

## IDLE HOUR TENNIS CLUB CHALLENGE LADDER RULES LADIES ONLY

Date	Rule #	Rule
2017	1.	The challenge ladder shall run from the end of Philly cup season to September 30 <sup>th</sup> .
2019		This date shall be extended the number of days the courts are unusable.
2017	2.	Challenge matches must be played at Idle Hour Tennis Club only.
2017	3.	Players must be a member of the club and in good standing (not standby status).
2017	4.	A new team may challenge any position on the continuous ladder. If the new team wins, that team assumes the position and the existing team moves down one position. If the new team loses, their position shall be the bottom of the ladder.
2017	5.	Existing teams may challenge any team above their ladder position. If the team wins, that team shall move to the new position and the existing team shall move down one position. Teams are not required to accept more than one challenge per week.
2019	6.	Existing teams who split, the newly formed teams shall play a challenge match to determine which team remains on the current court and which team shall move to the bottom of the Cup (not the ladder).
2017	7.	Teams must accept valid challenges or accept a loss by default.
2017	8.	The challenging team may select the time and date of the match but it should be mutually agreeable.
2017	9.	A challenge match should be completed within 14 days of the challenge. A withdrawn or cancelled challenge is a default loss for the challenged team.
2017	10.	If an existing team breaks up and a new team is formed with one original player remaining, that team shall remain in the original position and be vulnerable to challenges.
2019	11.	If a challenged player or team is on vacation (out of state or country), the challenge match shall be played within the 14-day timeframe established. The clock starts when all players are available (in the area, returns from vacation).
2019	12.	If an established team has an injured player or recovering from surgery, the challenge match shall be directed to another court (the next position up)
2019	13.	An established team can challenge two positions up.
2017	13.	The challenging team is responsible for providing new balls for the match.
2017	14.	A match is the best of three sets. The USTA rules apply to all matches.
2017	15.	The winner of the match is responsible for reporting the score to the ladder coordinator via text or email.
2017	16.	The rules shall be interpreted and disputes shall be settled at the sole discretion of the ladder coordinator.
2017	17.	These rules pertain to singles and doubles cup players.