



Carolina Beach Parks & Recreation

Inaugural Carolina Beach Racquetball Ladder Tournament

Start Date: Monday, January 21, 2008

End Date: Sunday, April 20, 2008

Fee: **Free (All participants must be a Recreation Center member or pay the \$5 guest fee to use racquetball court)**

How it works:

- The Inaugural Carolina Beach Racquetball Ladder Tournament runs continuously from January 21st through April 20th. All participants must fill out a Racquetball Ladder waiver/registration form before their first match.
- The playing member at the top of the Ladder Board on the last day (April 20th) will be declared Tournament Champion and will be awarded a Recreation Center Racquetball Champion T-Shirt and trophy.
- Participants can join the Tournament at **any time** during the Tournament. New participants will be placed at the bottom rung of the Ladder. Ladder spaces will initially be offered on a first-come-first serve basis, according to the date the participant signs up with a Recreation Center staff member.
- **CHALLENGES:** A challenge is the means by which a participant may move up the Ladder. Participants may only challenge a player ranked 1 to 3 positions above or below them. Call an opponent to schedule a match. A contact list of all participants will be provided to everyone. The winner of the match assumes the position of the defeated player. Defeated player then drops one position on the ladder. If the player in the higher position wins, both players keep their position. Participants may challenge the same opponent more than one match in a row if that opponent remains above them after a match. **The winner of the match is responsible for reporting the win to Recreation Center staff within 1 day of the match.**
- **To keep the ladder moving, everyone needs to accept challenges and play at least 2 matches a month.** If a participant does not play at least 2 matches a month or do not respond to 3 or more match requests a month they will be removed from the tournament and must reapply and start from the bottom if they wish to rejoin the ladder. **Please inform Recreation Center staff of non-responses.**
- Ladder rankings will be posted at the Recreation Center and on the Town web site on Monday each week, reflecting the previous weeks match outcomes.

SCORING:

Points are only scored by the player in service. Fifteen points, win by two, constitutes a game. Participants will play matches consisting of the best of three games.

SERVING:

1) The server can stand in any part of the service zone. He/she must bounce the ball on the floor and stoke it to the front wall first; however, the ball must rebound over the service line without hitting the floor. The legal serve can be either a straight rebound from the front wall or a combination with one side wall, hitting the floor past the service line. Any other serve is illegal.

There are two types of illegal serves:

- A.) "short" or "long" which allows for a second serve.
- B.) serve that results in a side-out:
 - Serve which hits the side wall first.
 - Serve which hits the server on its backward flight.

GAMEPLAY:

1) Once the ball is put into play, a rally continues until the player, side serving or side receiving has returned the ball to the front wall and no return is made by the opposition. Each player is allowed a clear view and room to execute a shot on the ball on a return during a volley. Interference is considered a hinder and the point is played over.

- A.) Service hinder: "shadow" serves in which the served ball passes so close to the server's body that it impedes the view of the ball by the receiver.
 - B.) Returns: ball that strikes the opponent.
 - C.) Rally hinder: player not given a clear view or position of a return shot. Physical contact which impedes effort of player to return ball.
 - D.) Safety hinder: if player avoids returning ball because of fear of hitting his/her opponents with the racquet, a hinder call should be made.
- 2) If the ball is touched with a hand, arm, or any part of the body during the return, it is an out or a point, as the case may be.

EQUIPMENT:

- 1) **Safety eye wear is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**, but not required.
- 2) Racquets, balls and eye safety wear are available in the Recreation Center office on a first-come-first-served basis at no charge. (you are always welcome to use your own as well)

COURT RESERVATIONS:

All racquetball ladder participants please realize that we do have other members who are not in the ladder but still want to use the 1 Racquetball court we have. Please call to reserve a court time once you have agreed on a match with another participant. You may call the Recreation Center during regular business hours up to **one day** before your desired match time to reserve the court. You must talk with a staff member (no leaving messages). Please call 458-2977 for court reservations.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!

