

The club will have the following ladders for 2020:

1. Mixed doubles (Division 1, advanced / Division 2, recreational)
2. Men's doubles (Division 1, advanced / Division 2, recreational)
3. Women's doubles (Division 1, advanced / Division 2, recreational)
4. Team-ratings-capped doubles (Max-rating sum of 6.5 for both players together)
5. Co-ed singles
6. Men's singles
7. Women's singles
8. Skinny singles

**To view and update the Ladder spreadsheets online, click [HERE](#).**

Note The winner of each match is responsible for updating the ladder spreadsheet and emailing game results to ladder chair.

Rules (Most importantly – Remember to have fun!)

1. All participants must be current Palo Alto Pickleball Club members.
2. Participants will sign up as a team (for doubles) and provide email address for each player to the chair who will distribute them to everyone on the respective ladder.
3. Players/Teams should challenge the players/teams immediately above them in standing.
4. Should the player/team above you is not able to play in a reasonable time, you may challenge one player/team further up on the ladder
5. All challengers must contact their opponent and those challenged should try to set up a day/time that is good for both teams, but no later than 2 weeks from the first contact.
6. Each match will be best 2 of 3 games to 11 points, win by 2 points. If there is a third game, switch sides at 6. The higher team can pick side to start the match.
7. The teams can agree on what balls to use for the match, Franklins by default if no agreement
8. Results are to be recorded in the club ladder Google spreadsheet on PAPC website and emailed to ladder chair if possible.

9. If either player fails to arrive within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start time, the challenge is either dropped or defaulted, depending on which player is late. If a match is defaulted, it should be recorded as such.
10. If the challenged is unable or refuses to play the match within 2 weeks, a default should be recorded with standings updated according to next bullet. To accommodate player traveling, the 2-week period starts when player returns from being away.
11. If the challenger wins, the challenged moves down one spot and the challenger takes their place. If the challenger loses, positions remain the same. Update the spreadsheet accordingly (See detailed instructions on the Google sheet.)
12. If you challenge and lost the match, you should try to play a team below you on the ladder before challenging up again.
13. Avoid playing ladder matches during peak club open play times, e.g. Sat/Sun 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mon/Fri 10-12 noon or when open courts are limited (e.g. during PA class times or clinics.)
14. Do not play ladder matches in the big area when courts #3-#15 are all occupied and people are waiting for open play.
15. Place the 'Ladder Match in Progress' sign next to the net so others would know not to challenge the teams until the match is over.
16. After the initial ladder is formed, newcomers can join the ladder by taking the last slot and work their way up.
17. If a team changes a player it is a new team and will be moved to the bottom of the ladder. If a player is injured and can't play for extended period, the team is dissolved. Remaining player can find new partner and form another team on the same ladder.
18. Club president and ladder chair will have ultimate decision power regarding any issues related to the club ladder and matches.

To join any ladder: Email [mrBillychow@yahoo.com](mailto:mrBillychow@yahoo.com) with your name, email address, self-rating, ladder(s)/division, partner name and his/her email (for doubles.)

Let the fun begin!