

Singles Ladder and Challenge Match Sheet Rule Clarification

Player Eligibility Regarding the Singles Ladder Position

The following verbiage has been added to the second page of the challenge match form in order to clarify the required challenge information for players participating in the varsity match.

“Any player below the top eight, who is participating in the varsity match, must be listed under ‘Additional Challenge Matches’ below along with the challenge information indicating his/her established position on the team singles ladder.”

It has always been expected that all players on the team should have a ranking on a team singles challenge ladder. The top eight players should be listed on the current challenge sheet. It is now required that every varsity player (including substitutes) be listed on the challenge match sheet along with his/her singles ladder information. Challenge matches below the top three varsity positions may be a minimum of one set.

For example; John Adams is #10 on the team ladder, he defeated #11 Bobby Jones, 6-2 and lost to #9 Will Rogers 5-7

Challenge Match Sheet (CMS) SCENARIO 1

The coach submits his cms to the umpire prior to the start of the match and announces that he is substituting a player (maybe from JV) for a missing doubles player at second doubles. The umpire scans the cms and notices that there is no challenge information listed for the substituted player. He reminds the coach of the rule and the coach gets out his book and fills in the player's ranking on the team singles ladder along with his challenge match results vs the players above and below him.

No penalty. The cms is now complete and may be given to the opposing coach.

Challenge Match Sheet (CMS) SCENARIO 2

Same situation except that this time the coach informs the umpire that his singles ladder does not go down that far but he has some doubles challenge scores for the substitute player.

The substitute player is not eligible to compete in the match since he does not have an established singles position on the team. Coach may put in another player who has met the ladder criteria. If there is no eligible player available, the coach will have to go with 5 or 6 players and forfeit a position; either third singles or second doubles. A player who has not played anyone to establish a ladder position is comparable to a player without a uniform or one who has not had the mandatory 6 practices. Since the player cannot compete, the accuracy & completeness of the cms is a mute point and there is no penalty for an inaccurate cms.