

# Northern New Mexico Singles Ladder Rules

## Purpose

To be able to meet and enjoy playing matches with lots of different people of your age and ability who also play tennis in our region. Getting in lots of match play with different people is great for one's game!

## Divisions

The tennis ladder is divided into three co-ed age divisions. 18 & under, 14 & under, and 12 & under.

## Scheduling Matches

You will receive a list names, phone numbers, and emails of other players in your division. To initiate a match simply call, text, or email other players in your division of when you would like to play a match. Accepting matches, please try to accept all match requests as best as possible. The spirit of the league is to play lots of different opponents within your division.

## Where to Play?

Your matches can be played anywhere that you and your opponent agree upon. If you would like to play at Shellabarger the courts for players in this league are ½ price, and there are no guest fees.

## Tennis Balls

Each player should arrive at the match with a can of balls. After the match the winner receives the new can and the person who lost receives the balls that were used during the match.

## Scoring

Matches consist of 2 full sets, and a "super tie-breaker" if you split sets. A "super tiebreaker" is played with normal tiebreaker rules except that it is first to reach 10 points instead of 7 points. If both parties agree, other scoring formats may be used.

## 5 Match Minimum to Qualify for Playoffs

The league minimum to qualify for the playoffs is five matches. Only two of these matches may be played against the same opponent.

## Extra Matches

You are encouraged to play more than 5 matches in this league. Your best 5 results will be counted towards whether you make the playoffs.

## Reporting Scores

The winner is responsible for entering the score on the Northern New Mexico Ladder Page located on the Shellabarger website.

## Point System and Standings

The top 4 players with the most points based on their best 5 results will qualify for the playoffs.

- 0 points for a straight set loss
- 1 point for a split set loss
- 2 points for a win
- 3 points for a win versus a player who finishes the league with a .500 winning percentage or better. You will receive 2 points at the time of your win and the 3rd bonus point at the end of the league for each win over a player with the 500 winning percentage or better.

## Tiebreaker

In the case of a tie for a spot in the playoffs, the following tiebreaker procedure will be followed; #1 Head to Head, #2 Fewest Losses, #3 Most Wins, #4 Coin Toss.

## Playoffs

The top 4 in each division will make the playoffs. There will be a prize for each divisional winner. Remember, your final score is your BEST 5 RESULTS. You are encouraged to play more than 5 matches.

## Have Fun!

Enjoy the spirit of competition while participating on the Northern New Mexico Junior Singles Ladder!