

## The Ladder

### **What is it?**

The club ladder is essentially a ranking system of all the squash players in the Club. The ladder is separate from the internal club leagues, so even if you don't want to commit to the leagues you can still participate in the ladder.

### **How does it work?**

The ladder lists squash members in ability order and players move up the ladder by challenging and beating those listed above them. If you successfully challenge another member (i.e., you win), then you move up to your opponents' position on the ladder, and your opponent will fall by one place. If you are unsuccessful (you lose), then both players stay in the same places as before.

### **Who can I challenge?**

Players already on the Club ladder can only challenge others who are up to 10 places above them, and therefore can be challenged by players up to 10 places below them.

### **What happens then?**

After playing a ladder match, simply visit [www.sportkings.org/squash-leagues](http://www.sportkings.org/squash-leagues), login to the box leagues page and input the result. The ladder will automatically update. If you are not already on the club ladder then just email [kingsclub@kcs.org.uk](mailto:kingsclub@kcs.org.uk) and we'll set you up as a user so you can start challenging.

### **Anything else I need to know?**

All matches must be the best of five games.

## Ranking Points

### **What are they?**

Ranking points are allocated to both players based on the result of their match and their respective ranking points at the start of the game. If players are ranked more than 40 points apart, the system assumes that the higher ranked player is a strong favourite to win the game. Therefore:

- If the higher ranked player wins, then they gain no ranking points (because they should have won, and did) and the opponent loses no ranking points;

**BUT**

- If the lower ranked player wins 3-0, they gain the maximum available ranking points of +6 (because they caused a real upset) and the opponent loses the maximum possible ranking points of -5.4.

Players gain points if they win and lose points if they lose (unless the winner is 40+ points ahead of the opponent before the game). The game score also makes a difference – a 3-0 win will earn more points than a 3-2.

### **How do I accumulate ranking points?**

Any match that you play (league, ladder or friendly matches) will affect ranking points. All you need to do is enter the results at [www.sportkings.org/squash-leagues](http://www.sportkings.org/squash-leagues) after every match.

**If you would like to take part in the squash ladder or leagues then  
please contact us:**

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