

GSTA 2025-26 TENNIS HOT SHOTS ORANGE BALL MATCH RULES

WHAT IS TENNIS HOT SHOTS MATCH PLAY

Hot Shots Match Play provides children the opportunity to play in a structured competition while still using the modified ball, court and equipment. Hot Shots Match Play focuses on creating a great first time playing experience for kids who are early in their journey of competition play.

LEAGUE DETAILS

Team make up and match formats

- Teams will be made up of **three players** each week
- Each player will play one singles match and two doubles matches each week
- Each round will be a first to 4 game set (no tiebreaker)
 - **No AD scoring** (at deuce "next point wins" point is played on the deuce side)
- For both doubles and singles matches, players may serve into the normal size service box to start the point

Order of Play

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1	1 v 1
1	2 & 3 v 2 & 3
2	2 v 2
2	1 & 3 v 1 & 3
3	3 v 3
3	1 & 2 v 1 & 2

Requirement of clubs

- Set up courts

Balls

- For each match a team should have no more than 4 'Orange' balls on court.

Serving

- Players are allowed 2 attempts to serve. The first serve should be overhead, and the second serve may be a drop hit serve.

COURT SET UP

For clubs that do not have blended lines, please read instructions below on court set up for both doubles and singles matches. Please note a doubles court and singles court are different, so it is important that the correct court set up is followed for consistency every match.

Doubles Court

Drop down lines are needed for the base line only - measure 270cm from the outer edge of the standard court baseline to the outer edge of the drop down line. Position lines accordingly. The standard singles sideline becomes the doubles sideline. The full standard service box/square is used for serving.

Singles Court (refer picture below)

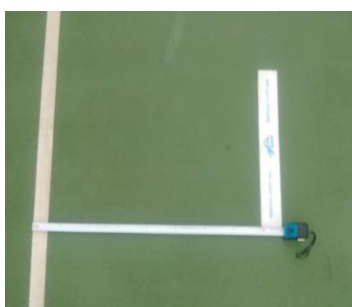
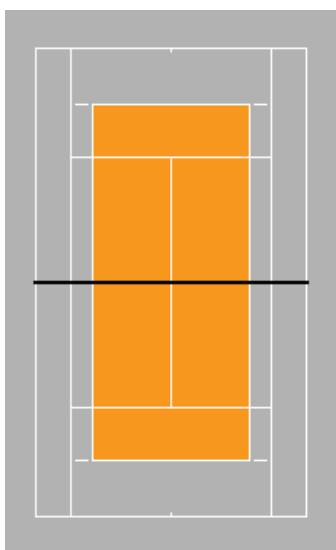
For the baseline, measure 270cm from the outer edge of the main baseline as per the doubles court set up.

Using a tape measure, measure 86cm from sidelines starting at the outside of the inner tramline (singles court). Place drop down lines on both sides of the singles court (refer to orange court picture below).

The full standard service box/square is used for serving.

Net Height

The net should be lowered to 80cm.



SUPPORT FROM PARENTS

- Parents are asked to attend each match and support with court set up, on court scoring and score entry through League Manager
- While matches are in progress, parents who are helping with scoring or ball pick up are only allowed on court, all other parents and children must be off court
- For parents on court helping must be on the sidelines, no parents should be behind the baseline
- **Each team is required to have one appointed Team Manager**