



The Game of TENNIS

Tennis

- The Game: Tennis is an individual racket sport played on a court divided by a 3' net.
- A person can play singles or with a partner (doubles).
- The object of the game is to score the most points.

Scoring

- When someone fouls or faults, the opposite person(s) get a point.
- The scoring of points is unique in tennis.

SCORING

- Nothing or zero = Love .
- One (1) point = fifteen.
- Two (2) points = thirty.
- Three (3) points = forty.
- Four (4) points = Game if the player is 2 points ahead.
- A tied game at 40-40 = deuce.

Scoring continued

● If the server wins the next point after deuce, the score is advantage-in or ad-in

● If the next point is also won by the server, it is the Game to the server.

● If the receiver wins the point after deuce, the score is advantage-out or ad-out.

● If , however, the point after ad-out is won by the serving team, the game is again deuce.

Scoring continued

- The playing of tennis does not stop at games but continues for sets.
- A set is 6 games won by a person or team and must be ahead by 2 games.
- A match consists of 2 out of 3 sets.

Service

- Each point begins with a service.
- The server must toss the ball into the air and hit it diagonally across the net into the opposite service court.
- Stand behind the baseline. (If you step on the end line, it is a *foot fault*.)
- Stand either right or left of the center mark. (to the alley is allowed)

Remember as a server...

- First point is always from the right of the center mark to the right service court across the net. (as a receiver sees it- left of the receiver's alley)
- Alternate courts throughout the game.
- Serve the entire game.
- Call out the score with own score first.

Remember as a server...

- Receiver must be ready before the serve is served.
- The server has two tries to get the ball into the correct court. A poor toss doesn't count as a serve.
- If the ball hits the net but lands into the correct court, a let is called and the ball is reserved.
- Every odd game, players switch side of court.

Playing

- In a double's game, the players serve in rotation, one partner, then an opponent, the other partner and then the other opponent.
- This rotation is kept throughout.
- Service is the same for singles.
- Each person serves an entire game.

Remember as a player...

- May return the ball on a bounce or a volley.
- Lines are in.
- The alley is used only in the doubles game.
- May not touch the net or reach over to play a ball.
- If you fail to return the ball over the net and into the opponent's court, it is a point for the opponents.
- Do not catch a ball and then call it out.
- Do not allow the ball to bounce twice.

Remember as a player...

- Do not touch the net with the racket or body.
- Play a good game, always call the out balls.
(don't play them)
- Follow good tennis etiquette:
 - No foul language on the court
 - Assist in getting others' tennis balls back to them between points when possible
 - Pick up trash and balls off the court before and after play

Terminology

- **Ace** - good service where opponent cannot touch the ball.
- **Backhand**- stroke used to hit the ball on the left side of a right-handed person and on the right of the left-handed person.
- **Baseline game**- player stays on or near the baseline when playing, seldom coming to the net.

Terminology

- **Break service**- phrase indicating that the receiver has won a game that his/her opponent served.
- **Cross court**- a ball hit diagonally from one corner across the net to the other corner.
- **Deep**- a shot that lands near the baseline.
- **Down the line**- a ball driven parallel and close to the side line.

Terminology

- **Drive**- shot hit hard and close to the net landing deep in back court.
- **Drop shot**- a deceptive shot in which the ball just clears the net.
- Forehand- stroke used to hit balls on the right side of a right hander and on the left side of a left hander.

Terminology

- **Ground stroke**- any stroke taken after the ball has bounced.
- **Hold service**- winning the game when you are serving.
- **Lob**- a high arching shot that lands near the baseline.
- **Long**- a shot that lands beyond the baseline outside the court.

Terminology

- **Love Game**- a game in which the loser has not won a point.
- **Match Point**- Point, if won, that allows a player to win the match.
- **Mixed doubles**- A man and woman are partners on each side of the net.
- **Net Game**- Type of play in which the player gets to the net as soon as possible to volley.

Terminology

- **Pass**- Shot going to either side of an opponent near the net out of their reach.
- **Placement**- Shot placed accurately out of reach of the opponent.
- **Poaching**- Shot placed accurately out of reach of the opponent.
- **Rally**- Continued play between the serve and the winning of the point.

Terminology

- **Smash**- A hard and fast downward shot made with an overhead stroke.
- **Set Point**- Point that, if won, allows a player to win the set.
- **Volley**- Stroke used to hit the ball before it has bounced.
- **Wide**- Shot that lands beyond the sidelines outside the court.

Any Questions?

- If you are ready to go on... proceed to your computer and log on to:
- Google Search: Tennis
- From there: pick any tennis site and answer the following questions from your quizlab email:
 - Who is the top male & female singles players? Give a brief autobiography on each.
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 - Who won these events for men and women last year?

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