

8U Scoring Format

- a. Each 8 and under match is played with the best two out of three game scoring. Games are scored with the first person to reach 7 points.
- b. Spin a racquet or flip a coin to determine the choice of serve, receive or side for the first game.
- c. When a player wins 2 games, then the match is over.
- d. Each player serves 2 points and then alternate servers until one player reaches 7 points by a margin of at least 1 point.
- e. The serves must be hit cross-court into the correct service box. Two service tries are allowed per point. The service motion may be over-head or under-hand. The serve must be hit out of the air (no bounce and hit serves).
- f. After each game is completed, the players should switch ends of the court. Players may get a drink (if brought on the court) during each changeover.
- g. The player that serves first in the game should receive serve first in the next game.
- h. Each match should last about 20 minutes.

Rules of the Game: Even though we are dealing with young children, it is necessary for them to learn and understand the basic rules of the game. Learning how to compete using the correct rules from the on-set alleviates the need to go back and correct bad habits. Some basic rules that they should understand includes the following:

- a. You may not catch a ball in the air and call it out. Balls must bounce and land out for them to be called out.
- b. If a ball touches you before it bounces, then your opponent wins that point.
- c. Only call out balls. When a ball is in, do not call it in
- d. The server must hit the ball out of the air without having it touch the court first
- e. The server gets 2 attempts to serve into the correct box
- f. The server will first serve into the deuce court and then into the ad court
- g. You lose the point if your body or racquet touches the net when the ball is in play
- h. Learn the foot fault rule and do not to touch the baseline when serving
- i. If the ball hits any part of the line, then the ball is in
- j. If a player is uncertain if a shot is in or out, they must call the ball in
- k. There are no "do-overs" in tennis other than service lets & lets
- l. The server should call the score out prior to serving each point

