

Three of Clubs Mixed Doubles Ladder Rules

1. All unique mixed team pairs from all teams are entered at the start (where a player has more than one mixed partner, they may choose which is entered, with the agreement of the selected partner)
2. Players not entered under rule 1 may enter by arrangement with a partner also not entered under rule 1, as long as both entrants are members of the club. New entrants may join the ladder at any point, but if they join after the first ladder game is played they start at the bottom of the ladder. Otherwise their position at the start is as under rule 3
3. Order of pairs at start is alphabetical by the surname of the partner whose surname starts with the earliest letter
4. You may challenge up to 3 places ahead (ie you may leap-frog 2 pairs)
5. You must accept a challenge, unless:
 - a. you or your partner already have a match/ladder game in the same calendar week (Mon – Sun), in which case you may choose whether to play or not
 - b. you or your partner is otherwise unavailable to play due to other commitments
6. A challenge can be revoked if both pairs so agree. This has no effect on the ladder position of either pair
7. All challenges must be pre-arranged between all four participants and the Organiser (Karen Press). The organiser may reject ladder games only if:
 - a. Date selected is a Tuesday and 2 games are already booked
 - b. Date selected is a match night, and the courts are fully utilised by either matches or ladder games
 - c. Challenge is more than 3 above challengers position, and therefore not in accordance with rule 2
8. If a challenged pair cannot or will not accept a challenge within a reasonable period from the challenge date (excluding match conflicts), the Organiser may accept an appeal to default the game to the challengers (assuming that the challengers are still eligible to challenge the non-playing team at the date of the appeal). The reasonable period shall be at the discretion of the Organiser, but would usually be not less than 4 weeks from the date of the original challenge. All circumstances shall be considered by the Organiser, and the Organiser's decision is final.
9. Courts outside those booked by the Club (ie club or match night) may be used for ladder games if a player or players agrees to pay for these (the club will not pay for extra courts to facilitate a ladder game)
10. Shuttles will be provided by the club for all ladder games
11. Match only members must pay the match fee for ladder games
12. Full members pay no fee for ladder games
13. All ladder games will be arranged for either:
 - a. 8pm on Tuesday (at the start of club night)
 - b. On Mondays, if no home matches are being played (must be checked with the Match Secretary by the Organiser)
 - c. Courts arranged and paid for by participants at another time
14. Ladder operates between 1 September and 30 April
15. All ladder games are played using rally point scoring, one end to 21 with setting

16. All ladder games are to be played in accordance with the Badminton England Laws of Badminton
17. After a ladder game the challenging pair must submit the result to the Organiser within 1 week. This must be in writing, but may be given in person or via email or text message
18. Ladder positions will be updated on the website weekly

Ladder Organiser for 2007/08 is Karen Press (Karen@press-family.co.uk)