

Tennis

“Tennis Match”

A women’s tennis match is won by winning 2 out of 3 **sets** against the same opponent.

A men’s tennis match is won by winning 3 out of 5 **sets** against the same opponent.

“Set”

A set is won by being the first player/team to win 6 games.

“Game”

A game is won by scoring 4 points (winning by 2). A point is earned if the opponent fails to legally return the ball.

The opposing player/team is awarded a point if:

- The ball bounces more than once before it is returned.
- The ball does not clear the net (go over)
- The ball does not stay inbounds (a ball landing on a line is “in.”)
- The player touches the ball with anything other than the racket while in play.

Scoring:

Zero (Love), 15, 30, 40, game won

- If a game is tied at 40-40 it is called “Deuce”
- The next point scored gives them the “Advantage”
- If they win the 2nd point in a row, they win the Game.
 - If the opposing team wins the 2nd point after “Deuce,” the score returns to Deuce and again a team must win by scoring twice in a row.
- Always announce the Serving Teams’ score 1st

Serving:

One player from a doubles’ team serves for the **entire** game. During the 2nd game, a player from the opposing team will then serve for the **entire** game. During the 3rd game, the player who has not served from the 1st serving team will now serve.

Technique

- The ball must be tossed over head and struck over head w/the racket.
- The server must strike the ball behind the baseline w/o touching it.
- The ball must land in the service court **DIAGONAL** from the serve.
 - “**FAULT**” -- If the ball does not land on or within the diagonal service court OR if the server steps on or over the baseline OR outside the serving area on the sides, a “Fault” is called. The server is allowed a 2nd attempt.
 - Announce the 2nd serve and continue.
 - If the 2nd attempt is also a fault (called “double fault”) and the opposing team is awarded the point.