

Cockrell Tennis Center (a facility with good courts, and ample availability for scheduling) **is hosting a Mixed Doubles Ladder**

The Shreveport/Bossier Black Jack Tennis Ladder

(For the Aces & Ladies)

This is a non-sanctioned, open level, ongoing ladder for Mixed Doubles teams. The intent and focus of the program is:

- To publicly recognize some of our local area top level players
- To establish a platform of enjoyable/competitive play, on which all level players/couples can improve and challenge themselves

In order to participate, you and a selected partner must enroll in the program. The cost is \$25 per person annually. You'll be required to register an email address that is checked regularly. This will be used for the communication of challenge matches. Your team will enter at the bottom of the ladder and climb as high as possible by challenging teams above you. If you win, you'll take their spot and they will drop one rung down the ladder. This is called the leap-frog approach. The teams at the upper portion of the ladder will be constantly recognized on a display in the club house.

Rules and terms of play:

All matches must be played at Cockrell Tennis Center during accessible hours and the scores turned into attendant on duty. Regular court fees will apply.

Matches are to be best 2 out of 3 sets, with a tie break as the third set. If both parties are in agreement to do so, a pro set or 3 full sets may be played.

Each team will bring a can of balls, and the winning team will keep the unopened can

There will be a 10-minute grace period for tardiness, but please be punctual and considerate of other's time.

All challenges are to be submitted to the administrator's email address, which will be forwarded to the appropriate team. The challenged team has 48 hours to respond.

There is no penalty for declining a challenge due to unavailability. However, failure to respond will be considered a default.

The last Saturday morning of every month will be considered a mandatory challenge opportunity. If you are challenged at this time and cannot play, you will have to forfeit, and regain your position with future challenges.

You may only challenge up three rungs. But you may also challenge down in order to stay active. Any team that does not challenge, nor accept a challenge during the month, will fall one rung at the end of that month.

If you challenge down and lose, the result will be the same as if the lower team had challenged up.

You may only have one partner or be on one team at a time. If the partnership dissolves, you may select another so long as you are both enrolled in the program

There will be no substitutions allowed. If both players are not available, then the team is not available.

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