BLOOMFIELD HILLS SWIM & TENNIS

JUNIOR TENNIS LADDER RULES

1. The junior ladder is divided into eight categories with four age groups for both boys and girls. The divisions are as follows: 10,12,14, and 18 and under.

2. You may challenge the player directly ahead of you or the player two slots ahead of you. You may only make one challenge at a time. You must accept all challenges made to you.
Exception: If either person who is one or two positions higher on the ladder is out of town, the challenger can challenge the next higher person (can be more than 3 positions higher.)

3. Challenges must me made either by phone or in person. You must speak directly to the person you wish to challenge (no message leaving allowed)

4. All challenges must be recorded in the challenge book at the tennis desk both after the challenge is made and at the completion of the match. Once a challenge is recorded, it must be played before further challenges are made.

5. A challenge match must be played within 48 hours (2 days)of the challenge, weather permitting. The only exception will be challenges made on Fridays as the match can be played on Monday.
Exception: if the challenged player is out of town, there is an "Out of Town" list posted outside the tennis office that everyone needs to fill out. It is feasible that, while the challenged player is out of town, he/she will be moved down due to other challenging above him/her.

6. If the challenging player wins, they will move ahead of the player beaten and those in-between will automatically move down.

7. You must accept a challenge unless one of the following conditions exist:
   - You are extremely ill-which means you will miss the next match anyway.
   - You are out of town
   - You are more than two point positions ahead of the challenger. In this case, you may accept if you choose.

8. "Ducking" a challenge will result in automatic forfeit of the match. Unanswered phone calls constitute ducking. If you are not getting a response from the person you are trying to challenge please contact the tennis staff immediately.

9. The official ladder may only handled by the tennis staff.

10. Your place on the ladder determines which practice you will attend. Use of the ladder is a very important part of our competitive tennis program. The top five in each group may attend "A" practice.

11. Challenge matches will be an 8 game pro set with a 12 point tiebreaker at 7-7.

12. You may only challenge the same player one time per week. If you lose, you must wait a week to re-challenge. If you beat a higher placed player, they may re-challenge after 24 hours of the completed match. These rules must be followed to the letter. the tennis staff has the authority to default any player who does not adhere to these rules. Please direct questions and concerns to the tennis staff.

If there are any questions, problems (like unreturned phone calls) or disputes please contact any of the tennis coaches immediately. They will resolve the situation.

LADDER POSITION CHANGES

The A&B team line-up will be determined by the ladder positions as of 6 PM on Tuesday. Any challenges played after this date will not impact the matches played that week.
Exception: if a challenge didn't get played by 6 PM Tuesday due to extenuating circumstances, the coach will use his discretion.

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