

Modern Brock Pickleball Ladder

The ladder is inclusive, please share with anyone that you believe might be interested in playing. No cost to participate.

Doubles Play - Men's, Women's and Mixed are all included within the same ladder structure. You can play on two teams – one same sex and one team of mixed doubles. If both your teams land on the same ladder rung, one of your partners (maybe the lucky one?) will be able to recruit a new partner for the match.

How the Ladder works - Using the ladder from the previous schedule, the winners are moved up a rung and the loser down a rung. Players/teams who are opting out are removed and then the new, and/or opting back in players/teams are added. Best effort will be made so they are added at a competitive level. For team play, if one of the players is unable to play, you can recruit a substitute for the match. The intent is for everyone to play – winning a match is a bonus.

Matches not played – placement on the previous ladder will be used to determine who advances up or down a rung. Generally, it will be the player/team listed in the first slot that will move up a rung. Depending on the number of new players, players opting 'in' or opting 'out' it will have a direct effect on how many rungs a player/team will move up or down the ladder.

Opponents are responsible upon receiving their schedule to connect with each other to work out a location, date, and time to play their match.

Games are played to 11, win by 2 points and 5 games to a match. If timed out on a court, send only the number of completed games and number of wins for each team. Ties could result (1-1 or 2-2) and the previous ladder will be used to determine who moves in what direction. Who serves first, players, teams can decide.

Remember to pay your \$10.00 if not a member of the Brockville Club.

Please text match results to Robert Ferguson – 613.246-2724

Timing of the Schedule

Tuesday

New schedule will be posted on our website.

<https://brockvillesquash.com/pickleball/>

An email will be sent to everyone when it has been posted.

Updates – I will do my best to keep the website updated daily.

Sunday

Harassment Day looking for results or if your match is scheduled to be played.

Generally done by texting players directly.

Monday

Planning Day looking for updates to confirm results, last day to play and to opt 'in' or 'out' for the next ladder release.

General Comments

Opting OUT

Players/teams – we have a few that are very 'hit and miss', in scheduling and playing their matches. Please, you can be part of the ladder but 'opt out' if you know that you can't play due to holidays, work commitments, injury, or any other reason. With only one opponent now, if you don't play your match, nor does your opponent get to play. Doubles - The intent is to play, so if your partner isn't available, grab someone to be your partner so the match can be played. A partner of similar skill set would be appreciated but not a requirement.

Pickleball is still a sporting activity

I'm aware of grumbings about teams only hitting in the direction of one player on the other team and/or smashing the ball. Pickleball is still a sporting activity and people will play to win using effective shot selection such as targeting a player, hitting to the open area of the court, and using pace on the ball to win a point. As one player stated, 'the ladder really means nothing, but it does add an element of intensity to a match as everybody want to win'.

An awesome aspect of the ladder, you win a couple of matches, your confidence grows, you move up a few rungs – and you get hammered! What happens next ... you move back down a rung to a competitive level to start the process over again.

Scheduling your Matches

Don't stress it if you can't get your match scheduled. For team play you are trying to get 4 schedules to mesh to play a match.

What works for me is to start a group text immediately upon receiving my schedule and within a few hours a match is generally scheduled. Do your best to get a match scheduled but if it doesn't happen ... the next scheduled release with a new opponent(s) is only a week away.

Overall, the intent of the ladder is to enhance the enjoyment of playing pickleball by connecting players at their current skill set. The ladder does allow players who are competitive the opportunity to challenge themselves to advance and at the same time allowing those just starting out or are purely recreation players an opportunity to play.

To those looking to join the ladder ...

Players/teams once they have participated on the ladder for a few weeks will generally find their competitive level. (If placed correctly on the ladder to start.)

What happens next ...

They win an easy match and move up a rung.

They may win a close match and move up another rung.

Now they really get challenged, lose, and move back down a rung.

They may lose a close match and move back down a rung.

Now they are a superior team and the above repeats itself.

Prizes

There will be a monthly draw for prizes (if prizes are available). For further information please review the document titled 'Monthly Prizes'.