

# TENNIS

## SCORING:

### A. *Game Points:*

1. 0 points is love  
1 points is 15  
2 points is 30  
3 points is 40  
4 points is game
2. A score of 40-40 is called “deuce”.
3. The point following deuce is either “advantage server” (ad-in) or “advantage receiver” (ad-out)
4. The next point is either “game” or “deuce” depending on whether the same or the opposing team makes the point. Two consecutive points after deuce are needed to win a game.

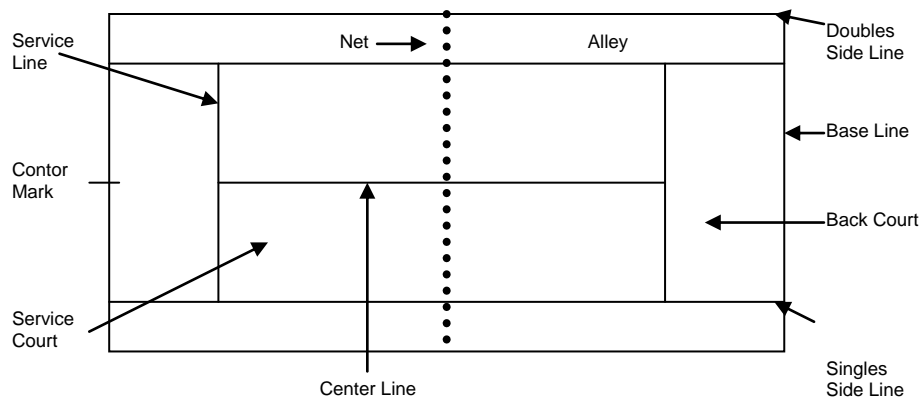
### B. *Set:*

1. A set is complete when either team wins six games with at least a two game lead. Example: 6-0, 6-4
2. If the games are tied 5-5, a two game lead is necessary in order to win. Example: 7-5, 9-7

### C. *Match:*

1. A women’s match consists of three sets. If one team wins the first two sets, then the third set is not played.
2. A men’s match consists of five sets. If one team wins the first three sets, then the remaining sets are not played.

### D. *Court:*



### **SERVING RULES:**

- A. The server must have both feet behind the base line and between the sideline and the center mark, when ball is hit.
- B. The server must maintain contact with the court during the execution of the serve.
- C. The ball must be hit before it bounces.
- D. The serve must land in the service court diagonally opposite the server.
- E. If the server fails to land the ball in the correct service court, or if the server commits any other violation, a “fault” is called. The server is allowed one more service attempt. If this second attempt is also a fault, (“double fault”) the receiver wins the point.
- F. The player’s turn of service must be started from the right-hand court. The player alternates sides of the court after each point.
- G. The same player continues to serve until the game is completed. A member of the opposing team serves the next game.
- H. A “let” serve is one which hits the top of the net and lands in the correct court. It is re-served without penalty.
- I. If a player swings and misses the ball when attempting to serve, a “fault” has been committed.
- J. The first point is served from the right side of the court; the second point from the left side of the court. The total number of points played indicates the side of the court from which to serve: even from the right and odd from the left.  
Examples: 15-0, 1 point – serve from the left. 15-40, 4 points – serve from the right.

### **PLAYING RULES**

- A. A point is scored by the opposing team whenever a player:
  - 1. Fails to return the ball into the court
  - 2. Commits a double fault
  - 3. Allows the ball to bounce more than once before hitting it
  - 4. Is hit by the ball
  - 5. Touches the net while the ball is in play
- B. A ball falling on a line is regarded as falling in the court, which is bounded by the line.
- C. A ball that strikes the net and lands in the court continues in play.

- D. The ball may be “volleyed”, that is hit before it bounces.
- E. When playing a set, the teams change ends of the court at the end of each game.

### **TERMINOLOGY**

- ACE: A ball on the serve or played in a rally in such a manner that the opponent cannot reach it.
- FAULT: A ball served which does not enter the proper service court or is incorrectly served.
- LET: A ball which touches the net on the service and falls into the proper court. Any stroke which does not count and may be played over.
- RALLY: A series of legal returns from both sides.
- VOLLEY: The ball is hit before it bounces.

### **TENNIS ETIQUETTE:**

- A. When your ball goes into another busy court, wait until the players have finished a point. Then ask politely for the ball by saying: “Thank you, Court No. 1” (or whatever court number it is).
- B. When you return someone else’s ball which has landed in your court, toss or roll it back to the player asking for it.
- C. If you have interference, or if there is any question as to whether a ball was in or out of bounds, then play the point over.
- D. Remember to spin the racket for first serve and choice of court.
- E. Before serving, be sure to ask if the receiver is ready or not.

### ***PADDLE TENNIS***

The rules are the same as in TENNIS, except for the following:

- A. One underhand serve is allowed, not two. If the service is a “fault”, then the server loses the point.
- B. A service shall be deemed to be overhand if the ball at the instant of being struck is higher than the server’s waist.