

2019  
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GAMES

# Year 3/4 Mini Tennis

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Venue TBC

## Competition Pathway

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### SGO Area Events

Open to all schools in the area/borough with the top 2 schools from each borough being invited to the School Games County Final.

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### Greater Manchester School Games County Final

This stage is organised by the LTA and comprises of 20 schools representing the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester.

NB. An athlete can only represent their school in one event at the Greater Manchester School Games County Finals

## Teams

Players must be from year 3 and/or year 4.  
Teams must consist of 4 players, 2 girls and 2 boys.  
The boys and girls should both be ranked #1 and #2, but this doesn't need to be publicised to the players.

## Equipment

Red sponge ball.  
11m x 5.5m court.  
80cm high net.  
Rackets 43cm - 58cm (no longer than 23" in length).

## Competition Format

At SGO Area/Borough level, local organisers will decide on the format i.e. 'home & away' leagues, central venue festivals.

A 'Round Robin Box' format is the most appropriate and popular way of organising a mini tennis schools competition.

All matches will be singles – one 'match' (School v School) will consist of 4 fixtures:

Player #1 Boy v	Player #1 Boy
Player #2 Boy v	Player #2 Boy
Player #1 Girl v	Player #1 Girl
Player #2 Girl v	Player #1 Girl

## Rules

Mini Tennis Scoring does not use traditional tennis scoring i.e. 15, 30, 40 etc. Instead, simple numbered scoring is used, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. Several scoring options can be adopted for competitions:

### 'First to 10'

This is called a Match Tie Break. A benefit of this option is that it is most realistic to a real match situation. On average, a Match Tie Break (with 1 or 2 point clear gap) takes 10 minutes to play.

### 'Timed'

Players play for a set period of time, until the whistle blows. The length of matches depends on time available and amount of entries. A benefit of this option is that you can plan exactly how long matches will last and therefore, the overall time your competition will take.

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## Playing the Game

The serve is decided by a 'toss' at the start of the match.

The nominated person serves for the first point. Serving then alternates every 2 points.

When serving, players should stand behind the baseline.

When serving, the ball must not be bounced before being hit.

The serve can be hit over arm or under arm.

Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box.

The player loses a point if:

The ball bounces out the court.

The ball bounces more than once.

The ball fails to go over the net.

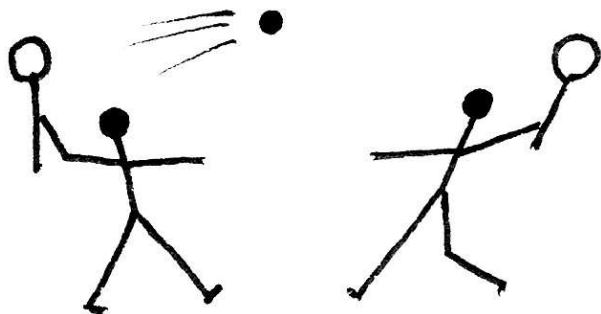
It is advised that each court should have an umpire who calls out the scores and helps out with decisions. Tennis leaders can be used here.

## Fair Play

The ideals of good sportsmanship and respect should permeate throughout all competitive and recreational sport. They are displayed by someone who abides by the rules of a contest, respects their opponents and accepts victory or defeat graciously.

## Entry deadline Friday 14th June

If you enter past this deadline your school will not appear in pre-press material



## Health and Safety

Before all matches this must be read and adhered to: Players can't play if they are barefoot or in unsuitable footwear.

Long hair must be tied up.

No jewellery to be worn.

All loose clothing must be tucked in and shoelaces tied.

No chewing gum or sweets.

Players should bring plenty of drinks.

Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shin guards must be covered entirely by socks.

All players are advised to warm up appropriately before each match.

Medical supplies that players may need should be brought with them on the day i.e. asthma inhalers.

All team teachers must ensure their pupils are under adult supervision at all times, even when playing.

Please ensure students have been briefed on health and safety.



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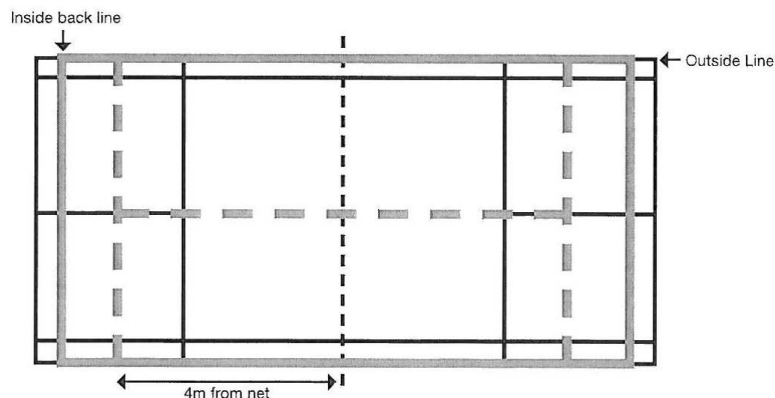
## Court - Modified Badminton Court

The dimensions of a badminton court are 11.88m x 6.10m. To adapt a badminton court for mini tennis competition you should use the following boundaries:

Length = inside back line as baseline.

Width = outside lines as sidelines.

Service box use = use throw down lines to add service lines 4m from the net, extend existing centre line to the net.



## Court - Red Courts Using the Length of 1 Standard Tennis Court

Using this option makes use of existing on lines of standard tennis court; however additional lines are required to fully mark out the Mini Tennis Red Courts. These lines can be 'throw down' lines, or depending

