

Court Monitors

- Parents will serve as court monitors. If at all possible, please try **not** to monitor your own children.
- Each court will have at least one monitor, two at the most. Teams can decide at their matches how they would like to work this out.
- Monitors should be familiar with tennis rules and scoring and remain “team neutral”, helping both teams with scoring, encouragement, etc.
- Monitors will:
 - Guide players on how to spin the racquet. They will most likely know how to do it already, but help them if there is any confusion.
 - Help players keep up with the score. Please remind them if they forget. You can also correct them if the wrong score is called out.
 - Players should call their own lines. **Kids will not always make the right call.** They will play out balls as good and may call in balls out. Use this as a teaching opportunity during the match. Ask the child where the ball bounced and use this as a teaching moment in making the correct call. If there are many bad calls by a player, please notify the team captain so they may speak to that player.
 - It is the responsibility of the player that hits a double bounce to call it. Court monitors should help players to call a double bounce if the children do not call it themselves.
- Remember that this is 10 and Under Tennis and is supposed to be a fun, learning, supportive experience for the kids. We want them to be players for life and by making it fun for them we can encourage them to continue with the sport.

Courts, Balls & Scoring

- **8 & Under:**
 - Court Size: 36' x 18', 2'9" Net Height, up to 23" Racquet
 - Red Low Compression Ball, 4's and 5's may use foam ball if needed (must be agreed upon by both team managers)
 - **Format:** 4 singles followed by 1 doubles. A player may play one singles match in addition to one doubles match.
 - **The Serve:** Overhand, underhand or bounce serve. Ball can be tossed in if child is having trouble serving.
 - **Scoring:** Best of 3 games. First to win 7 points wins the game. First to win 2 games wins the match. Third set will be scored as 1-0 on the scorecard. **Change sides after each game.**
 - Before the match starts and after the racquet spin, have the children pick which side of the net will be theirs (left or right).
 - To help the children keep track of the score, monitors will give a clothespin to the player that wins the point. The player will then place the pin on “their” side of the net after they win a point.
 - At the end of each set take the pins down and start fresh with the next set. You can leave a clothespin on the net to signify the winning of the set.