

Tennis Knowledge organiser

Big idea: Outwitting an opponent as an individual



History of Tennis

Historians believe that the game originated in 12th century northern France, where a ball was struck with the palm of the hand. Louis X of France was a keen of *jeu de paume* ("game of the palm"), which evolved into real tennis, and the first person to construct indoor tennis courts in the modern style.

Tennis is a racket sport that can be played individually against a single opponent (singles) or between two teams of two players each (doubles). Each player uses a tennis racket and you hit a rubber ball over a net and into the opponent's court. The object of the game is to hit the ball in such a way that the opponent is not able to play a valid return. The player who is unable to return the ball will not gain a point, while the opposite player will.

Keywords

Serve
Rally
Ace
Advantage
Forehand
Backhand

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Game
Point
Match point
Backhand
Forehand

Big Tournaments and winners

Male : Current world number one is Novak Djokovic
Female: Current number one is Ashleigh A. Barty – Australia

Tournament	Month	Country
Australian Open	January	Australia
French Open	May – June	France
Wimbledon	June – July	United Kingdom
US Open	August – September	United States

Scoring

A tennis match is composed of points, games, and sets.

A game is won by the first side having won at least four points with a margin of two points or more over their opponent.

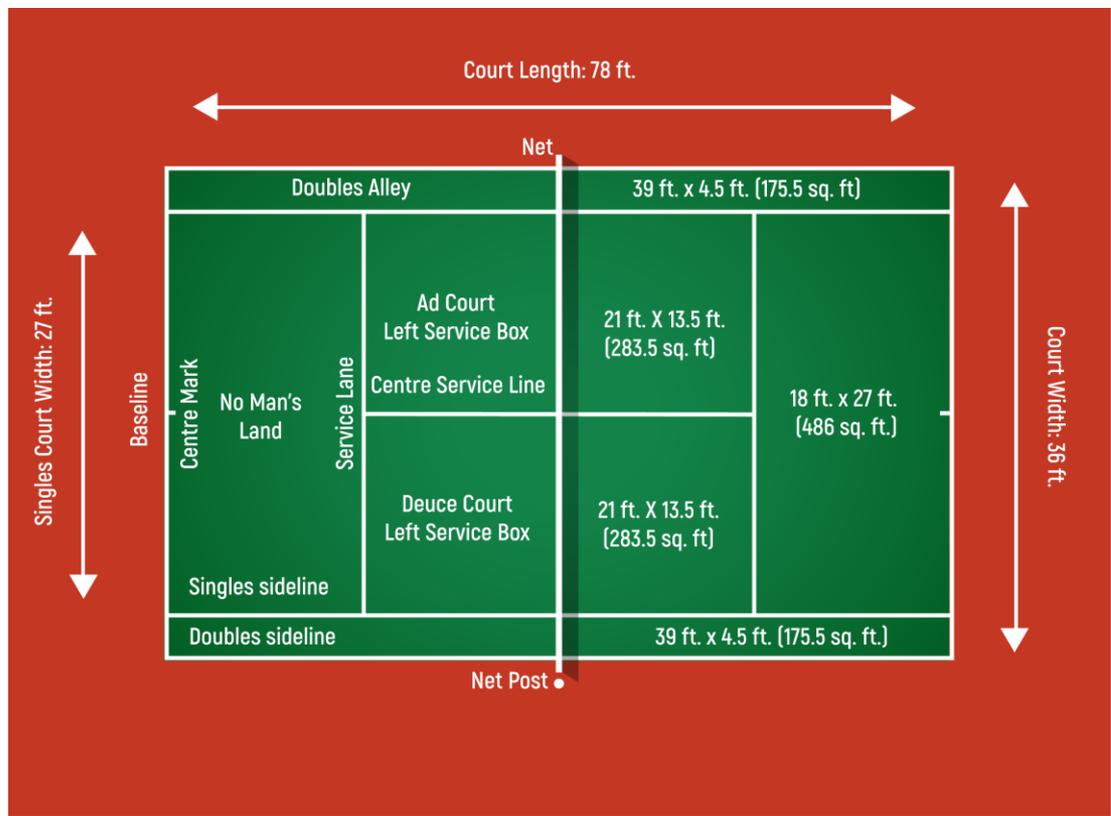
A set is won by the first side to win 6 games, with a margin of at least 2 games over the other side (e.g. 6–3 or 7–5).

If the set is tied at six games each, a tie-break is usually played to decide the set.

Women play the best of 3 sets.

Men the best of 5 sets.

Court Markings



Number of points won	Corresponding call
0	"love"
1	"15"
2	"30"
3	"40"
4	Game

Umpiring Calls