

BASIC RULES OF TENNIS

1. Serving:

- The server must stand behind the baseline and between the center mark and sideline.
- The serve must be hit into the diagonal service box.
- The server gets two attempts to make a valid serve. If both attempts fail (a double fault), the opponent wins the point.
- If the serve touches the net but lands in the correct service box, it is called a "let" and the serve is retaken without penalty.

2. Scoring Points:

- Points are scored when a player fails to return the ball within the court boundaries.
- Points can also be won if the opponent hits the ball into the net or out of bounds.

3. Ball Hits the Line:

- If the ball lands on any part of the line, it is considered in.

4. Touching the Net:

- Players must not touch the net or cross onto the opponent's side of the court during play. Doing so results in the loss of the point.

5. Returning the Ball:

- Players must hit the ball before it bounces twice on their side of the court.
- Players must wait for the ball to pass the net before hitting it.

6. Player Conduct

- Players should respect their opponent and officials, maintaining sportsmanship at all times.