How to Set Up 
Mini Tennis Courts (4a.1)

Mini Tennis uses specially adapted courts and equipment to help children learn and enjoy playing in a format that is appropriate for their size and ability. This standardisation also makes it possible for coaches, players, parents and other clubs to easily identify the tennis pathway including ability levels of players.

There are different options for setting up courts depending on the type of activity (i.e. lesson, practice or competition) and what space is available. This resource provides options specifically for Mini Tennis Red, Orange and Green competition.

If you don’t have access to a sports hall with badminton courts marked out, or tennis courts which you can adapt – please contact your local Tennis Development Manager, who will be happy to advise on how you can set up courts in spaces such as playgrounds, halls, etc.

**Mini Tennis Red**

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<tr>
<th>Ball:</th>
<th>RED (sponge indoor, felt outdoor)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Court:</td>
<td>11m x 5.5m (OK to use badminton court lines)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Height:</td>
<td>80cm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recommended Racket Size:</td>
<td>43cm - 58cm (17” - 23”)</td>
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**Option 1: A 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 the sidelines
- Service boxes = use ‘throw down’ lines to add service lines 4m from the net, extend existing centre line to the net

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*Image of a modified badminton court layout*
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**Option 2: Two Red courts using the length of one standard tennis court**

Using this option makes use of existing lines on the standard tennis court, however additional lines are required to fully mark out the Mini Tennis Red Courts.

These additional lines can be marked using ‘throw down’ lines, or depending on the surface being used, masking/gaffer tape is also useful to create the additional lines required.

**Option 3: Four Red courts using length of one standard tennis court**

Using this option makes use of existing lines on the standard tennis court, however additional lines are required to fully mark out the Mini Tennis Red Courts.

These additional lines can be marked using ‘throw down’ lines, or depending on the surface being used, masking/gaffer tape is also useful to create the additional lines required.

Net of traditional court - some local competition organisers keep this up to act as a divide between the two mini-tennis courts. Others prefer to take it down as it can get in the way of play. A risk assessment is included in this toolkit to help make these local calls.
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Mini Tennis Orange

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<th>Ball:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Court:</td>
<td>Singles: 18m X 6.5m</td>
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<td>Doubles Court: 18m X 8.23</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Height:</td>
<td>80cm (at middle of net)</td>
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<td>Recommended Racket Size:</td>
<td>58cm - 63cm (23” - 25”)</td>
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Option

- For competition, the full Orange court is set up on one regulation court.
- Throw down lines should be used to mark out the length and width.
- Service boxes remain the same, the net is lowered to 80cm (31.5 inches).
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Mini Tennis Green

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<th>Ball:</th>
<th>Green</th>
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| Court:           | Singles – full regulation court  
|                  | Doubles – full regulation court  
| Net Height:      | Full as per regulation court  
| Recommended Racket Size: | 63cm - 66cm (25” - 26”)  

Option

- For Mini Tennis Green, the full regulation court is used.