Rules of the Ladder:
The ladder is intended to give players the opportunity to play singles with a variety of players in a competitive, but friendly atmosphere.

1. Equipment
   Individuals are expected to provide their own Tennis racquets and Tennis balls at this time.

2. Field of Play
   After challenging another player who accepts, the players must find a time that works best for both of them; the time must be mutually agreeable with both players. Games may be played on the UH Hilo Tennis Courts near the Athletic Gym or on any other court that is mutually agreed by the individual players. The UH Hilo Tennis Courts are available on a first come-first serve basis, as long as the Athletic Team is not currently using them.

3. On-Going Play
   The Tennis Ladder will be an on-going Intramural activity that transfers over each Semester. If you are graduating or wish to no longer be a part of the Tennis Ladder, please contact uhhrec@gmail.com for further action.

4. Ranking
   To determine starting positions on the ladder, players will be ranked according to when they registered. The rankings will be posted on the Intramural Website, as well as on the Tennis Ladder Discussion Board, as they become available. Any one registering after September 3, 2012 will be automatically added to the bottom of the list.

5. Challenging
   You may only challenge one player per week and accept one challenge per week. Challenges should be made through the Facebook discussion board according to your Level. Please respond to challenges as soon as possible to allow for more matches to be played. When challenging, you may only challenge within three positions above or below yourself on the ladder. Invalid challenges may be played, but are not used in adjustment of ladder position.

Players must accept the challenge within 3 days. You may decline a challenge if: a) you've already challenged and been challenged that week; or b) you have defeated the challenger within 13 days. You cannot challenge the same person back-to-back weeks. If a player fails to
respond to a challenge or declines a challenge due to reasons not outlined above, they will lose by default.

If a player does not challenge or accept challenges within a 3 week period, they will be played at the bottom of the ladder.

6. **Winning the Match**
   Matches may be either pro set to 8, with no-advantage scoring, or best 2 of 3 sets. Players will determine before the match which system will be used. USTA rules govern all matches. [http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/ITF%20-%20RoT%202010.pdf](http://assets.usta.com/assets/1/15/ITF%20-%20RoT%202010.pdf)

7. **Reporting the Score**
   Scores for each week should be posted on the Facebook discussion board. Please indicate the players’ names and previous ranking, who challenged whom, when the match was played, and the score of the match. **The winner should report the score by Friday at 10am.**

8. **Moving up the ladder**
   When a higher seed loses the winner will replace that individual, and the loser moves down one spot. Everyone in between the players will also move down one spot. For example, if player #3 challenges player #1 and wins, then player #3 will take the #1 seed, player #1 will move down to the #2 seed and player #2 will be bumped to the #3 seed. If you challenge and lose, no one moves.

9. **Ladder Updates**
   The ladder will be updated weekly and posted every Friday afternoon to both the UH Hilo Intramural website and the UH Hilo Intramural Fan page. If there are any disputes to the scores reported, please e-mail uhhrec@gmail.com as soon as possible. All defaults and disputed will be approved by the Supervisors of Intramurals Sports.