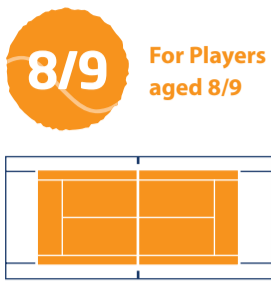


# MINI TENNIS COMPETITION

The preferred competition formats may vary depending on 'where' the competition takes place e.g. Green ball competition within the club may be 1-3 hours but 2 days at national level.

	<b>8U</b> For Players aged 8 & under	<b>8/9</b> For Players aged 8/9	<b>9/10</b> For Players aged 9/10	<b>11+</b> For Players aged 11 & over
To adapt a badminton court for mini tennis red you should use the following boundaries				
<b>Ball</b>	Red (sponge indoor, felt outdoor)	Orange	Green	Yellow
<b>Singles Court</b>	11 - 12m x 5 - 6m (optimal: 11m x 5.5m)	18m x 6.5m	Full singles court	Full singles court
<b>Doubles Court</b>	11 - 12m x 5 - 6m (optimal - 11m x 5.5m)	18m x 8.23m (full width of singles court)	Full singles court	Full doubles court
<b>Net height</b>	80cm (at the middle of the net)	80cm (at the middle of the net)	91.4cm (at the middle of the net)	91.4cm (at the middle of the net)
<b>Where</b>	Within the club, locally, within the county and regionally	Within the club, locally, within the county, regionally and nationally	Within the club, locally, within the county, regionally and nationally	Within the club, locally, within the county, regionally and nationally
<b>Recommended racket size</b>	Up to 58cm (23")	58cm - 63cm (23" - 25")	63cm - 66cm (25" - 26")	Full size, when physically ready (27")
<b>Competition formats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team and Individual</li> <li>Round Robin to Play Off / Knock Out, Matchplay, Round Robin</li> <li>Match tie break, Timed Tennis (10mins)</li> <li>1-3 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team and Individual</li> <li>Compass, Round Robin to Play Off / Knock Out, Matchplay, Round Robin</li> <li>Best of three tie breaks, Timed Tennis (15mins), one short set</li> <li>2-4 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team and Individual</li> <li>Compass, Round Robin to Play Off / Knock Out, Matchplay, Round Robin</li> <li>One short set, best of three short sets, Timed Tennis (20 mins)</li> <li>Half day or more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team and Individual</li> <li>Compass, Round Robin, Matchplay, Knock Out with Consolation</li> <li>Best of three short sets, best of three full sets, Timed Tennis (20 mins - only rating matches for certain players, visit <a href="http://www.LTA.org.uk">www.LTA.org.uk</a> for details)</li> <li>One or more days</li> </ul>

# MINI TENNIS RATINGS

## WHAT ARE RATINGS FOR?

Mini Tennis is a great way for those children 10 and under to take their first steps in tennis. As well as being fun and exciting you will practise many of the same skills that the top pros work on every day. Now, with Mini Tennis Ratings, you will get more chances to compete against players of a similar standard in competitions and you can easily measure your tennis ability so you can see how you are improving. All rating changes from Red 4 to 8.2 happen on a daily basis once match results are recorded.

All players will move age group/ball colour in-line with the competition age group rules.



- Red 1 in their second to last and last season can compete in Red and play up in Orange (rating moves to Orange 4).
- Orange 1 or 1\* in their last season can compete in Orange and play up in Green (rating stays as Orange).
- Green 1 or 1\* in their last season can compete in Green and play up in Yellow (rating stays as Green).
- Visit [www.LTA.org.uk](http://www.LTA.org.uk) for details of how you move to a 8.1 and above.

## HOW DO COMPETITION AGE GROUPS WORK?

All junior age groups, from 8 and under through to 18 and under, are aligned with the competition seasons. The competition season dates are: **Winter Season: 1st September - 31st March, Summer Season: 1st April - 31st August.** The competition age group a player competes in for the upcoming season is determined by their age on the last date of that upcoming competition season.