

Buckingham Interclub Teams Women's Challenge Ladder

The following challenge rules will apply to the women's singles and doubles ladders.

1. All team members must be members in good standing of Buckingham Racquet Club and must belong to the USTA.
2. All singles and doubles positions on the cup teams will be determined from the BRC ladders. The ladders will be active from June 15th through October 31st. The number of challenge matches is unlimited.
3. Substitutes for each team are chosen from the non-rostered, ladder players and from the BRC membership. BRC members will contact one of the Cup captains when they are available to participate in Philadelphia Interclub league play.
4. Singles players or doubles teams already on the ladder may challenge one or two positions above their present position. If defeated in a challenge match, the player or doubles team moves down one notch, and the challenger then occupies that vacated spot. If the match is defaulted, the two players/teams change places. There is no movement of the other teams.
5. Challenged players must honor a challenge within 2 weeks not including the day the challenge is made. If you are challenged and do not play within this period, you automatically lose.
6. A match is defaulted if a player(s) does not appear at the scheduled time (plus a 15 minute grace period). Use good judgment when defaulting opponent(s), call if there is a serious problem on the day of a challenge match, and play in the spirit of Cup tennis.
Exception: A rain-interrupted match must be completed within the next 2 week days and will resume at the set, game and point score at the time the match was stopped.
7. If a team is challenged and cannot accept the challenge due to injury, the team has 2 weeks to accept the challenge or must default the position on the ladder to the challenging team. The challenge must be played within the third week.
8. If a match is underway and a player suffers an injury and cannot continue to play, that player (or team) automatically loses the match.
9. When a partnership breaks up, each player with a new partner will be considered a newcomer and may have 2 challenges as detailed in #10.

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10. Newcomers to the ladder may have 2 challenges in any position.
 - a. If they are unsuccessful in their first challenge, their second challenge must be made to a lower position.
 - b. Should both challenges be unsuccessful, the losing newcomer must then enter at the bottom of the BRC continuous ladder or notify a captain if they wish to become a substitute for the season. If the newcomer enters the bottom of the ladder they may then challenge one more time 2 positions above the bottom during that challenge period.
 - c. Newcomers may not attain a position on the ladder by default.
11. You may not be committed to more than one match at a time.
Exception: Singles and doubles challenges are to be considered separately. You may be committed to 2 challenges at the same time if one is singles and the other doubles.
12. A player may turn over her (their) name one 2 week period if going away. Vacation dates should be posted in the challenge book. Players from below may then skip over them.
13. At the end of the spring matches, each team shall elect a captain to serve for the following year.
14. Suggestions for changes and modifications of the ladder rules may be submitted in writing to the Interclub representative and/or team captain(s).

Specific Procedure for Challenging

1. A new player/team challenging for a roster position or a rostered player/team challenging to move up the ladder will first notify the team or player of the challenge. Challenges must be recorded in the challenge book at the clubhouse by the challenger at the time the challenge is made.
A Captain may appoint a Challenge Coordinator. The Coordinator will update the challenge book at the clubhouse. When a Challenge Coordinator is identified teams must notify the Coordinator of: 1) each challenge, 2) time and date of the match, 3) the results.
2. Each rostered team/singles player may only challenge another rostered team/singles player once within each challenge period. If a rostered team/singles player loses the challenge, she may rechallenge. If the rostered team/singles player wins that rechallenge a third match will be played to determine the winner. (If a non-rostered team loses the challenge, they may not rechallenge that rostered team.) If the third challenge cannot be played before October 31st, then these two teams may play a third and final match within 2 weeks after October 31st.

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3. Challenging players are to furnish balls for the match. The match will be the best of 3 sets with a 12 point tie-breaker at 6 all. Rain-interrupted matches must be played within the next 2 week days and will resume at the set, game and point existing at the time the match was stopped.
4. Matches should be played at BRC unless weather or time constraints dictate going indoors. If this occurs, the cost will be split between all four players. Please use common sense, courtesy and get a consensus.
5. The winner of the match (regardless of who is challenged) is responsible for changing the ladder, notifying the Captain or Challenge Coordinator of the results promptly, and recording the results in the challenge book.
6. Any problems should be reported to the Captain and the Interclub representative whose decision will be final.

2007 Interclub Representative: Candy Gleim

Team Captains: Cup 5 Patty Shuman

Cup 9 Vickie Flood & Candy Gleim