



# CREATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TEAM TENNIS PLAYERS



## Growing the Game Together

Tennis Australia and its Member Associations are committed to supporting you as an official deliverer of the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots program. We want to maintain an active partnership to help you run the best program possible. In turn, we appreciate your ongoing support.

The alignment of all junior tennis programs under the banner of ANZ Tennis Hot Shots is vital to educate Australian parents and children, and 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 national ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play structure to engage our young participants in the sport is essential.

## What is ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play?

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play is a program designed to give children aged **7-11** years old, who are already playing tennis, the opportunity to transition from learning the game to playing matches in a fun team environment. It is intended to give children a great experience which will enable them to fall in love with the sport, and retain them as lifelong participants.

## What Will Children Learn from Participating in ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play?

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play will help participants learn the following:

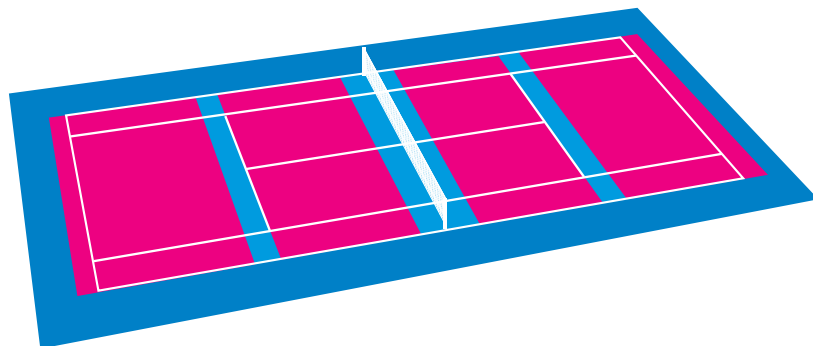
- Understand how to play tennis matches, including scoring and where to stand
- Develop social skills which will be beneficial outside of sport
- Understand the values of sportsmanship, what it means to be part of a team, and how to work together



## Red, Orange and Green Ball Match Play

### Red Ball Match Play

Court size	11m 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)

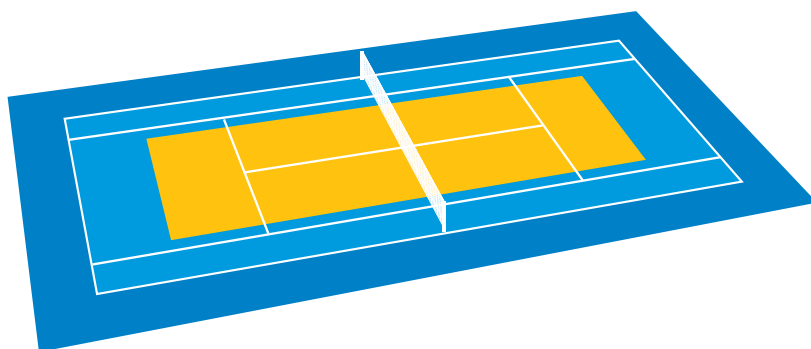


The reduced court size, lowered net and use of the Red ball is fundamental to offer every child the opportunity to play an all court game and enjoy the sport regardless of their age and ability.

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### Orange Ball Match Play

Court size	18.29m long x 6.4m wide for singles. 18.29m long x 8.22m wide for doubles.
Net height	Lowered to 80cm.
Ball	The Orange ball is to be used (which is 50% compression of a full compression Yellow ball).

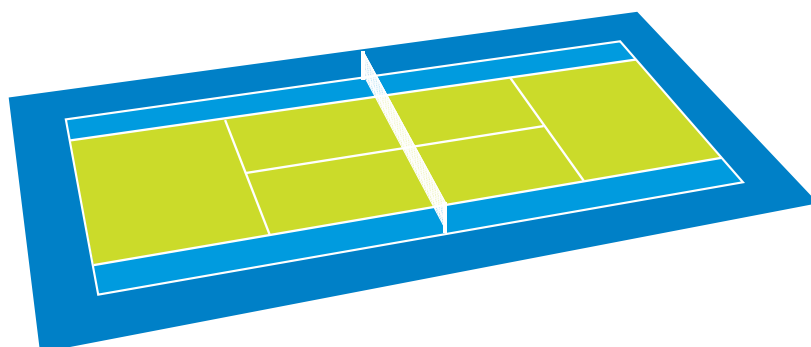


The reduced court size, lowered net and use of the Orange ball is fundamental to offer every child the opportunity to play an all court game and enjoy the sport regardless of their age and ability.

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### Green Ball Match Play

Court size	Traditional full size court.
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 run ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play

The program must be run at an affiliated association, club or centre. The ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play Coordinator is required to have a current Working with Children Check and a National Police Check. They must also complete a Member Declaration Form via the [online registration form](#).

### How long should the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program run for?

Tennis Australia and its Member Associations recommend that a structured ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program operates for a 6-8 round season, with multiple seasons occurring throughout a year. For example, Season 1 could coincide with Term 4, and Season 2 with Term 1.

Shorter seasons will enable more entry points for new players as a new competition will start each term. Furthermore, it will also allow you to maximise recruitment in Term 1 following the interest generated by the Australian Open and summer of tennis.

### Where should the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play Program take place?

Playing the program at one venue helps facilitate social interaction, which is one of the key features of ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play. It creates a fun and exciting environment for each of the teams to enjoy, as well as opportunities for parents to network and socialise.

It is important to note that travel time and consistency for families with children playing in the program should be considered when determining which venue play will occur at, and if the program will be played at multiple venues. It is recommended that the maximum travel time for families in metro areas is no more than 30 minutes from their own club or centre.

## Who Can Play

### Red Ball Match Play

Red Ball Match Play is designed for children aged **6-8** at the commencement of the season who are **beginning to play the sport and have developed an understanding of the game** through ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching, playing at their school or playing in an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play program.

### Orange Ball Match Play

Orange Ball Match Play is designed for children aged **7-10** 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 Red Ball Match Play, ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching, playing at their school or playing in an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play program.

### Green Ball Match Play

Green Ball Match Play is designed for children aged **9-11** at the commencement of the season who have some **experience in playing and have developed an understanding of the game** through Orange Ball Match Play, ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching, playing at their school or in an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Play program.



## ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play Coordinator

Each ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program requires a coordinator who manages the participants and any administration. This is an important role in coordinating the implementation of the program and a central point for enquiries.

### Supervision

Each team is required to nominate a Team Manager for their respective team. Team Managers should ensure that each court has a supervisor who adjudicates each match. The supervisor will encourage all children during play, score, provide general assistance to the players, and help with filling out the score card at the end of each individual match.

## Framework

### Spirit

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play 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 team work.

### Pathway

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play provides children with an ideal pathway through tennis. 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. Through ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play, Tennis Australia and its Member Associations aim to provide opportunities for team work, a fun experience, social interaction and the opportunity for advancement. The program deliverers, volunteers, parents and children are all critical to the program's success through creating this environment.



## Benefits

For every venue that signs up to deliver ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play, Tennis Australia and its Member Associations will provide the following:

- Marketing collateral to help you promote your ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program, including the use of the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play branding and logo
- Ability to apply for ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play showcases at the Australian Open and Emirates Australian Open Series events
- Access to workshops and professional development opportunities
- The opportunity to receive value add-ons to assist with running your program
- 50% funding available for blended lines through the [National Court Rebate Scheme](#).

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play is also supported by Australian tennis stars Daria Gavrilova and Thanasi Kokkinakis, who are ambassadors of the program.

## Expectations

Every venue that delivers ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play is expected to support the following principles:

- Support of Red, Orange and Green pathway, encouraging children to participate in the appropriate ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program for their age
- Use the appropriate equipment. For example modified racquets, appropriate court size and tennis balls
- Create a fun, positive learning environment that promotes sportsmanship, socialising and team work through tennis.



## Recommendations

Tennis Australia and its Member Associations recommend that every venue integrates the following into the implementation of their ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program:

- Team and social focus
- Clean, welcoming, fun environment that is vibrant and energetic. For example, providing a BBQ and having music playing in the background
- Team uniforms/colours
- Recording results in League Manager. This will assist in giving participants benefits for engaging in tennis, as they will be able to view their results and fixture online. It will also allow participants playing history to be tracked in years to come.

## Contact

To find out more or to organise an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Match Play program at your club, contact your local Participation Leader, phone **1800 PLAY TENNIS (1800 752 983)** or email **[play@tennis.com.au](mailto:play@tennis.com.au)**



