

touchtennis events

Key differences to Lawn Tennis.

	Lawn Tennis	touchtennis
Ball	Standard yellow felt ball.	Slazenger 8cm foam ball
Court	23.77m x 8.23m (singles) 23.77m x 10.97m (doubles)	12m x 5m (singles) 12m x 6m (doubles)
Racket	Standard tennis racket (maximum 29 inches).	Short tennis racket (must be between 20.8 inches and 21.5 inches. Maximum head size: 107 square inches.
Warm-Up.	5 minutes before each match.	3 minutes before a player's first match of the day ONLY.
Number of serves	Two	One
"No service let" rule	No	Yes
Underarm serving	Permitted	NOT permitted.
Server ball toss	Player may let the ball drop and try again.	Player MUST hit the ball on the first attempt.
Sudden death deuce (receiver chooses the side for the final point).	Sometimes	Always
<u>Singles</u> Tie-Break	First to 7 points with a lead of two. Players change ends after every 6 points.	First to <u>5</u> points with a lead of two. Players change ends after every <u>4</u> points.
A player's racket flies from his/her hand, hits the ball which goes over the net into play.	Illegal shot.	Permitted as long as the racket does not touch the net or the opponent's side of the court.
A serve hits the receiver (without bouncing first)	Server wins the point.	Server loses the point (unless the receiver is touching any part of the area bounded by the service box).
Player "A" hits the ball which strikes his/her opponent (Player "B") who is standing wholly outside the court.	Player "A" wins the point.	Player "B" wins the point.
Code of conduct	Warning, point, game, possible default (disqualification). Serious incidents may result in an immediate disqualification.	Point penalty applied each time. Three audible obscenities in a match results in immediate disqualification from the tournament. Serious incidents may result in an immediate disqualification.
Racket Abuse	Included within LTA code of conduct.	Player must carry on using the same racket even if damaged (but not broken). Broken racket – instant disqualification and £20.00 fine.
Blatantly incorrect calls (in the opinion of a referee)	1 st occasion – point replayed. Subsequent occasions – loss of point and possible action under LTA code of conduct.	Immediate loss of point and possible action under touchtennis code of conduct in persistent cases.