



THE OTTAWA TENNIS AND LAWN BOWLING CLUB

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Collected Ladder Reminders, Hints and Tips

Play all your matches! The expectation is that you will play every player in your box. They expect to play you. Start arranging your matches right away.

Don't leave your matches till the last few days. If you wait till the last week there is no guarantee other players will be available, or you may run into bad weather. Rounds are never extended due to bad weather in the last few days.

The scoring rewards participation, so not playing is worse than losing. If there is a good reason you can't play all your matches (e.g. injury, illness, family emergency, etc.) make sure you email me to let me know so that can be taken into account.

You automatically move to the next round. Once you are registered, you are automatically entered in all rounds for the season, so you don't need to register again. If you decide not to play a round you must let me know by email before the end of the previous round. It is almost impossible to replace a player after a Round starts, so if you forget to withdraw you must then make every effort to play.

Tips on using the online system:

Here are a few tips to help make things easier using the online ladder system (the following assumes you are logged in to your member home screen):

At any time you can check who is in your box by clicking "View my ladder standing". You also enter scores and can contact the other players from that page.

The easiest way to contact other players in your box is to go to the ladder standings as above, and click "Player Profiles" at the top. You can email each of them just by clicking on their names. Or you can email them all at once by clicking "Select all" and "Send email" at the bottom of the screen. (Note this works even if the players' emails are not listed in the member directory.)

You also enter scores from the "View my ladder standing" page; just click "Enter Score" at the top. You select your score, the name of the other player, their score, and the date of the match. You don't need to enter the match time – it's not used for anything:

When you view the ladder standings there is a column labelled "Tie-breaker points". Please ignore that. (It's calculated by the system - it is total games won minus lost, but I'm not using it as the 1st tie-breaker).



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Of course, some of you will wonder how I do break ties in the standings! My first choice is to look at the players' head-to-head result. If they tied their match or didn't play, I try to place both together in the next round. But if that isn't possible, I might use the "Tie Breaker points or resort.

How to correct a score: A few players have run into trouble attempting to correct a score entered previously. Only the player who originally entered the score can correct it. Go back to "View my ladder standing" from the member home page, but DO NOT click "Enter Score" again as that will create a new (duplicate) score record. Below the standings you will see the list of match scores already entered. Click on the names in the left column to re-open the score record, make the required change, and click the orange "UPDATE" button at the bottom.

If you did inadvertently create a duplicate record, follow the same procedure to open the duplicate, and click the "DELETE" button.

If you played the set "to completion" instead of playing a tie-break: A few players have decided to play out sets to completion (i.e. until someone wins by 2 games) rather than play a tie-break at 6-6. Because tie-break sets are expected, scores greater than 7-6 cannot be entered. If you won 8-6, 9-7, etc. just enter the score as 7-5, preserving the 2-game margin of victory.

As always, if you have any questions, please email me.
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