

King of the Club – Singles Challenge

Ranked Tennis Club Ladder

Terms and Conditions

1. How to Enter

1. Everyone is welcome to join, regardless of membership status or ability level
2. Entrants must be at least 15 years of age to participate
3. Entrants under the age of 18 must have parent or guardian permission to join
4. Players may register at any social tennis session or express interest via Facebook or email
5. Players must have attended one of the graded club activities (Social Tennis, Fixtures or Tournaments) in order to identify initial ratings.

2. Challenging/Accepting a Challenge (Gameplay)

1. At the beginning of a social tennis session, those who wish to take part in singles that day must register an interest and a list of possible opponents will be generated. Based on time since last challenge players will be given the opportunity to challenge someone from that list (at the discretion of the Singles Challenge Committee (SCC) or social tennis coordinators)
2. The Singles Challenge can be entered any time during the year
3. 2 courts will be set aside each social tennis session for challenge use
4. All matches are one set, first to 6, with a tie-break at 6-6. Regular rules of tennis apply
5. Results are to be recorded on the scorecards provided, and must be signed by both players for points to be awarded
6. Each player is entitled to one challenge a week (this may vary due to interest)
7. A player must accept a challenge in order to gain the right to challenge again
8. If a player registers an interest in singles play, they must accept the first reasonable challenge made (Players cannot choose which challenge to accept)
9. Players may be challenged multiple times in one week, but have the right to refuse if they have already accepted a challenge during that week (2.6 and 2.7 still apply).
10. Any player registered in the challenge competition may be challenged, but must be there during social tennis in order to play. However, if a player is not registered that day (See 2.1), they may refuse the challenge.
11. If a player refuses a challenge, they may not partake in any singles that day, and any results garnered during social tennis will be considered invalid.
12. Players may submit results from matches played outside of social tennis, but the above conditions still apply

3. Administration

1. The Singles Challenge is run by a subcommittee of the UQTC Management Committee, known as the Singles Challenge Committee (SCC)

2. Challenges are allowed at the discretion of the SCC
3. If none of the SCC members are present, the social tennis coordinators have the right to refuse and deny challenges (Hence to prevent a constant stream of low level players challenging high level players and vice versa)
4. The rating system has been created by the SCC and is loosely based on the ELO ratings system. Past matches are not taken into consideration.
5. Ranking lists will come out at the end of every month, and ideally new lists will be published once a week, both on Facebook and the UQTC website.
6. A current ranking list will also be on display at the clubhouse
7. By entering this activity, you give the UQTC and the SCC the right to publish your name and current rating in ranking lists, newsletters and promotional material
8. All decisions made by the SCC are final and all questions and complaints are to be directed to singleschallenge@uqtc.org.au
9. In order to remain on the list, players must be a current club member, or attend social tennis at least once a month (or 12 times in previous 6 months).
10. The SCC reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone, or remove players at any time

4. Prizes

1. There will be three prizes to be handed out at the end of each year. They are:
 - a. Club Champion (The person at the top of the ladder)
 - b. Most Improved (Person who moved up the most during the year)
 - c. Player of the Year (Decided by committee, is awarded to the most enthusiastic player, who enjoys the game, has the widest range of opponents, has played many matches and ultimately strengthens the reputation of the club as THE place to play tennis)
2. Only players on the list are entitled to win prizes
3. Prize eligibility is at the discretion of the SCC (removal and reinstating)
4. Prizes are subject to change
5. Any antisocial or unsportsmanlike behaviour will result in prize eligibility being revoked or challenge points not being awarded. This includes:
 - a. Only challenging/accepting players in a particular rating band
 - b. Only playing the same people in order to increase one player's rating
 - c. Organising others to challenge you to avoid weaker/stronger opponents
 - d. Refusal of challenges whilst continuing to submit results
 - e. Falsifying matches and results
6. Players will be ineligible for prizes if they do not challenge/accept at least half of their matches during social tennis (or other club related activities at the discretion of the SCC)
7. Players who have not played a match in the previous 2 months (or 3 in previous 3 months) will be ineligible for prizes and may have their rating decay over time
8. Prizes will be presented at the yearly Xmas Party

Disclaimer

The purpose of the Singles Challenge is to provide a fun, informal way of offering singles to all interested players, regardless of ability and membership status.

It offers friendly competition and a way of ranking members within grades, and ultimately provides an insight into regrading.

In no way does the UQTC or the SCC take responsibility for the accuracy and consistency of the results, nor for any mistakes made. The UQTC and SCC are comprised of volunteers undertaking this activity for the enjoyment of interested tennis players.

In participating in this event, players agree to release and discharge The University of Queensland Tennis Club from all liability, including but not limited to The UQTC and its Management Committee, Sub-committees, staff and volunteers' negligence and carelessness. Players also agree to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify The UQTC and its Management Committee, Sub-committees, staff and volunteers from and against any actions, proceedings, claims, demands, expenses, damages and liabilities arising or incurred as a result of or in connection to my participation in this event, my conduct and/or my negligence.

The Terms and Conditions may change at any point without warning, including the ultimate termination of the program.