

Singles Challenge – Club Ranking Ladder

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I only started playing a few months ago. Will I still be able to play?

A. Of course! We have a huge range of players, of all ages and all skill levels. You are very unlikely to be the weakest player there, and playing real matches is a great way to improve.

Q. How do the ratings work?

A. The ratings are based loosely on the ELO chess ratings system. The ladder is rated from 0-1000 and players will be given an initial rating based on their grade (Blue = 100, Green = 300, Yellow = 550, Red = 800). From here winners will gain points, and losers will lose points (the same amount), dependant on their current rating. E.g. a player with a ranking of 500 will gain more points beating an opponent rated 600, than if they were to beat someone rated 400. In the same way, a player rated 400 will lose less points losing to someone rated 600 than they would if they lost to a player rated 500.

Q. Do I have to accept a challenge?

A. If you wish to play any matches that session, you must accept the challenge. If you refuse you will not be allowed to play that day (in singles), and any winning results you submit won't count towards your rating.

Q. What if I am challenged by someone way too good for me, and I'm scared?

A. The Singles Challenge Committee (SCC) and subsequently the social tennis coordinators may reject challenges if they feel the match-up is not fair. So just talk to us, we don't bite 😊.

Q. Can my tournament or fixtures singles match count towards the ratings?

A. Absolutely. All we ask is you submit a signed Singles Challenge scorecard along with your regular fixtures/tournament results. It would probably best if you ask your opponent beforehand if they would like it to count.

Q. How do I submit results?

A. Either place the scorecard in the results box beside the men's toilets or email the result to singleschallenge@uqtc.org.au (We will need either the scanned scorecard with signatures, or an email from both players for the result to count).

Q. Can I challenge someone outside of social tennis?

A. Definitely. But be aware they have the right to reject the challenge. If they do accept, we recommend that the challenger organise the court and balls for the match and the expenses incurred.

Q. How many matches will be played per social tennis session? / Am I guaranteed to get a match?

A. Each session runs for 4 hours, with 2 courts dedicated to the Singles Challenge. Therefore we are likely to have time for approximately 10 matches. Players will be offered a challenge in order of expression of interest (First in), taking into consideration the time since their last challenge (Players with the longest gap between matches may be given priority). Don't worry, If you do not get a match one session, you are almost certain to get one the following. However, don't arrive expecting a match.

Q. What if there are extra courts available?

A. If there are available courts then we will certainly give you the opportunity to play on them.

Q. Can I play more than one match a session?

A. In the interest of fairness, No. However, if there are no other interested players, or extra courts available, then the social tennis coordinators can allow it.

Q. My name has been removed from the ranking list. What gives?

A. Please contact us at singleschallenge@uqtc.org.au for more details. The only reason players may be removed from the list is if they do not meet eligibility requirements (attendance) or have been involved in antisocial or unsportsmanlike behaviour (See Terms & Conditions). Players can very easily be put back on, just ask us how.

Q. What are the prizes and who gets them?

A. Prizes will vary based on availability and are up to the discretion of the SCC. The categories for prizes are:

- Top of the Ladder
- Most Improved
- Player of the Year

Details are outlined in the Terms & Conditions.

Q. The ranking sheet says I am not eligible for prizes. Why is this?

A. Players must play at least half of their matches during social tennis sessions to be eligible for prizes. If this has been satisfied, then it is likely you have been involved in antisocial or unsportsmanlike behaviour (See Terms & Conditions). Please email singleschallenge@uqtc.org.au for more details.