

*UPC Ladder Rules
(as adapted from NDPC rules)*

All ladder games are played to 12 points (5 players) and 16 points (4 players). No win by 2 points, hard stop at 12 or 16 points. Highest score (max 48 pts) moves up one rung, lowest score moves down each week. Our guiding principle is if you win, you move up a rung and if you have the lowest score, you move down a rung.

• *Ties: If all games have been played for the day and there is a tie between 2 or more players in total points, the following up/down rules will be applied in order:*

- 1) Head-to-head Win and Loss total*
- 2) Head-to-head total points*
- 3) Ranking position within your rung (1-5)*

Example: at the end of play with a group of 5, 2 people were tied for highest score with 40 points. Person A was 2nd in the rung and Person B was 5th in the rung. They played against each other on opposite teams 2 times. Each player won 1 game (A:12-10, B:12-7). So 1-1. The total points for player A was 12+7= 19, Player B was 10+12=22. So player B would move up. If by chance the total points were the exact same, Player A would move up because they were ranked 2nd within the rung.

• *If you are away during a season for 2 or more consecutive weeks- you will be dropped to the bottom of the division you left from. See below for examples. However, on an exception basis, you may have to drop to the division below.*

Examples:

A Division B Division C Division

1st Rung 4th Rung 7th Rung

2nd Rung 5th Rung 8th Rung

3rd Rung 6th Rung 9th Rung

- You are in the 7th rung and away for 2+ weeks. When you return, you will move to the 9th rung.*
- You are in the 1st rung and away for 2+ weeks. When you return, you will be in the 3rd rung.*
- You are in the 6th rung and away for 2+ weeks. You return to the 6th rung.*

• *Playing with a Sub: Another guiding principle is that a player who shows up does not get penalized by another player returning unless you have the lowest in the rung.*

- If a rung can't play without a sub (3 players), no one goes down*
- If the sub has the lowest score with 4 or 5 players, no one goes down*
- If you have the lowest score with a sub and 4 or 5 players, you will go down*

- *At the end of each session (May/June, July/August, September/October), we will evaluate if we need to reset the ladder rankings/rungs based on people returning from extended periods away or joining the ladder for the first time. If nothing has changed, then we will keep the positions as they were.*

- *If a member (new or existing) wants to join the ladder mid-session, and there are spaces available, you may be added as the opportunity arises. The overall objective is to not change the order significantly so you may be added to the bottom of the ladder or be replacing a player with similar skills. If the ladder is full, you will be added to the waiting/substitution list.*

- *Final guiding principle is that the organizers will use their discretion to make the fairest outcome for all.*

- *As always standard rules of etiquette apply.*