



Registration

1. Registration for the ladder will close on April 22, 2023 at 11:59PM.
2. Registration for the ladder will be open to all adult members of the Bayview Village Tennis Club.
3. All participants will be required to create a tennistrungs.com profile. Tennistrungs is the website/app that will host the ladder.
4. The ladder will run from May 1, 2023 to September 4, 2023.

Ranking

5. The order of the initial rankings will be determined by the following factors:
 - a. Previous year tournament finish
 - b. Previous year intercounty team members

As players play matches, their ranking will be adjusted up and down based on merit.

6. Players who are inactive for **15 days** without notifying the convenor for the reason and duration, will move down **one** rank spot each day. Players who are inactive for **25 days** will be removed from the ladder.

Challenges

7. Players can challenge up to **5** spots ahead within their division. Only players ranked between **#1 – #3** can challenge players below them in the ladder. Players ranked **#1 – #3** can challenge up to **5** spots below.
8. During the course of the season players will be required to play a minimum of **12 matches**. A player must **issue 6 challenges** and **accept 6 challenges**.
9. Players are required to respond to challenge requests (accept or decline) as soon as practicable, but must be within **3 days**. If a player does not accept or decline a challenge within 3 days, the player will take a forfeit for the challenge.

10. After a challenge is accepted, the match must be played within **7 days**.
11. If a lower ranked player beats a higher ranked player, the lower ranked player swaps positions with the higher ranked player. If the higher ranked player beats a lower ranked player both player's ranks remain the same.
12. Players can not play back to back matches against each other.
13. Players may issue **up to 3** challenges at one time.
14. Players will be limited to **one** active ladder challenge at a time.

Match Play

15. Both players must bring a new can of approved tennis balls:
 - a. Wilson US Open Extra Duty
 - b. Dunlop ATP Championship
 - c. PENN Pro Penn Regular or Extra Duty
16. The challenger will open his/her new can. The winner will take the unopened can and the loser will keep the used can.
17. The winner is responsible for submitting the match results to the tennistrungs platform as soon as practicable but no longer than **24 hours**.
18. The match should be a **Pro-8** format. A match is 1 set up to 8 games. If the score is 7 – 7, a 7 Point tie-breaker should determine the winner.
19. If a match is interrupted due to court booking expiry, weather, or unforeseen circumstances, a match will not count as completed unless a player has reached 6 games won in the set.
20. If a player retires due to injury, the match will be considered forfeited, and the opponent will be awarded the win.
21. A match is considered a forfeit if there is a cancellation within **6** hours of the match. You must notify the convenor by email if this happens.
22. Players must follow the rules of the BVTC online court booking system.

Penalties

23. If the challenger fails to provide a **new** can of approved balls, he/she will default the win to their opponent.
24. A player who is **15 minutes** late to their match will default their match to their opponent.
25. If a player breaks the Bayview Village Tennis Code of Conduct they may be subject to removal from the ladder by the BVTC Tournament Director- Sid Gojer.
26. If the convener receives three complaints from three different participants about a player who:
 - a. Fails to respond to challenges
 - b. Unwilling to play
 - c. Poor sportsmanship/cheating

The matter will be brought to the BVTC Tournament Director - Sid Gojer and will be investigated.

27. All complaints regarding breaches of the Bayview Village Tennis Club *Rules and Regulators* and *Code of Conduct* will be investigated by the BVTC Tournament Director- Sid Gojer.