

# touchtennis events

## Key differences from Lawn Tennis.

	Lawn Tennis	touchtennis
<b>Ball</b>	Standard yellow felt ball.	Slazenger 8cm foam ball
<b>Court</b>	23.77m x 8.23m (singles) 23.77m x 10.97m (doubles)	12m x 5m (singles) 12m x 6m (doubles)
<b>Racket</b>	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.
<b>Warm-Up.</b>	5 minutes before each match.	3 minutes before a player's first match of the day ONLY.
<b>Number of serves</b>	Two	One
<b>"No service let" rule</b>	No	Yes
<b>Underarm serving</b>	Permitted	NOT permitted.
<b>Server ball toss</b>	Player may let the ball drop and try again.	Player MUST hit the ball on the first attempt.
<b>Sudden death deuce (receiver chooses the side for the final point).</b>	Sometimes	Always
<b><u>Singles</u> Tie-Break</b>	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.
<b>A player's racket flies from his/her hand, hits the ball which goes over the net into play.</b>	Illegal shot.	Permitted as long as the racket does not touch the net or the opponent's side of the court.
<b>A serve hits the receiver (without bouncing first)</b>	Server wins the point.	Server loses the point (unless the receiver is touching any part of the area bounded by the service box).
<b>Player "A" hits the ball which strikes his/her opponent (Player "B") who is standing wholly outside the court.</b>	Player "A" wins the point.	Player "B" wins the point.
<b>Code of conduct</b>	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.
<b>Racket Abuse</b>	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.
<b>Blatantly incorrect calls (in the opinion of a referee)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> 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.
<b>Toilet/Bathroom breaks</b>	2 per match permitted at the end of a set.	NOT permitted.