**Mini Tennis -Timed Tennis Rules & Scoring**

* Matches are singles matches with Boy 1 v Boy 1, Boy 2 v Boy 2, Girl 1 v Girl 1 & Girl 2 v Girl 2
* Matches start at the sound of a whistle and last for a set period of time, until the whistle is blown again. Players to finish the point they are playing.

* The length of matches will depend on the time available and the amount of entries eg. 5 minute matches. If scores are equal after the allocated number of minutes a deciding point is played.
* Toss a coin or spin a racket to decide who will serve first.
* The nominated person serves for the first point following this, players serve for two consecutive points then swap.
* When serving, players should stand behind the baseline; the serve can be hit underarm or overarm and the ball must not bounce before being hit.
* Serves should be hit diagonally, landing in the diagonally opposite service box; the returner must let the ball bounce before hitting the return.
* The server is allowed two serving chances like regular tennis
* Players should be encouraged to be as quick as possible between points
* Each court will have a helper/scorer, who calls out the scores and helps out with decisions

**Tips for being a good scorer:**

* Stand in a good position so you can see the courts and the children can hear you
* Start the match clearly by stating who will serve
* Call “out” clearly when you need to and be confident in your decisions
* Anytime they continue when the ball was out or a double bounce, stop the point and tell them what happened
* If players don’t stop in response to your voice then step onto court
* At the end of the match, go to the middle of the court, congratulate both players, tell them the score and ask them to shake hands
* Make sure you hand in the score sheets