

West Middlesex LTC Scala App Singles & Doubles Ladder Rules

- Play two standard tie-break sets with a deciding **Champions tie-break** at one set all (**first to ten points** or with a two point advantage after nine points all).
- One point is awarded to the loser and three points are awarded to the winner of each match. Should one player retire during a match the win will be awarded to the opponent. Points gained in matches prior to a player or pair withdrawing from the ladder through injury/unavailability will still count. **Walkovers are not permitted.**
- Enter the match result on the Scala app immediately after the match or at the first available opportunity.
- In the doubles ladder **players may only pair with one partner per run** - this is to avoid the possibility of a player being drawn against him/herself in a rung at some stage! In case of injury to or long term absence of a partner, a player may, at the discretion of the organiser, play with a replacement partner as long as he/she is not already elsewhere in the doubles ladder.
- At busy times, ladder matches should take place on the first available court. When a choice of surface exists, if opponents have differing preferences this shall be decided by a spin of a coin/racquet.
- Please endeavour to arrange the date and time of as many of your matches as possible (ideally through the Scala app, but if not by phone or SMS/Whatsapp) during the first five to six weeks or so, as time will invariably run short if this is left until the last minute; don't wait for opponents to contact you, get in first offering a choice of possible dates/times, and please **always return calls or messages a.s.a.p.**
- **Where possible** (after allowing for new entrants and retirements) at the end of each run the two singles players/doubles pairs with the most points in each group will be given some opponents from just above, while those with the least will be grouped with some from below. (In the case of a total points tie between players A and B, if A beat B in their match then A will be deemed higher.) If it seems however that any player or pair is severely "misplaced" the organisers may relocate them to a more suitable group. **Please also be aware that as members join or leave the ladders your "numerical" position in a new run may appear to have changed or stalled unexpectedly, but your place relative to those around you should still be correct.** Don't forget – the more of your matches you play, the better the system works for everyone!
- Any player/pair failing to play any matches during a run without giving good reason to the organiser and the others in their box in a timely manner will be removed from the following run of the ladder.

Should you have any problems or queries about the ladders feel free to email us at the address above, and please make every effort to play all of your matches; above all, *enjoy* your tennis!

Sue Jones (club secretary)
John Currie