



Short Tennis Tournament

MEMBER OF STAFF IN CHARGE: P. Gwynn

VENUE: St. Margaret's Primary School

AGE GROUP: Years 3 / 4

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER TEAM: 4

Equipment needed:

Results Sheets

Whistles

Nets

Red / Orange balls

Player Kit Requirements:

Racket per player

Preferred number of leaders required: 4

Rules:

Teams should be mixed and made up of 4 players. (2 boys / 2 girls).

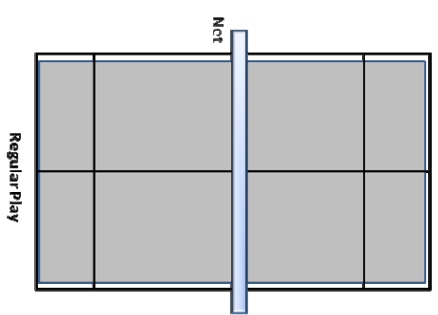
There will be a round of singles matches followed by doubles.

Players must be seeded in order of ability from 1 – 4.

All number one seeds will play each other, all number 2 seeds will play each other, etc...

Courts can be drawn out with chalk or marked with cones.

Dimensions: 6Metres X 12 Metres



Matches are first to 15 points, but players need to win by two clear points. (e.g. Scores could be for example 15-1, 15-8, 15-10, 22-20 etc...)

Teams score one point if they win for their school.

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

Matches will be singles followed by doubles.

Players should bring their own rackets.

Compression balls will be used.

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Serve

- Each player gets two underarm serves at a time, the first from the right side of the court & the second from the left.
- Servers stand behind the back boundary line of the service box, bounce the ball once and hit it at a point below their waists (underarm hit).
- The ball must land in the service box diagonally across the net.
- After taking 2 serves, the opposing pair take their turn to serve .The opposing player then serves **two times** in the same manner.
- Unlike in regular tennis, servers only get one serve to make it into the service box. If the serve hits the net and goes in, it is a “let” and must be served again. If it goes out, the server loses the point.

Rallies

- After the initial serve, the rest of the play is much like in tennis. The ball may land anywhere within either service box. It cannot go past the boxes or into the doubles alleys. If it hits a line, it is good.
- Unlike tennis, a ball **cannot be hit with an overhead swing** and must be allowed to bounce once before being returned. No volleys are allowed.
- The rally is played until a ball is hit out or not legally returned.

Scoring

- The game is similar to table tennis in scoring.
- Every serve scores a point, whether for the server or their opponent.
- Games are played to 15, but a player must have a two point advantage to win.
- Play continues back and forth, with each player serving two times in a row, until one pair gains a two point lead.

The tournament will be played as a round robin tournament with pairs in each group playing all others. Results will be calculated in a league table. (1 point per win)
 The points totals of both singles and pairs from each school will be added to get a final total.



Olympic Mini Tennis Scoresheet

Seeding Group:

Match No.

- Each player has two serves before the serve swaps to the other team.
- Serve must be underarm and hit diagonally across the court.
- No volleys allowed – ball must bounce.
- No overarm hitting allowed.
- Compression ball used.

School:	Vs	School:
1		1
2		2
3		3
4		4
5		5
6		6
7		7
8		8
9		9
10		10
11		11
12		12
13		13
14		14
15		15
Pairs must win by 2 clear points		
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25		16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25