



The Woodlands Township's Adult Doubles Ladder Leagues

LEAGUE FEES: Fees are \$40 for Woodlands Residents and \$45 for Non-Woodlands Residents.

Fees are non-refundable upon completion of initial court assignments.

LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS:

- ***All participants shall keep in mind that The Woodlands Township Ladder Leagues are intended to be both social and recreational in nature. For this reason, The Woodlands Township will not utilize any rankings (i.e. UTSA) when determining participant placement.***
- No partner's required; each participant is assigned to a court (4 participants per court).
- Participants may share a position with one additional participant. This must be declared to the League Coordinator prior to the commencement of league play.
 - Any participant(s) sharing a spot without declaring will result in a 'sub' status for any date played by a player whose name does not appear on the court assignments.
 - Participants who no longer wish to share a spot will be ranked based on their previous personal ranking and shared ranking combined.
 - Each participant must play 4 dates and specify on the reported scores which partner is playing each week.
 - In the event that this minimum is not met then the shared position will receive a 'sub' status on the final week(s) of the ladder dependent on the number of dates each participant has played.
- Returning participants would keep their prior ranking ONLY IF they participated in the most recent season (e.g. Spring I final rank will be Spring II starting rank); court and location is subject to change based on league allotment.
- Returning participants who missed the previous season will be ranked as close as possible to their most recent rank; ranking priority will be given to players who participate in consecutive seasons
- Rankings from seasons more than one year in the past will not be considered when making week 1 court assignments
- New participants are added to the bottom of the ladder (based on registration date).
- If a participant is unable to continue play at any point during the season, a 'permanent sub' must be found to take their place. It is the responsibility of the participant to find a 'permanent sub.'
- When multiple leagues exist (AM & PM) court assignments will be made based on the specific league registered as these are considered separate leagues from each other.
 - Example – Participant A was ranked #1 in the Summer PM ladder but previously ranked # 10 in the Spring AM ladder. Upon registering for the Fall AM ladder they will be ranked appropriately per league rules based on their Spring AM ranking.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated; league participants will treat other participants as they would expect to be treated.
 - Continued unsportsmanlike behavior may lead to dismissal from The Woodlands Township Ladder Leagues.

LEAGUE PLAY:

- **The League Coordinator retains the authority to modify or deviate from League Rules as deemed necessary.**
- League play will consist of 8 weeks, with two makeup dates scheduled in. In the event more than two

dates are rained out, the league will conclude after 10 weeks regardless of the number of dates played. *(Winter-Mini will consist of 4 weeks, with one makeup date scheduled in).*

- A league roster, substitute list, and league rules will be attached to the initial league correspondence. This information can also be found on www.teamsideline.com/thewoodlandtownship in the left-hand navigation panel.
- ***Please note that, generally, all Ladder League communication will be via email; please ensure your email address on file with The Woodlands Township is up to date.***
- The bottom participant at each court is responsible for providing 1 (one) can of new balls for league play.
- Participants who are unable to attend the scheduled match **must** find a sub to take their place. It is the participant's responsibility to find a sub.
 - In the event a participant must drop themselves from the Ladder League it is their responsibility to notify The Township and find a permanent sub.
- In the event a participant is tardy; they are required to inform the participant's at their court. *Any participant who is more than 15 minutes late and does not notify either The Recreation Center or the participant at their court shall receive a 'No Show.'*
- A total of 3 sets are played. The order of partners is as follows: 1 & 3 vs. 2 & 4, 1 & 4 vs. 2 & 3, 1 & 2 vs. 3 & 4. Each participant totals his/her scores from all 3 sets.
 - If necessary: 7 point tie break; the first to 7 by 2.
 - **Scores are to be recorded and submitted to tennis@thewoodlandtownship-tx.gov by the participant with the highest overall score at each court upon the conclusion of league play.**
 - Scores should be submitted in the order that the participants appear on the court assignments.
- Upon compiling all scores, weekly court results will be posted to TeamSideline and accompanied by a deadline to notify The Township of any errors with the recorded scores.
 - Following the deadline court assignments will be made based on the recorded scores and will not be revised.
 - All notifications must be made via tennis@thewoodlandtownship-tx.gov
 - Court assignments will be posted to TeamSideline by the end of the day Friday unless otherwise stated by The League Coordinator.

SCORING PROCEDURES:

- The Highest score moves up a court (I.e. Participant A on court 3 had the highest number of total points; Participant A moves up to the last spot on court 2).
 - If two participants tie with the high score, the participant placed higher on the court will move up.
- The lowest score moves down a court (I.e. Participant B on court 3 had the lowest number of total points; Participant B moves down to the first spot on court 4).
 - If two participants tie with the lowest score, the participant placed lower on the ladder will move down. If one of the tied participants is a sub, the sub position moves down.
 - Retired participants will move down, no matter their score. Retired participants must be indicated by placing the letter "R" next to their score.
- A 'sub' cannot move a participant up a court or jump a regular participant; the sub can move a participant down a court if they are the lowest score. Subs must be indicated on the score sheet by putting the letter "S" next to their score.
 - Exceptions: A 'sub' may move a player up in the event that: Court re-alignment due to a 'No Show' or higher ranked participants (at the sub's court) being moved up/down the ladder.
- Participants remaining after the highest/lowest participants are moved up/down the ladder are adjusted according to their score within their current court.

NO SHOW PLAYERS:

- 1st offense, the 'No Show' participant will be dropped four courts to the bottom position of said court (i.e. a participant at Bear Branch 2 will be dropped to the bottom position of Shadowbend 1).
 - Participants who 'No Show' within the bottom four courts will be dropped to the bottom position of the ladder.
 - Participants who cannot find a sub are encouraged to notify the players at their court in advance of a 'No Show.'
 - *Note - this will still be deemed a 'No Show' and the participant in question will be moved according to league rules.*
- 2nd offense, the participant will drop to the last court of the league.
- 3rd offense, the participant will be removed from league play and a permanent sub will be found.
- If a 'sub' is a 'No Show' more than twice they will be removed from the 'sub' list.
- There will be no refunds given to participants that 'No Show.'
- If a participant is a 'No Show' but a 'sub' is found by other participants then any scores submitted will be counted with the 'No Show' participant receiving 'sub' status per league rules above.

NO SHOW – COURT PROCEDURES:

- If players assigned to the 'No Show' court choose not to play, participants will be moved up or down according to their position on the court's ladder assignment
- If all 3 players assigned to the court agree to play a scored match, participants are encouraged to play under the 3-player format:
 - A single participant will line up against a doubles team. The single participant always serves and plays on single court, while the doubles play on the double court (including doubles alleys). At the end of each game, each participant rotates clockwise.
 - Single participant wins – 2 points
 - Doubles participant wins – 1 point
 - The participant with the most points after 7 complete rotations moves up.
- If 2 players on the same court are 'No Shows', the remaining 2 participants may choose to play a singles match to determine who will move up.

CANCELLATIONS:

- Notifications will be posted on [Teamsideline.com/thewoodlandstownship](https://teamsideline.com/thewoodlandstownship) and will be sent out through Email. Please check the website and league page for pertinent information
- The Woodlands Township utilizes www.noaa.org (zip code - 77381) to determine weather related cancellations.
- Cold weather: if the temperature is below 40°F we will not play.
- Hot weather: if the temperature above 100°F we will not play.
- The Woodlands Township will only notify participants in the event of a cancellation (if no league communication is received then league play will continue as scheduled) by way of TeamSideline.
- Cancellation procedures:
 - Morning Leagues:
 - Bear Branch Tennis Courts will be checked at 7:45 a.m. and a decision to cancel will be made based on court conditions by 8:00 a.m.
 - In the event of inclement weather following court checks and preceding league play TeamSideline will be updated with a cancellation notification. Additionally, an email notification will be sent to all

participants on the league roster and 'sub' list as deemed necessary.

- Temperatures will be checked at 8:00 a.m. and a decision to cancel will be made based on current and/or forecasted temperatures by 8:15 a.m.
- In the event of a change in temperature within thirty minutes of the commencement of league play all matches will be played as scheduled so long as temperatures have not risen/dropped 2° above/below the league temperature minimum/maximum. Should the temperature exceed league minimum/maximum temperatures then the 50% rule shall be implemented.
 - I.e. at 8:45 a.m. temperatures drop to 39°F; league play will continue as scheduled.
 - Any change in temperature thirty minutes or more prior to the commencement of league play above/below league temperature minimums/maximums will result in cancellation.
- Evening Leagues:
 - Bear Branch, Shadowbend, and/or Alden Bridge Courts will be checked between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. and a decision to cancel will be made based on court conditions by 5:30 p.m.
 - In the event of inclement weather following court checks and preceding league play TeamSideline will be updated with a cancellation notification. Additionally, an email notification will be sent to all participants on the league roster and 'sub' list as deemed necessary.
 - Temperatures will be checked at 5:15 p.m. and a decision to cancel will be made based on current and/or forecasted temperatures by 5:30 p.m.
 - In the event of a drop in temperature following 6:30 p.m. and preceding the commencement of league play all matches will be played as scheduled so long as temperatures have not dropped below 38°F. Should the temperatures drop below 38°F then the 50% rule shall be implemented.
 - I.e. at 6:45 p.m. temperatures drop to 39°F; league play will continue as scheduled.
 - Prior to 6:30 p.m. any drop in temperature below 40°F will result in cancellation.
- Partial Cancellations:
 - In the event of cancellations during league play - all scores shall count per the 50% rule below after two complete sets.
 - In the event that more than 50% of the courts cancel - we will REPLAY all matches the following week, any reported scores will not count.
 - In the event that more than 50% of the courts play – all scores will be recorded and will count.
 - Participants on courts which are unable to play due to court conditions will be moved up/down according to current court rankings.

START TIMES

Women's League (AM):

- Spring I & II - 9 a.m.
- Summer - 8:30 a.m.
- Fall & Winter (mini) - 9 a.m.

**No league play the week of Thanksgiving*

Men's league (PM):

- All seasons - 7:30 p.m. **No league play the week of Thanksgiving*

COURT LOCATIONS:

- Probable court locations can be found here, but are not limited to:
 - Alden Bridge Park
 - Avalon Park
 - Bear Branch Park
 - Grogan's Point Park
 - Lakeside Park
 - Ridgewood Park
 - Shadowbend Park
 - Terramont Park

○ Falconwing Park

○ Sawmill Park

COURT MAINTENANCE

- Court blowing schedule; per Township contract with Brightside Landscaping:
 - February, March, April, May, June, July – weekly on Monday mornings
 - September and December – bi-weekly on Monday and Friday mornings
 - October and November – thrice weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings
- Please report any issues with The Woodlands Township facilities (lights, nets, etc.) by utilizing The Woodlands Township 311 app (details below) or contact Kim Shelton at 281.210.3819.
- Woodlands311 App Details - <http://thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1326/Mobile-App-Download>

LADDER LEAGUE WEB PAGES

www.teamsideline.com/thewoodlandstowship

- Men's Ladder League
- Women's Ladder League - AM

Ladder League Coordinator:

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