



ESTABLISHING THE **NEXT GENERATION**



GROWING THE GAME TOGETHER

Tennis is committed to supporting you as a deliverer of Coloured Ball Competition (red, orange or green). We want to help you promote your competitions, while making it as easy as possible for players and parents to understand what competitions they can play.

The ability to promote what is after Hot Shots Tennis and encourage kids to play in competitions is vital to achieve our goal of more kids playing more tennis, more often. It is important that we focus on retaining, motivating, socialising and involving our young players in the sport. With this in mind, creating a space to promote Coloured Ball Competition that provides players and parents with a positive transition experience into more formalised competitive play opportunities is vital.



WHAT IS COLOURED BALL COMPETITION?

Coloured Ball Competition is not anything new, with many great red, orange and green ball competitions already running around the country. Two of the most common questions we receive from parents are:

1. What comes after Hot Shots Tennis?
2. What competitions should my child start in?

The flexible Coloured Ball Competition framework and branding has been established to allow you as a deliverer to advertise your red, orange or green competition through a central calendar, and for parents to have a better understanding of what competitions and formats are available after Hot Shots Tennis.

Coloured Ball Competitions are generally a players first more formalised competition with experience, with results recorded online and matches counting towards their coloured ball ratings.

COLOURED BALL COMPETITION FRAMEWORK

The Coloured Ball Competition Framework is a flexible framework encompassing many variations of how competitions can be delivered, to suit different environments and players.

There are some key consistencies to meet across all competitions to meet the framework:

- Everyone is welcome (respective to who the competition is open to i.e. internal or public)
- Values and sportsmanship are promoted and encouraged
- The competition is recorded online via a competition management platform
- Matches contribute to a players Coloured Ball Rating.

COLOURED BALL RATINGS

The Coloured Ball Rating is for players who play in red, orange and green ball competitions. The Coloured Ball Rating is designed to allow players to achieve level-based play opportunities, and reward players for playing often.

The Coloured Ball Rating is made up of the following levels for each competition:

Red Ball

R1 (one level available for red ball competition players)

Orange Ball

O1 & O2 (two levels available for orange ball competition players)

Green Ball

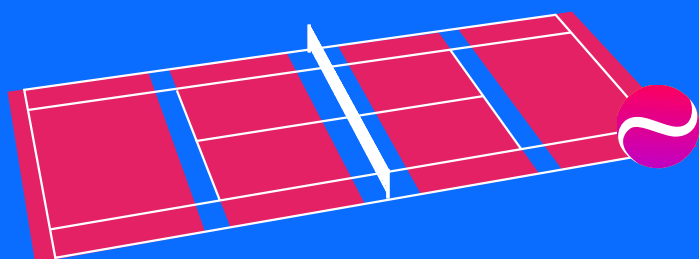
G1, G2 & G3 (three levels available for green ball competition players)

The ratings are designed to give parents, coaches and clubs a guide to assist in achieving level-based play opportunities for players, ensuring they get the best on court experience possible. Learn more about Coloured Ball Ratings [here](#).



COLOURED BALL COMPETITION

APPROVED COURTS

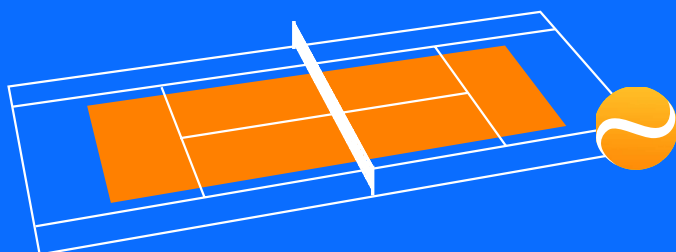


Court size 11m long x 5.5m wide for singles and doubles

Net height 67-80cm

Ball The red ball is to be used (which is 25% compression of a full compression Yellow ball)

The reduced court size, lowered net and use of the red ball is fundamental to offer every child the opportunity to play an all court game and enjoy the sport regardless of their age and ability

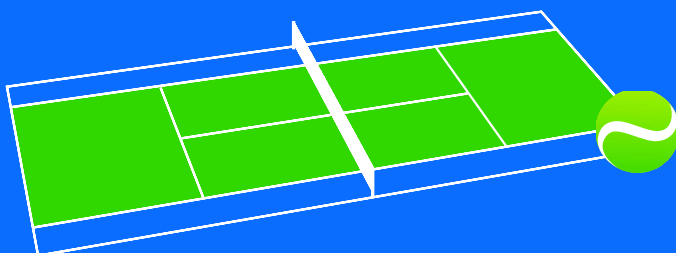


Court size 18.29m long x 6.4m wide for singles. 18.29m long x 8.22m wide for doubles

Net height Lowered to 65cm

Ball The orange ball is to be used (which is 50% compression of a full compression Yellow ball)

The reduced court size, lowered net and use of the orange ball is fundamental to offer every child the opportunity to play an all court game and enjoy the sport regardless of their age and ability



Court size Traditional full size court 23.77m long x 8.23m wide

Net height Standard net height

Ball The green ball is to be used (which is 75% compression of a full compression yellow ball)

WHO CAN PLAY

Red Ball Competition

Red Ball Competition is recommended for children aged 5-8+ at the commencement of the season who are beginning to play the sport and have developed an understanding of the game through Hot Shots Tennis and are looking for the next step.

Orange Ball Competition

Orange Ball Competition is recommended for children aged 8-10+ at the commencement of the season who are either beginning or relatively new to the sport and have developed an understanding of the game through Hot Shots Tennis and are looking for the next step.

Green Ball Competition

Green Ball Competition is recommended for children aged 10+ at the commencement of the season who have some experience in playing and have developed an understanding of the game through Hot Shots Tennis and are looking for the next step.

Players should choose to compete in the Coloured Ball Competition that is appropriate to their level of tennis skill and development.

FRAMEWORK

Spirit

Coloured Ball Competition promotes the core values of sportsmanship and participation, the focus isn't simply on winning. Participating in a team environment has numerous benefits including encouraging social interaction, physical activity and teamwork.

Pathway

Coloured Ball Competition provides children with an ideal entry point into the competitive play pathway.

It enables children to play and compete in a modified environment; which assists them with their development, whilst allowing them to experience a far greater level of success. Coloured Ball Competitions aim to provide opportunities for teamwork, a fun experience, social interaction and the opportunity for advancement. The competition deliverers, volunteers, parents and children are all critical to the program's success through creating this environment.

