



**LADIES' LADDER**

2009 - 2010

Purpose: This is a fixed partner, highly competitive program. It is great preparation for team play. It is also of assistance in partner placement, should just one member of the ladder partnership be available for a team match because one may learn tips helpful in partnering for team with either of the ladder opponents. The ladder is also helpful with court assignment for team play, although the Head Pro always has placement discretion in fielding teams.

We hope you participate in this program because you like competition. Competition means both winning and losing. You will enjoy competing more if you work towards building a reputation for good sportsmanship and fairness.

Placement: Placement will be held Monday, August 31 through Thursday, September 3rd  
Contact us for your placement date(s).

Dates: Following are the ladder dates, which are also posted on the Ladies Ladder Standings Graph on the bulletin board at the top of the stairway. Please pay close attention if you are near a change in grouping. Periodically new teams are added and occasionally dropped from the ladder so it is possible to change groups throughout the season.

<u>Format</u>	<u>Group I</u>	<u>Group II</u>	<u>Group III</u>
Match	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Match	Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13
Round Robin	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3
Match	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Dec. 1
Match	Dec. 8	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
Round Robin	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2
Match	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
Match	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16
Round Robin	Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20

Schedule: Ladder play is from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The playroom is available during ladder. Note that there is no ladder over winter and spring breaks.

Subs: In fairness to your opponents, all ladder participants are responsible for GETTING A SUB when their partner is unable to play.

Cost: 9 dates x \$8.18 each (which includes balls) = \$73.62 for the entire ladder season.

Holiday Charity Event: Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, all ladder players are welcome.

Format and Balls: Match format is described on the back. Round Robin is fixed partner with each partnership playing 8 games against 3 other doubles teams.

Annual Club Tournament: The ladder program is cut off early to allow you to have time to play in the Annual Club Tournament held each spring. You play in the tournament according to your Round Robin rating which is more specific than your NTRP rating. Remember, you can compete up, within reason, but not down, which is sandbagging! You can play with a different partner than ladder. In fact, many have different partners for ladder play, tournaments and summer competition.

**If you are interested in participating, sign up at the front desk.**