

Rules - TCJ Internal Tournament / Challenge Pyramid

Dear Members,

in order to improve interaction between our members and enable everyone within the club to play competitive matches, we would like to try out a challenge pyramid system during the winter season.

- The pyramid/ranking system is **open to all members** of at least 14 years of age.
- Women and men compete in the same ranking, and we play only Singles.
- Thanks to the ranking system, players will always **play against players of similar level**. A FLT license is not required and the focus is always on having fun.
- There are no fixed match days, and the members can **organize their challenge matches flexibly and on their own initiative**.
- For a good experience for everyone, you should be open to play a match every 1-3 weeks.

The exact rules can be found in this document.

Registration: If you have already played the winter pyramid, you are automatically signed up – just continue to challenge other players via the Google sheet.

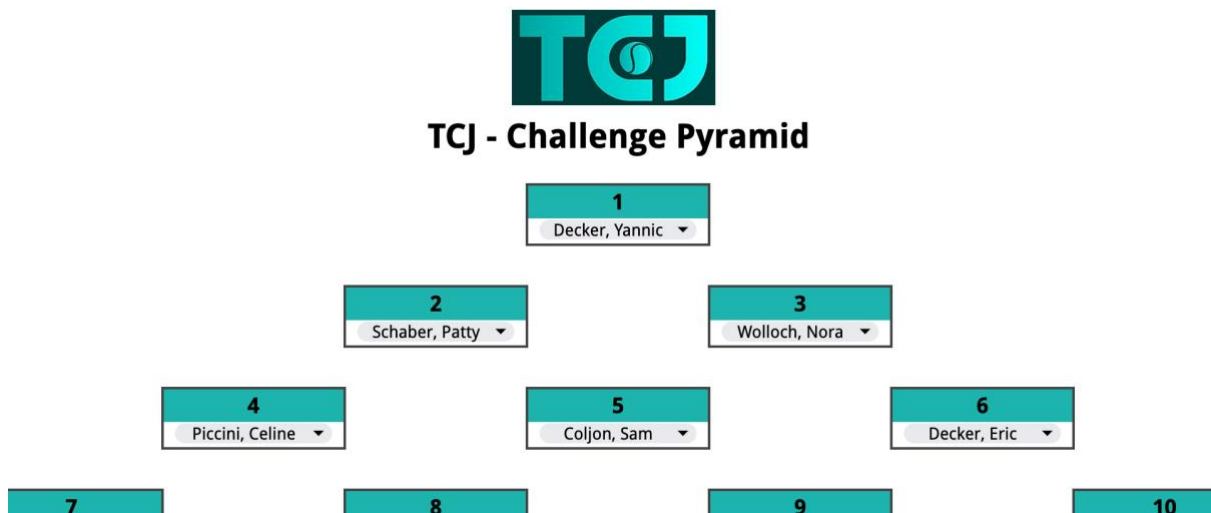
If you want to join the pyramid, just sign up via this [Google form](#) and you will receive all the needed information. Signup is possible continuously throughout the summer.

Tournament period (Summer '24): 01.05.2024 until 30.09.2024

There are prizes to be won:

1. for the player in 1st place of the pyramid at the end of the tournament period
2. for the player with the most games played
3. for the player who has climbed the most places in the pyramid

Example Pyramid Ranking:





Rules for the challenge pyramid

1. Purpose and principles of the ranking system

1.1 The purpose of the ranking list is to provide an opportunity and incentive for all tennis players to compete with others in competitive tennis matches. Naturally, a ranking list cannot always reflect the actual level of performance, because various other factors play a role (e.g. availability, vacation, injuries).

1.2 The highest principle should be "Fair Play!", on the court as well as - especially concerning the challenge rules - off the court!

2. Period and conditions of participation

2.1 The Summer Pyramid will be played from 01.05.2024 until 30.09.2024.

2.2 Every club member from the age of 14 can participate. Prerequisite is the paid membership fee for the season 2024 and a 2024 summer abo.

3. Challenge rules

3.1 The initial pyramid ranking will be created by the club staff, based on feedback from the coaches.

3.2 Who can be challenged? Any player who is in the same row to the left or one row above and to the right of the challenger in the "pyramid" can be challenged (see examples). However, starting from place No. 3, you can challenge any player in front of you.



3.3 The challenge is entered by the challenger in the [Google Table](#) and the challenger must notify the challenged player via SMS/WhatsApp/E-Mail. You can find the preferred contact method The time between challenge date and match should not be more than 14 days.

3.4 The challenger is responsible to arrange an match date with his opponent as soon as possible. The date will be entered in the [Google Table](#).

Pyramid TCJ (Winter 23/24)

to be filled in by the challenger						to be filled in by the winner			
Player 1 (Challenger)			Player 2 (Challenged Player)						
Nr	Date of Challenge	Name (Player 1)	Rank (Player 1)	Name (Player 2)	Rank (Player 2)	Status of Challenge	Date of Match	Winner	Result
1	05.10.2023	Coljon, Sam	7	Delhez, Jil	4	completed	12.10.2023	Delhez, Jil	3:6, 2:6
2	12.10.2023	Grupp, Clemens	14	Groselj, Tadej	12	accepted	15.10.2023	*	*
3	13.10.2023	Piccini, Celine	8	Wolloch, Nora	3	open		*	*
4	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*

3.5 Once a challenge has been made, the challenger and the challenged player may not make or accept another challenge before the match is played.

3.6 Changes in the ranking list due to other ranking list matches played in the meantime have no influence on the existence and execution of a registered match. It is possible, however, that a different ranking place will then be played for.

4. Rules for the challenge match

4.1 The players can decide together whether to book one or two hours, either on the outdoor or the indoor courts. The players book online. **Outdoor:** Both players need to have a summer abo. **Indoor:** Terrains 1-3 are mainly available on Friday evenings, weekends and school vacations. Residents of Junglinster can book on Terrain 4. The price for court rental will be split between the two players. **Remember that you can get a discount of 50€ if you buy a credit of 10 hours for the hall (200€ instead of 250€).**

4.2 The following three match forms are possible, depending on the booked duration. The players will agree on one of the three options.

A) 2 hours booked: Play best-of-three sets (including tie-break), third set champions tie-break.

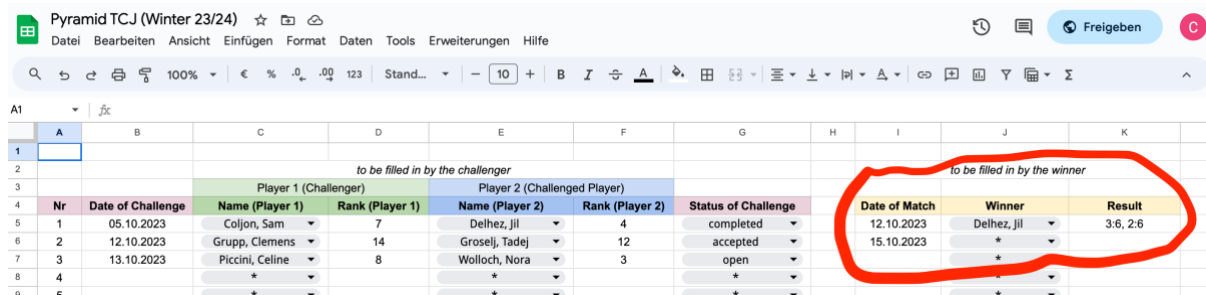
B) 1 hour booked: Play with time-limit: 10min warm-up + 45min playing time + 5min buffer. Normal games are played and counted continuously until the 45 minutes are up. In other words, play a set that does not end at 6. Last game after the 45min is finished. In case of a tie: tie-break.

C) 1 hour booked: Play best-of-three with "short" sets (set only to 4 games, no-ad rule, tie-break at 4:4), third set tie-break to 7.

4.3 The challenger needs to bring four as-good-as-new balls for the challenge match to guarantee good match conditions.

5. After the challenge match

5.1 After the challenge match the result will be entered immediately by the winner in the [Google Table](#). The update of the pyramid will be done regularly by the responsible persons.



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5.2 If the challenger wins, he/she moves to the place of the challenged player. The challenged player falls back one place, all players in between as well.

5.3 If the challenger loses, nothing changes in the ranking, but he/she may only challenge again 7 days after losing the game.

5.4 The winner of a challenge may only be challenged again after 3 days to give him/her the opportunity to make a challenge. Likewise, the loser of a challenge may only challenge again after 7 days, so that there is enough time to be able to accept a challenge himself.

6. Rejection of a challenge

6.1 If a challenged player refuses the game without a valid reason or does not show up at the appointed match time (15min waiting time), the match is considered lost for him/her. If there are repeated problems with a player, the responsible persons should be contacted beforehand in the sense of fair play (see point 8).

6.2 A challenge can be rejected if...

- a) ...the challenged player has to play another game.
- b) ...the challenged person is injured or ill. However, he may not play another challenge match after his recovery, unless the challenger has waived it in the meantime.

6.3 Players who have been taken out of the ranking list due to not having played any challenged matches must re-enter at the end of the ranking list if necessary.

7. New entries in the ranking

7.1 Players interested in the ranking list can "challenge in". For this purpose, a challenge match is arranged with a player already in the ranking list. If this is won by the challenger, the challenger moves up to the place of the loser. All players who are placed behind the challenger in the ranking list also move down one place. If the challenger loses, they must move to the very bottom of the ranking list. The new ranked player must therefore assess for himself against which player he has a realistic chance of winning. New players should contact the responsible person (see point 8).

8. Contact persons

8.1 In case of questions, suggestions or complaints concerning the rules or in case of misunderstandings or disputes, the person responsible for the ranking list: **Clemens Grupp**.

8.2 The person responsible for the ranking list also reserves the right to take measures in case of gross violations of fair play, to warn players and, if necessary, to exclude players from the ranking list.