



WELCOME TO THE CLUB JUNIOR SPORTCH LADDER



Tennis Works at Stony Stratford Tennis Club started a new ladder league in January, and it is already proving a huge hit with 56 active juniors participating. It would be great to get more juniors in the club involved, whether this is their first competition or they play regularly. It's ability based and they can play as much as they like but all goes towards earning points in the league. It's £40 for a whole year, whenever you start, which is great value and will help the players within the club.

How to sign up:

- [Click here](#) to register on the booking system
- Once registered, you will receive a link to join the Sportch App
- Open the app and tap Sign Up
- During registration ensure to select Stony Stratford Tennis Club and opt to play in club ladder. Red ball players are treated separately (see below). You can access the Red league from the app looking for 'Stony Stratford Red Ball'. We will move players to Orange play when they are ready for it.

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Players will be positioned with others of similar ability and those on the Red balls will have an organiser running events for them

If you have any questions, or problems signing up then please contact office@tennisworks.net.

Some further information before getting started:

Everything is done on the app via your phone or PC and it will show:

- All activity e.g. matches played, people who have joined etc.
- The ladder league and where everyone is ranked.
- Any match ups who would be good to play.
- Your profile and stats.

John Cavill in liaison with the coaches will position you in the league prior to your first match.

- Please watch this video on You Tube to understand how to use the app and organise matches: <https://youtu.be/Y19K2hCUAhQ>
- You gain ranking points whether you beat people higher or lower than you in the league

Match formats (see information about RED ball matches at the end of this section)

When you enter the league, it will put you in the relevant age group / ball colour automatically. The league is ability based so we will notify you of which of the categories below you will be in. Players must always play up if challenged to a match, for example, if an Orange ball player can challenge a Green ball player then they must play with a Green ball.

Orange ball and ¾ length court - Those born in 2013 or 2014 (Age 9&U)

- Best of 3 short sets
- First to 4 games (e.g. 4-2) in the first and second set. If each player has won a set, then play the third set as a tiebreak to 10 points by 2 clear points
- In the first two sets, if it's 3-3 in games then play the first to 5 games (e.g. 5-3). If it gets to 4-4 then play a tiebreak to 7 points by 2 clear points (e.g. 7-5)



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- Examples of how the score would be shown are: If one player wins both sets: 4-2, 4-1 OR if they win a set each then play a tiebreak: 5-3, 2-4, 10-8

Green ball and full-size court - Those born in 2012 or 2013 (Age 10&U)

- Best of 3 normal sets
- First to 6 games (e.g. 6-3) in the first and second set. If each player has won a set, then play the third set as a tiebreak to 10 points by 2 clear points
- In the first two sets, if it's 5-5 in games then play the first to 7 games (e.g. 7-5). If it gets to 6-6 then play a tiebreak to 7 points by 2 clear points (e.g. 7-5)
- Examples of how the score would be shown are: If one player wins both sets: 6-3, 7-5 OR if they win a set each then play a tiebreak: 6-3, 2-6, 10-8

Yellow Ball and full-size court - Those born in 2012 or earlier (Age 10 and over)

- Best of 3 normal sets
- First to 6 games (e.g. 6-3) in the first and second set. If each player has won a set, then play the third set as a tiebreak to 10 points by 2 clear points
- In the first two sets, if it's 5-5 in games then play the first to 7 games (e.g. 7-5). If it gets to 6-6 then play a tiebreak to 7 points by 2 clear points (e.g. 7-5)
- Examples of how the score would be shown are: If one player wins both sets: 6-3, 7-5 OR if they win a set each then play a tiebreak: 6-3, 2-6, 10-8

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For those who are playing with orange, green or yellow balls have an opportunity to play every Friday night during term time with the organisation and support of a coach. Richard Walters runs the session and will organise who is playing who whilst helping the players throughout their matches. All players come from 5-8pm each week and will be on and off court depending on when they are playing. Richard will also adapt the scoring system so matches are shorter and everyone gets more matchplay against each other.

To sign up to this, please [click here](#) The cost for the Fridays is £41.45/month **AND INCLUDES YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE TO SPORTCH!**

Red ball and mini courts - Those born in 2014 or later (Age 8&U)

- This category runs differently to the others as most players will be young, matches are a lot shorter and we want this to be a great experience to start with. There will be 7 events with a competition organiser so everyone can compete at the same time with the support of the parents' involvement. Matches will be the First to 10 points by 2 clear points (e.g. 10-8) and all balls will be provided. All events during 2022 will run from 1-3pm on Saturdays and the dates are: 31st May; 11th June; 9th July; 24th September; 8th October; 12th November; 10th December.



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Awards

Medals are awarded for the top 3 'Highest Risers' and top 'Sportsmen' every quarter - These are the people who have moved furthest up the ladder within a 3-month period and been rated the highest on sportsmanship by their opponents. The periods will be:

1. January to March
2. April to June
2. July to September
3. October to December

1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies will be presented at the end of year who finish at the top of the overall league. The awards day will be in December at the Junior Christmas Party on the 17th December

However, you can join at ANYTIME and you get a full year's membership and play fully in ladder for a year from when you join

Equipment

Players are required to bring their own rackets, purchase floodlight tokens when required, wear suitable clothing / footwear and bring drinks / food for their matches. The players must also provide tennis balls for each match, which can be purchased at a discounted rate from Tennis Works. Players must discuss who provides the balls at the time of arranging the match. The matches will be played in accordance with the LTA rules. All players must try and ensure they turn up early so they can get warmed up and ready to play on time.

Other important things to note

- Don't forget to turn on push notifications on the app to get alerts!
- You can send a wildcard request to players outside of your zone (capped at one request at any time)
- Once started, you will get 30 days to play your match... so get going
- Reported results will auto-confirm after 72 hours (3 days)
- Each player can upload a match-up selfie (so don't forget to each take a picture after your match)
- Each player can leave a post-match report, visible to all other players on the app
- Players in the app can 'react' to your match... they can applaud the match, and like match report

TO REGISTER AND GET INVOLVED, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#)