

## AATA Extreme Ladder Rules



### Adult Divisions:

Men's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Singles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

BEGINNER - Equivalent to a USTA NTRP rating of 2.5  
ADVANCED BEGINNER - Equivalent to a USTA NTRP rating of 3.0  
INTERMEDIATE - Equivalent to a USTA NTRP rating of 3.5  
INT/ADVANCED - Equivalent to a USTA NTRP rating of 4.0  
ADVANCED - Equivalent to a USTA NTRP rating of 4.5 or above

### Ladder Calendar

Spring: April 4 – June 20 **Entry Deadline – March 28th**  
Summer: July 4- September 25 **Entry Deadline – June 27th**  
Fall: October 10 - December 31 **Entry Deadline – October 3rd**  
(Each season has 2 rounds)  
Amarillo Master's Championship Tournament: March 2017

- Juniors are allowed to play in the Adult divisions based on playing ability. Their ability levels will be based on NTRP rating criteria. Please contact the coordinator to determine what level is appropriate.
- Players are allowed to play in more than one division but not in an NTRP level lower than their current rating. For instance, a 3.5 player can play in the intermediate/advanced ladder during the season, but not in the advanced beginner group. If you do want to play in a level above your rating, you will be placed at the bottom of the ladder and must earn your way to the top.
- Cost: \$20/person/Division/Season – You may sign up for a maximum of 2 ladders. Refunds will be only be given if we're notified of cancellation prior to registration deadline. If you enter more than one ladder, the first ladder is \$20 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$10. You may sign up after the deadline but will have to wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup> round starts for that season (there will be no reduction in cost). You will be able to pay via PayPal when you register on our website. You can also mail a check, but it must be received by the entry deadline. Otherwise you will not be included in the ladder.
- After registering, you will be listed on the appropriate ladder(s), the first round of each ladder placement will be by luck of the draw, 2nd round will be placed by how you did in the 1st round.
- You will be placed in groups of 4 or 5 within your ladder. There will be 2 rounds within each quarter (1 round every 5 weeks). Within your group you will play

each player once during that round (round robin format). A schedule will be set up and you will play one opponent each week. A week is considered from Monday to Sunday. The play schedule will be published on the website and will also be emailed to you at the beginning of each round. You will contact your opponent to set up a time and place to play.

- Matches are best 2 out of 3 sets, regular scoring. *Before* the match begins, the players should agree whether a 10 pt. tie breaker will be played in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set; otherwise, it's best 2 out of 3 sets.
- Both players should bring a can of new balls. If the match goes to a 3<sup>rd</sup> set and the players choose to play a full 3<sup>rd</sup> set, the two players have the option of using the same three balls or use the 2<sup>nd</sup> can. If the match is won in straight sets, the winner takes the unopened can and loser takes used balls.
- For each match you will receive 1 point for playing the match, 1 point for winning and 1 point for each set won. If a match is forfeited, the player that forfeited receives 0 pts and the other player receives 4 pts. If it is a double forfeit then both players will receive 0 points. After each round (5 weeks) is over, points will be tallied and the top 2 point winners move up, the bottom 2 point totals move down and the person in the middle stays (if there are 5 players in each group)
- If you are out of town, sick, etc. and cannot play your match that week, it will be considered a forfeited match, unless you and your opponent agree to make it up sometime during the round.
- Matches can be played at any mutually agreed upon location, date, and time during the specified week.
- The winner of the match must submit the score on this website by going to this [link](#) within 24 hours after the match has been played. Scores will be posted on the website each week on Mondays by midnight.
- At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of each playing season the winner of the respective ladders will receive a nice prize. If the ladders have a combination of levels, the top person at each level will receive a prize.
- At the end of each playing year (April - December), the AATA will host a City Master's Championship Tournament in March for the participants of the ladders.
- The ladder coordinator has sole discretion and can change rules, etc. in order to better the functionality of the ladder at any time. The ladder coordinator makes final decisions in regards to forfeits and scoring.
- Questions or comments??? Email: [martha@amarilloareatennis.org](mailto:martha@amarilloareatennis.org)