

# HACC Intramurals



## Fall 2010 Tennis Ladder Tournament

### Registering for the Ladder:

You can register for the Intramural Tennis Ladder in person at the Athletics & Recreation Department Office, E- 105, or by emailing [ebwood@hacc.edu](mailto:ebwood@hacc.edu). Sign-ups for the ladder will be taken until the first week of October.

### Rules of the Ladder:

The ladder is intended to give players the opportunity to play singles with a variety of players in a competitive, but friendly atmosphere.

- 1. Equipment:** Individuals can use their current HACC ID to checkout Tennis racquets and tennis balls from the Evans Center for use during regular business hours. Non-marking tennis shoes must be worn at all times.
- 2. Field of Play:** After challenging another player who accepts, the players must find a time that works best for both of them; the time must be mutually agreeable with both players. All games must be played at the HACC Evans Center Tennis Courts. The courts are available on a first come-first serve basis for use any time classes are not using them.
- 3. Duration of the Season:** The Tennis Ladder will be open to challenges from Friday, September 17, 2010 through Friday, October 22, 2010. Playoffs will be held the following week.
- 4. Ranking:** To determine starting positions on the ladder, players will be drawn at random. The initial rankings will be made available on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Evans Center and on the Athletics & Recreation website. The rankings will be updated every Friday afternoon; participants can sign-up to receive the rankings list weekly by email. Any players who add after September 17, 2010, will be added to the bottom of the ladder.
- 5. Challenging:** You may only challenge one player per week and accept one challenge per week. Challenges should be made by calling, or e-mailing other players. Please respond to challenges as soon as possible to allow for more matches to be played. When challenging, you may only challenge within three

positions above or below yourself on the ladder. Invalid challenges may be played, but are not used in adjustment of ladder position.

Players must accept the challenge within 3 days. You may decline a challenge if a) you've already challenged and been challenged that week; or b) you have defeated the challenger within 13 days. You cannot challenge the same person back-to-back weeks. If a player fails to respond to a challenge or declines a challenge due to reasons not outlined above, they will lose by default.

If a player does not challenge or accept challenges within a 3 week period, they will be placed at the bottom of the ladder.

- 6. Winning the Match:** Matches may be either pro set to 8, with no-advantage scoring, or best 2 of 3 sets. Players will determine before the match which system will be used. USTA rules govern all matches.
- 7. Reporting the Score:** Scores for each week should be sent to [ebwood@HACC.edu](mailto:ebwood@HACC.edu) by Friday at 10 am. Please indicate the players' names and previous ranking, who challenged whom, when the match was played, and the score of the match. The winner should report the score.
- 8. Moving up the ladder:** When a higher seed loses the winner will replace that individual, and the loser moves down one spot. Everyone in between the players will also move down one spot. For example, if player #3 challenges player #1 and wins, then player #3 will take the #1 seed, player #1 will move down to the #2 seed and player #2 will be bumped to the #3 seed. If you challenge and lose, no one moves.
- 9. Ladder Updates:** The ladder will be updated weekly and sent out every Friday afternoon. If there are any disputes to scores reported, please e-mail [ebwood@hacc.edu](mailto:ebwood@hacc.edu) as soon as possible. All defaults and disputes will be approved by the Program Specialist for Athletics & Recreation.

**Tips for Greater Enjoyment:** A new member on a challenge ladder may find that the first one or two matches played on the ladder appear to be mismatches (in terms of skill levels). Don't be discouraged – as the season progresses, the ladder sorts itself into order. You will soon discover other members with whom you can play comfortable.