

## **waltmeyerstennis.com – Tennis Ladder- General Rules & Info:**

What # 1 A challenge ladder is a list of players, where the very best player is listed first; and the least experienced player; on the list is placed last on the list. Losing once or more than once does not remove a player from the list, but losing will lower your position on the list.

What #2 All players on the list play matches: Matches are normally between 2 or 4 players, where the winner gets 2 out of 3 sets; ( here tie breakers can be substituted for additional sets ) after the first set is played. A set is the first player to get to 6 games with a 2- game or more margin of victory.

Example: 6-1, 4-6,7-5; if a set is tied at 6- games all. Players will use a first to seven 7- point tiebreaker to conclude the set. A 7- point tiebreaker is finished when one player reaches 7- points by a margin of at least 2- points Example: 7-1, 7-4, 14-12.

When and Where: Players schedule their own matches and negotiates' their own play day and times, as well as location; some suggestions are:

Live Oak Park, M.B. –6- lighted courts 310-545-0888.

Mira Costa courts M.B. –10- lighted courts 310-374-8315.

Alta Vista courts R.B. –8- lighted courts 310-318-0670.

Hermosa Beach courts –6- lighted courts, 710 Pier Ave. H.B.

The courts listed also take advanced court reservations up to 3- days.

1. The ladder start date is Nov. 22nd, all players have 8 ( eight ) two week periods until, end date of the ladder on March 13th, to complete their matches.
2. Cost to join is \$ 20.00 per person. Cost also covers participants who may wish to form doubles teams; as well as creation and maintenance of doubles ladder if this develops. If doubles happens you're already paid.
3. Maintenance of ladder & match results and posting will be displayed on-line at waltmeyerstennis.com, an emailed copy will also be sent to you. Report match results to: 1-800-353-6360 or to [walt@waltmeyerstennis.com](mailto:walt@waltmeyerstennis.com) by Sunday evening of the 2 week period by 8 pm.
4. Those players not accepting or playing matches over any Four ( 4 ) week period will be dropped from the ladder.
5. Both players bring and open a new can of tennis balls. ANY court payment to be shared by both players, when payment for court time is needed. NO SHOWS; resulting in loss of a court fee or deposit BY THE one who did show, will be paid by the one who didn't show; by payment to Walt by mail, then Walt will mail payment to the HURT Party.

6. First NO show results in loss of match; 2<sup>nd</sup> no show results in being dropped to bottom of division; 3<sup>rd</sup> NO show results in being dropped from ladder, the end.
7. Ladder participants MUST play one match within a two-week period. Either –1- accepted challenge or –1- given challenge, before scores or results are reported for posting by SUNDAY at 8 pm. New challenge period starts on Monday.
8. All match First set scoring to be regular scoring with deuces, and a tiebreaker if needed at – 6 – games all. Tiebreakers to be; first to – 7 – points, by a – 2 –point margin. If it's 7 to 6 in points, you're not done yet.
9. Balance of the match to be completed by use of TIEBREAKERS. First to – 7 – points by a margin of – 2 -. Match winners will be those with either – 1 – full set and – 1 – tiebreaker victory. Or – 2 – tiebreaker victories. Full sets may be substituted for tiebreakers only if agreed to by the – 1<sup>st</sup> set loser.
10. No 3<sup>rd</sup> set is to be played unless agreed to by both parties: This means you can play – 2 – sets, if you want, but the final set is to be determined by a – 7 – point tiebreaker instead of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set. IF BOTH PARTIES AGREE to a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, fine with me!!!! BUT IF there is ANY DISAGREEMENT results of the match are to be determined BY a tiebreaker instead of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> set is started it must be completed or forfeited.
11. Players may not challenge more than – 4 – players higher than their current – 2 – week position. A match winner takes the place of the match loser. Loser moves down one place on the list.

#### HOW TO PLAY A TIEBREAKER:

Next server in line to serve. Serves one point, - 2 – tries to one box, that box to be the one on the right. Then the next server, serves two points, ( two boxes ) starting from the left box. Then it goes two boxes for each server, starting from the left box. Side changes, or end changes occur at the end of each – 6 – points An easy way to remember, is New server always starts on the left side box when facing the court. Also you can always add the total score together if the total is odd or even; that elss you what side to be on. Odd total score on the left; even score on the right.

Report match results by the closing Sunday of the – 2 – week period by Sunday at 8 pm.

There are 8 two week periods for match play available. End date Sunday, March 13th at 8 pm.  
 11-22 to 12-5; 12-6 to 12-19; 12-20 to 1-2; 1-3 to 1-16; 1-17 to 1-30; 1-31 to 2-13; 2-14 to 2-27;  
 2-28 to 3-13.

Group winners, as well as any ladder participants and guests are welcome to the Awards Day;  
 Free Doubles day Sunday March 20th at Mira Cost from 12 to 2 pm.