

Harlequins challenge and ladder rules – February 2016 (extract from the by-laws)

3. Challenges.

3.1 A member is entitled to challenge up to 4 places above him on the ladder at any time of the year. In all circumstances, a challenge between 2 players further than 4 places apart on the ladder shall be considered null and void.

3.2 It is the responsibility of the challenger to book a court and the challenged player must accept the challenge within 14 days.

3.3 A challenge will be decided out of the best of 5 games. A rematch must be played within 1 week in the case of an uncompleted match.

3.4 A player who fails to accept 2 consecutive challenges will forfeit the position to the challenger and may be liable to be given ladder leave and have his/her name removed from the ladder for a period determined by the committee. The position returned to after the ladder leave will be determined by the committee.

3.5 If a player loses a challenge, the loser must wait for 2 weeks before re-challenging the same player.

3.6 When a challenger wins a challenge, the loser and all players below him/her move down 1 position, with the challenger assuming the ladder position of the loser.

3.7 A new member has 2 free challenges i.e. may challenge a player anywhere on the ladder.

3.8 The challenge and the result must be recorded on the challenge sheet on the notice board immediately after the match is completed. In the event of a successful challenge, the Chairmen must be notified.

4. Ladder rules.

4.1 League teams are chosen according to the ladder. Only members who are available for league are represented on the ladder. Members who are able to help out on an *ad hoc* basis are listed as additional players.

4.2 The order of the ladder may be altered by:

4.2.1 the result of a challenge match.

4.2.2 a player removing his/her name from the ladder.

4.2.3 action by the committee.

4.3 After the pre-season tournament, the committee may reconfigure the ladder according to league/championship/tournament match results.