challenge up to 3 places and one of those places is sitting out, they can challenge up to 4 places.

Current Ranking	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51	50	26	25	24	23	22	21	20
Maximum Challenge	49	48	47	46	45	45	45	45	45	45	21	20	19	18	17	17	17

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## Section 3 - Making a challenge:

Possible challenges will be marked as targets with a yellow tennis ball icon. To make a challenge, click on a player and you will be asked to confirm the challenge. The player will receive an email informing them of the challenge.

It is the responsibility of the challenger to follow up with the player challenged by text/email **on the same day**.

Both the player(s) making the challenge and receiving the challenge must have at least one date of availability within the given time period after the challenge has been registered.

Challenges cannot be made to an opponent solely on verbal agreement as they must be logged on [www.clubmanager.ie](http://www.clubmanager.ie). Should such an arrangement occur a subsequent challenger logging a challenge will be given priority over the verbal agreement.

## Section 4 – Playing the challenge:

**Singles challenges must be played within 14 days of the challenge date.**

If a challenge is not played within the allocated time because of the refusal of the person being challenged to play/respond to contact, the challenger will be awarded a walkover unless exceptional circumstances apply as outlined under 'Section 8 - Exemptions'.

If a walkover is given then the person being challenged drops to one place below the challenger on the ladder. The challenger and any players between them will be automatically moved up 1 place. However if the challenger is using a "free challenge" then the person being challenged will drop by the maximum reach in the players range (see section 2) and the challenger will retain their "free challenge". ***Please contact a steward to enter this result.***

If a date and time cannot be agreed for the challenge within the 14 day period, the challenger should contact the steward who may authorise an extension in exceptional circumstances.

Entering false results will result in removal from the Challenge Ladder for a period of six months from the date of the challenge.

**The player making the challenge is responsible for providing acceptable tennis balls and light cards/tokens (if applicable).**

**Only challenges made through [www.clubmanager.ie](http://www.clubmanager.ie) will be recognised.**

## Section 5 – Cancellations:

In adverse weather conditions, a decision not to play must be mutually agreed by both players. If a rescheduled date agreed is outside of the original 14 days, it must be referred to the respective

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steward. If, after agreeing to the match, the challenger becomes unable to play on the date/time agreed, the challenge is cancelled.

However, if the player being challenged is unable to play on the date/time agreed, he/she must offer new availability to the challenger within the given time period. Failure to do so will result in a walkover being granted to the challenger.

## Section 6 - The match:

All matches are best of 3 sets with tie breaks in all sets and full games.

Any player arriving more than 30 minutes late for an arranged match will be deemed to have lost. If this person was being challenged this will be treated as a walkover.

Where a match is started but not completed the circumstances should be reported to the respective steward.

## Section 7 - After the match:

Players who lose a challenge match must wait 48 hours from that date before issuing a challenge to any other player. They must also wait 14 days from that date before re-challenging the player who beat them.

Winners of a match may issue a new challenge straight away but do not have to accept a challenge for 24 hours.

The winner must input the result on [www.clubmanager.ie](http://www.clubmanager.ie) immediately and include the score.

## Section 8 - Exemptions:

Players are granted 4 weeks holidays per year, which they can use to sit out the ladder for a period of time.

Players who require exemptions for longer periods due to illness, injury, pregnancy, bereavement or holidays should contact the ladder steward. They will be temporarily removed from the ladder & reinserted at approximately the same position once they are available again. They cannot issue or accept a challenge during this time.

Any player winning a challenge match may refuse a challenge for a period of 24 hours after their match.

## Section 9 – Returning from injury:

When a player is returning to the ladder after a period of injury, they must make a request to be ladder steward to be reactivated.

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Any player returning from injury who wishes to play league must be available for at least one ladder match before league team selection. Players unable to do so may not be considered.

## Section 10 - Club championships:

All results in the annual Club Championships and Singles Round Robin Tournaments (not including Handicap events) will constitute ladder challenges regardless of Challenge Range.

## Club Ladder Stewards:

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