» Suggested Rules Tennis

Tennis can be played as 'Singles' (between 2 players) or 'Doubles' (between 4 players)

» Opponents stand on opposite sides of the court. The player who delivers the ball to start the point is called the server. The player who stands opposite and cross-court from the **server** is the receiver.

» The server shall stand behind the baseline on the deuce (right) court. All even points are played from the deuce court and odd number points played from the advantage (left) court. Serves are made from the deuce court to the opponent's service box on the deuce court. Advantage court to advantage box. If the server misses his target twice, he loses the point. If the ball hits the net and goes in the correct service box, another serve is granted.

» The receiver is deemed ready if an attempt is made to return the server's ball. The receiver can stand where he likes but must let the ball bounce in the service box. If the ball does not land in the service box, it is deemed a fault and a second serve is given. If the ball is hit by either opponent before the ball bounces, the server wins the point.

» The server always calls his score first. If the server wins the first point, he gets a score of **15**. Scoring is done like a clock. **Love** means **zero** in tennis. The second point is called **30.** The third point is called 45 (now-a-days known as **40**) and game is won when the score goes back to love. If the score is **40-40**, also known as deuce, one side must win by two points. **Advantage-In** means if the server wins the next point, he wins the game. **Advantage-Out** means the receiver has a chance to win the game on the next point.

» If the ball goes into the net, or outside the boundaries of the court, the player who hit that ball loses the point. If the ball hits the net during the point and goes into the opponent's court, the ball is in play.

» After the game, the opponents serve. Games equal 1. The first to win 6 games,(or a number as determined by organisers) by two, wins the set or match (if only playing one set).

The above rules are purely as a guideline. Amend, omit and add to as appropriate.