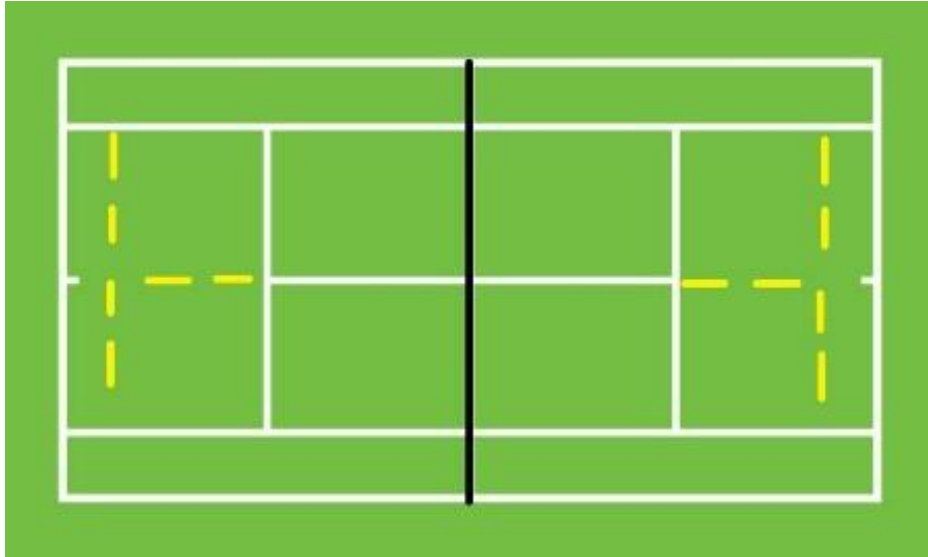


# **Orange Ball Tennis**

## **Tournament layout**



## **Teams**

- Each team consist of 4 players (2 boys and 2 girls from year 5 and/or 6)
- Each match will consist of 4 separate rubbers (Boy 1 v Boy 1, Boys 2 v Boy 2, Girl 1 v Girl 1, Girl 2 v Girl 2)
- Players should be numbered 1 and 2 – with highest ability as number 1
- Schools asked to provide labels for their teams.

## **Equipment**

Orange ball tennis balls

Rackets should be 23" to 25" in length

## **Starting the match**

The first team on court will take the first serve and be instructed by the leaders.

## **Serving**

- Students cannot bounce and hit the ball
- Serves can be underarm or overarm
- Serves must be taken behind the baseline – both players must be behind their baseline
- Two service faults = double fault and loss of the point
- In returning the serve, the ball must bounce

Players get two serving chances

- Do the action but miss the ball, this is a service fault
- If the ball hits the net, this is a 'let' and students take their next serve

## **Rules during the game**

- First serve for the first point, it then alternates every 2 points
- If the ball hits the net during the game and goes in during a rally, play continues.
- Touching the net with the racket is not allowed
- If the ball hits the player, the opponent wins the point
- Play the point again if another ball or player interferes with the game.
- Once the rubber has commenced, there may be no substitution even in the case of injury. However, a like-for-like reserve can be fielded for subsequent match

## **Scoring**

- Simple numbered scoring (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Players play each rubber for a set amount of time until the bell is rung (decided by BPSS)
- If the rubber ends on a draw when the bell rings, a further deciding point will be played
- Leaders will be there to support, players should be self-scoring
- At the end of each rubber, the final score entered will be: 4-0, 3-1, 22