



Scoring in Tennis

In a formal tennis match, games are played and won. These games are continued until a player has won six games, to win a 'set'. The winner of a tennis match is the first player to win the most out of three or five sets – ladies play to win out of three sets and men play to win out of five sets. In a game, Each point has its own corresponding call – see the table below.



Number of Points	Corresponding Call
0	Love
1	15
2	30
3	40
4	Game
If tied at 3 - 3	Deuce (40 - 40)

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Key Skills

- To introduce volley and overhead shots.
- To apply new shots into game situations.
- To play with others to score and defend points in competitive games.
- To further explore Tennis service skills and rules.
- To develop backhand shots.
- To introduce the lob.
- To begin to use full tennis scoring system.
- To develop doubles play and tactics to improve.

The Volley

The volley is a stroke where the ball is hit out of the air before it bounces on the court. It is hit with a short backswing and played using a turn of the shoulders and short movement of the arm. The ball can be played short – a drop volley – or deep: it can be hit with power or with a very faint touch.



Key Vocabulary

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Rally	A long series of shots.	
Drop shot	A gentle shot that lands just over the net.	
Lob	A shot that is usually hit over the opponents head.	
Net	The woven barrier dividing the court into halves, over which the ball must be hit.	
Volley	A shot on which the ball is hit before it bounces.	
Umpire	The official who is in overall charge of a match.	
Ace	A serve that is a winner without the receiving player able to return the ball.	
Baseline	The line indicating the back of the court.	
Tramline	The line indicating the side of the court.	
Service line	The line that the ball must bounce before when serving.	

The Serve

The overhead serve is one of the most complex and important strokes in tennis. It is the opening shot or stroke that starts a rally or point with an opposing player.

It provides far more power and direction than playing the ball underarm.

It is mastered by using a set of techniques and steps that are linked to balance, coordination & movement.

