

## **COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

*Q: What is a tennis ladder?*

A “ladder” is a ranking system common to individual sports, where you challenge other players to try and overtake their position.

Example:

1. Allen
2. Benny
3. Claire
4. Diane

Claire “challenges” Allen. If Allen wins, no change. If Claire wins, the new order is:

1. Claire
2. Allen
3. Benny
4. Diane

*Q: How do I know my position on the ladder?*

The master Ladder will be kept in a Google Sheet that all participants will be able to view. Updates will be made periodically throughout the week, and once a week the current standings will be emailed to all participants.

*Q: How will I know who to play?*

Once registration is complete, players will be able to contact anyone else in their division. From there, just pick someone and see if you can find a time that works for both. Challenged players ultimately reserve the right to refuse a match, but efforts should be made to coordinate.

*Q: How often will I play?*

Whenever you complete a match, you have a “cooldown” period of 6 days where you can reject challenges. This pacing structure protects against burnout but can be ignored if you prefer to play more often.

*Q: I'm nervous...*

Don't be scared! The tennis community in Newton is incredibly supportive, and always eager to welcome new people to the mix. Plus, tennis is one of the best “lifetime” sports, and a great way to stay active! Ultimately, the goal here is fun interactions & healthy competition.