



THE OTTAWA TENNIS AND LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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OTLBC Ladders

Signing up

Registration is done online through your [member login](#). There is a fee of \$15 (tax incl.) for the season. Please ensure your email and phone numbers appear correctly in the member directory so other players can contact you to arrange matches; you can change that through your member profile by clicking the “view/update my profile” button.

The adult ladders are open to adult members and to juniors holding Full Playing Privileges. If you have played the ladders before you will be placed according to your prior results. New players will be placed according to their NTRP rating. (An accurate rating is essential for proper placement; new players are strongly encouraged to consult one of the tennis pros rather than relying on the Tennis Canada Self-Rating Guide). New players please email your NTRP rating to the coordinator at ladders@otlbc.com.

Arranging Matches

Contact the other players in your box as soon as possible to arrange a mutually convenient time to play. You are expected to play ALL your matches in each round; otherwise, you spoil the ladder for the others in your box!

Don't wait to arrange your matches. If you wait till the last week your opponent may be away, or you may get rained out! Rounds will never be extended due to weather.

Player contact information can be found via the **Member Directory** in your OTLBC account.

Ladder Rules

- Both players should bring new or nearly new ITF-approved balls. Players must agree on the balls to be used.
- Play a normal set, tie-break at 6-all
Hint: If you can play outside the busiest court times, you will have a better chance of playing a complete set.
- Try to limit your on-court warm-up to 5 minutes to have the best chance of completing a set in one booking period. Players are encouraged to arrive early to jog or stretch or hit on the backboard so they are not starting cold when they arrive on court.
- If the set is not finished by the end of one booking period, continue on another court if one is immediately available.



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- Although the set should be completed if possible, sometimes that may not be feasible if another court is not immediately available. Before starting play, players should determine how long they are willing to wait if necessary for another court. If the set is not completed, report whatever the score was in completed games.
- Scores must be reported online through your member login. It is recommended that the winner enter the score, but either player may do so; the other player will be notified for verification. Make sure one of you enters the score, as you get no credit for a match if the score is not reported.
- Because prizes may be awarded for participation, you must never record a score unless you actually play the match! In particular you can never claim a win “by default”! Players recording false results may be suspended.
- At the end of each round, players are awarded 3 points for each win, 2 for a tie, and 1 for a loss. The top players in each box then move up and the bottom players will move down for the next round. (Because players enter and leave the ladder each round, the size and number of boxes varies, and the number of players moving up and down may vary. Movement is always relative to other players, not to a specific box number.)
- If you are unable to play your matches for good reason (e.g. illness, injury, family emergency, or similar) you must email the coordinator, otherwise if you play no matches in a round, or twice play only one match, you will be suspended from all following rounds.
- Players suspended once may request re-instatement, but a second suspension in a season will be permanent.
- If you know in advance you will be unable to play in a round because of injury, vacation, or any other reason you must inform the coordinator before the end of the previous round. Once a round has been posted it is usually impossible to replace you – you must then make every effort to play.
- Women on Men’s Ladder: There are separate Men’s and Women’s ladders. Women who win box 1 in any round may elect play the men’s ladder.

For more information, please contact ladder coordinator, **Don Armstrong:** ladders@otlbc.com
