



Mini Red Tennis Guide

Thank you for volunteering to score matches at an upcoming tournament. This guide is created for parents and supporters to understand how to score matches. This helps Mini Red players increase their enjoyment of competitive tennis and learn the rules of tennis as well.

Parents / helpers scoring Mini Tennis matches should try and create a relaxed and encouraging environment. There are many rules in tennis and Mini Tennis is a great way to introduce players to the rules of the game. As a scorer you should apply these rules in an encouraging way.

Here is a photo of the back of a tennis court converted for Mini Red tennis. Lines should separate the centre of the Mini Red Court and also be in place to complete the side lines. It is usual to use either throw down lines (yellow or orange) or masking tape to complete the Mini Court lines. The Court has a special lower height net as well.



Players should warm up before a game by hitting to each other and practicing their serve. For a first match, 5 minutes warm is appropriate, thereafter 2 minutes would be fine.

After spin, player can choose ends, or to serve, or to receive

Players should start serve from behind the base line, serves have to be diagonal and be placed into the service box, see diagram overleaf.

Serves can be over-arm or under-arm (with or without a bounce). Coaches encourage players not to bounce the ball before serving, but this is not a rule we enforce. Players have a first serve and a second serve. Encroachment into the court on serve should be discouraged but not penalised. After serve, play in the full court (including back tramlines)

The court for singles play is the same as for doubles play in this type of Mini Red court.

The score-sheets provided are a memory aid and do not have the complexity of the adult score-cards, but also don't provide added information about current server etc. If you don't have a score-sheet, using a bit of paper or just remembering the score is also fine.

Ideally the first server serves for one point to the right court. Thereafter each player serves for two points, one to each side of the court. Players should change ends every 6 points (or when you remember!)

Scorers should help children with positions on court to serve and receive and call the lines. REMEMBER MINI TENNIS IS ABOUT ENCOURAGING PLAYERS. Please be strong enough to stop children from calling balls out which are in, and from arguing with each other, or you the scorer. If this occurs, please contact the referee straight away.

Matches are first to 10 points, but players need to win by two clear points. So scores could be for example 10-1, 10-8, 12-10, 22-20 etc.

At the end of the match, please make sure the children shake hands.

Please hand in score sheets (or tell the referee the result)

