

# Highgate Tennis Ladder – Rules and Guidelines

## Format

- Each ladder match will be the first to 9 games with a tie break at 8 all.
- You will receive 1 point for each game won, 2 further points if you won the match and 1 point each for playing the match i.e. the winner of the match would get 12 points.

## Promotion/Relegation

At the end of the Ladder period:

- The top 3 points scorers in each division will be promoted. Under certain circumstances people may get promoted more than one division if they have performed particularly well.
- The bottom 3 points scorers (not including those who do not meet the 50% participation criteria and who will therefore be eliminated - see below) will be relegated. **This includes those who are injured (or not able to complete the ladder session for other reasons), assuming they are fit to play in the next session.** It is possible that fewer than 3 will be relegated e.g. if a number of people are being eliminated from that division.
- If points scores are the same the order will be decided by the result between the players involved, followed by fewest games conceded, followed by games won.

## Elimination

- People who do not play 50% of their matches against active members within the division will be eliminated from the next ladder session. Active members being defined as those players who have played a match.
- Exceptions will be made under certain circumstances (e.g. long term injury). However, these exceptions must be requested from the Ladder Organiser(s) before the end of the current ladder session. **The person will also be subject to normal relegation rules.**
- If a person claims injury (or any other reasons) 2 sessions in a row they will automatically be dropped for the next session (this is to prevent injured players staying in the ladder and reducing the active play within a Division).

## Retirement

- People will be able to semi-retire from the ladder for future sessions and then return. To do this the person must sign-up on the Retirement Sheet before the end of the current ladder session. Where possible the person will be entered back into the ladder, at their request, in the division they were last in.

## Entry

- People wishing to enter the ladder must sign-up on the Entry Sheet before the end of the session previous they wish to be considered for. The Ladder Organiser(s) will, where possible, try and enter the person in the division appropriate to or just below their standard.

The current Ladder Organiser is:

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