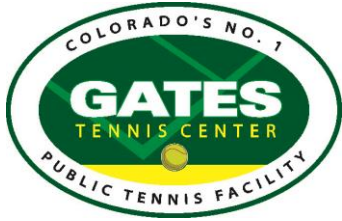


# Welcome to the Fall Singles Ladder!



Fall Season - August 6 - October 14, 2018  
Price: \$15

Ladder Tournament - October 25-29, 2018  
(Must play at least 5 matches to qualify)

Free entry into Fall Ladder if at least 7  
matches played at Gates.

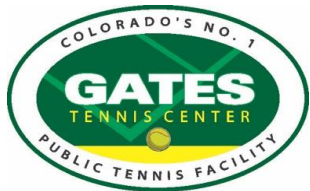
## "Ladder Blaster" Quick Events

The "Ladder Blasters" are held on the weekend and are intended to give participants the opportunity to play several matches (single sets, no-add scoring, 7-point tie-breaker) in a short period of time. The events are restricted to 8 players per division on a first-come, first-serve basis. Depending on the number of participants, either an 8-person compass draw or round-robin format will be used.

These matches count towards the 5 needed to qualify for the season ending tournament as well as the 7 required for free entry into the next season.

For more information or to sign-up, please contact Ian McPherson at [ian@gatestenniscenter.info](mailto:ian@gatestenniscenter.info).

## "Ladder Blaster" Dates TBD



## Fall Ladder Tournament Thurs. October 25 - Mon. October 29, 2018

(See Rules sheet for more details)

The Ladder Tournament is open to anyone who has played at least 5 matches on the Gates Ladder.

Seedings will be based on season ending rankings.

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# Fall Ladder Rules

Ten Weeks: August 6 – October 14, 2018

- CHALLENGE MATCHES:** Arrange your matches following these guidelines:
  - August 6 - September 2: First four weeks, Open Challenge, play anyone in your division.
  - September 3 - September 30: Middle 4 weeks, 20 Spot Challenge, play anyone within 20 spots.
  - July 15 - July 29: Final 2 weeks, 10 Spot Challenge, play anyone within 10 spots.
  - October 25 - October 29: When the ladder season concludes we will hold a Tournament for each division. Anyone who has played at least 5 matches qualifies to play in the tournament. Top 8 players in each division will be seeded. Seedings will be based on season ending rankings.
- NTRP:** Players MUST play at their official published NTRP level. Any player wishing to play up a ½ level must pay an additional entry fee to enter that ladder. Additionally, when playing up a ½ level, you must maintain a winning percentage of at least 35% to stay at that level. The ladder coordinator will make determinations after each ladder season. The spirit of this rule is to have all ladder players playing at level but give the ability of players who are between levels the chance to compete up a level without compromising the quality of matches. (IE: A 3.0 player who is playing on the 3.0 and 3.5 ladders but finishes on the 3.5 ladder with a 1-9 record will only be permitted to enter the 3.0 ladder in the next season)
- RANDOM DRAW:** Initial position on the ladder will be determined by a random draw. Players added after the application due will start at the bottom of the ladder.
- SCORING:** Matches will be best two out of three sets; 7-point tie-breaker at six all UNLESS both players agree before the match starts to play with a different scoring format. Official U.S.T.A. Rules apply to all matches.
- BALLS:** Both parties bring a new can of balls for the match. Winner keeps the unopened can.
- CHALLENGER WINS:** If the lower-ranked player wins, he/she takes the position of the higher-ranked player. All other players in between those positions move down a notch.
- CHALLENGER LOSES:** If the lower-ranked player loses, both players remain at their same position on the ladder.
- SPIRIT OF THE LADDER:** A challenged player should offer two reasonable days and times for the match within a 14 day period. No shows, inability to play and/or cancelled matches may be considered defaults. The spirit of the ladder is to accept as many challenges as you can within reason, play lots of different opponents; to have fun and meet people in the community. The ladder Coordinator has the final word on any complaints or disputes.
- PLAY EVERY 2 WEEKS:** Players must play a match every two weeks from the start of the ladder or they will drop below those who have played a match during that two week period.
- RESERVATIONS:** It is recommended to reserve two hours of court time to ensure enough time for the match. Incomplete match scores will not count. All matches should be played at the Gates Tennis Center.
- SCORE REPORTING:** Scores must be posted in the Ladder Results Book at the front desk immediately after a match. Sorry, we cannot accept phone or emailed results.
- UPDATES:** The ladder is updated every 2 weeks. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening at close is the deadline for matches. The ladder will be updated during the following Tuesday. New standings will be available by Tuesday evening.
- TOURNAMENT RULES:** Anyone who has played at least 5 matches qualifies to play in the tournament. If there is less than an 8 person draw, management reserves the right to lower the 5 match standard. Seedings will be based on season ending rankings. There is a \$28 tournament entry fee which covers fees for courts and balls.