Summer Ladder Tournament CTPL 2024 Rules and Regulations

Start Date: 07/01/2025 **End Date:** 08/31/2025

- 1. Registration for the tournament is free of charge.
- 2. All tournament matches must be played on the courts of Clube Ténis Paço do Lumiar.
- 3. The tournament is open to both male and female competitors aged 15 and older.
- 4. Court rental prices per match are as follows:
 - Member: €3.5 Non-Member: €6
 - Artificial Lighting: €3.5 per 30 minutes (same price for members and nonmembers).
 - Only players with up-to-date membership fees at the time of the match are eligible for the member pricing.
 - Courts can be booked up to 7 days in advance by calling +351 965486199.
 - Court reservations can only be canceled up to 24 hours before the scheduled match; otherwise, the court rental fee will be charged.
- 5. A player can challenge an opponent up to **15 positions** above or below their ranking on the ladder.
- 6. As an exception to the previous rule, players cannot challenge an opponent they played in their last match.
- 7. Each player in the tournament will be given 2 wild cards.
- 8. These wild cards allow the player to challenge any opponent, regardless of their ranking.
- 9. Wild cards must be used through the tournament management platform, and it is the player's responsibility to use them.
- 10. Challenged players have 3 days to accept or decline a challenge; after this period, the challenge will be automatically declined.
- 11. If a challenge is declined, **10%** of the challenged player's total points will be deducted.
- 12. Players have **14 day**s from the date of acceptance to play the match and submit the result.

- 13. Players may have up to **6 pending challenges** (3 as a challenger and 3 as a challenged player), which are defined as accepted but not yet played challenges.
- 14. Players who do not play a match within **14 day**s, unless marked as unavailable, will have 20% of their points deducted.
- 15. Matches are best of 3 sets, with a tiebreak at 6 games each in the first two sets. The third set is a super tiebreak, where the first player to reach 10 points with a 2-point advantage wins. If the 2-point margin is not achieved, the match continues until a player has a 2-point lead.
- 16. The challenger is responsible for providing balls for the match, which must be in good condition.
- 17. Results of each regular phase match must be submitted on the platform by the winner within 24 hours of the match.
- 18. The following system is adopted to determine the player's position on the ladder:

"Leap Frog Plus"

This system awards points to both the winner and the loser to encourage players to play as many matches as possible to improve their ranking in the tournament. The number of points each player receives per match is determined as follows:

- A total of 27 points is at stake in each match (corresponding to the maximum number of games possible 7-6; 6-7; 1-0).
- If the winner is the higher-ranked player, they receive 27 points minus the number of games their opponent won.
- If the winner is the lower-ranked player, their points on the ladder will be equal to the defeated player's points before the match, plus 27 points minus the number of games their opponent won.
- The loser always receives 1 point for each game they won.

Example 1 (higher-ranked winner):

- Paulo defeats João 6-4, 6-4.
- Paulo had 40 points and João had 32 points.
- Paulo now has 40 + 27 8 = 59 points.
- João now has 32 + 8 = 40 points.

Example 2 (lower-ranked winner):

- Paulo defeats João 6-3, 6-2.
- Paulo had 42 points and João had 56 points.
- Paulo now has 56 + 27 5 = 78 points.

- João now has 56 + 5 = 61 points.
- 19. In the event of a no-show or withdrawal, the match result will be recorded as a "forfeit," without any point penalty.
 - A victory by "forfeit" can only be recorded by the player present on the court
 if their opponent does not show up within 15 minutes of the scheduled time
 or withdraws during the match before a set is completed.
- 20. If a player withdraws after the first set has been completed, the withdrawing player automatically loses all remaining games.

Example:

- Player A is leading Player B 6-4, 0-1, and Player B withdraws; the recorded result will be 6-4, 6-1 for Player A.
- Player A loses the first set 4-6, and Player B withdraws; the recorded result will be 4-6, 6-0, 1-0 for Player A.
- 21. During the Ladder Tournament, each player may remain in an "unavailable" status for up to 21 consecutive or non-consecutive days, during which they cannot challenge or be challenged.
- 22. A player wishing to benefit from the "unavailable" status must do so directly on the tournament platform under "Menu Escada / Painel" or alternatively notify the referee, who will update the status on the tournament platform.
- 23. All registered players in the Ladder Tournament must keep their contact information up to date. Any changes to phone numbers or email addresses must be immediately reflected in the player's profile so that other players can contact them and receive email notifications.
- 24. The management of results and rankings, as well as the contact details of participating players, is conducted online at the website www.globaltennisnetwork.com with the direct link to the tournament:

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- Select "Sign Up" under the "Ladder Menu" in the blue button at the top right corner.
- 25. All unresolved issues will be resolved by the Club's Board.