

## 2024 - Tuesday Women's Concertina Ladder – fun, friendship, fitness!

We are using a Concertina Ladder format. We have adapted the Ladder format used in other places to provide the flexibility we need now, especially removing the stress of finding appropriate-level reserves. The format's strength is you play with others of a similar standard, everyone enjoys a good game of tennis, and no one needs to feel guilty about letting their team down! We can expand or collapse the ladder to accommodate the number of players available weekly. New players may join the ladder at any time.

### FORMAT

- A group consists of four or five players depending on the number of players registered to play that day.
- Players are ranked 1 to ...40, overall, but each week are ranked from 1-4 or 1-5 within each group.

4 player groups (each set is first to 8 – tiebreaker at 7-all)					
1 <sup>st</sup> set: Players 1+4 V 2+3		2 <sup>nd</sup> set: Players 1+3 V 2+4		3 <sup>rd</sup> set: Players 1+2 V 3+4	

5 player groups (each set is first to 6 – tiebreaker at 5-all)				
1 <sup>st</sup> set: (no 5 is off) Players 1+4 V 2+3	2 <sup>nd</sup> set: (no 2 is off) Players 1+3 V 4+5	3 <sup>rd</sup> set: (no 4 is off) Players 1+2 V 3+5	4 <sup>th</sup> set: (no 1 is off) Players 2+5 V 3+4	5 <sup>th</sup> set: (no 3 is off) Players 1+5 V 2+4

- As you play each week, your player number ranking will change to reflect your results. You will be cruising!
- Each week, the player with the most number of sets, then the most games won, then the least games against, then the highest ranked player will cruise up the ladder and the player with the least number of sets, then least games won, then most games against, then the lowest ranked player will cruise down the ladder.
- If players are unavailable to play, we aim to slot them back into the correct group. However, due to varying numbers of groups, sometimes this is not possible.

### GENERAL

- Players are to be at the courts at **9.15 am for a 9.30 am start**. All games are played at the Belconnen Tennis Club.
- The cost is \$8 each week.
- On arrival, check-in at the table in the Gazebo. Pay your money and tick your name on the sheet where you will see your group and court allocation. Before play, you will receive an email with an ordered draft list of players. After play, you will receive an email with the results. New players must register with the Ladder Manager by 5 pm Sunday.
- **If you are the No 1 player in your group for that week, you are the court captain.**
- Each group is allocated one court. We rotate courts each week.
- A 10-minute break is allowed during the day for toilet/quick cuppa. The timing is agreed upon within your group. Groups of 5 should consider a break after the 3<sup>rd</sup> set otherwise 2 players will have to play 4 sets without a break!
- All courts must be bagged after use.
- Players must be registered with Tennis ACT, for insurance purposes and for entering results.
- **If you are unwell, or an unforeseen situation occurs and you cannot play, please contact a Ladder Manager ASAP**

### CAPTAINS

- Collect the Result sheet and balls for your group from the Gazebo.
- Fill in the sets on the result form (no need to write in Games Won (G/W) or Games Against (G/A) – computer's job!)
- Result forms and used balls are returned to the check-in table in the Gazebo to Betty Smith/Sue Willis.

<b>LADDER MANAGER</b>	Betty Smith 0427 506 122
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### SOCIAL BONUS

- Players are all invited for a post-match lunch or just coffee at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison each week.