## HOW TO SET UP RED COURTS FOR COMPETITION

8U, 9U \& 10 U tennis uses specially adapted courts and equipment to help children learn and enjoy playing in a format that is appropriate for their size and ability. This standardisation also makes it possible for coaches, players, parents and other clubs to easily identify the tennis pathway including ability levels of players. This resource provides options specifically for Red Ball competition.

| Ball: | RED (sponge indoor, felt outdoor) |
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| Court: | $11-12 \mathrm{~m} \times 5-6 \mathrm{~m}$ (optimal $-11 \mathrm{~m} \times 5.5 \mathrm{~m}$ ) |
| Net Height: | 80 cm |
| Recommended Racket | Up to $58 \mathrm{~cm}(23 ")$ |

## Option 1: A modified badminton court

The dimensions of a badminton court are $11.88 \mathrm{~m} \times 6.10 \mathrm{~m}$. To adapt a badminton court for mini tennis competition you should use the following boundaries:

- Length = inside back line as baseline
- Width = outside lines as the side lines
- Service boxes = use 'throw down' lines to add service lines 4 m from the net, extend existing centre line to the net



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## Option 2:2 Red courts using the length of 1 standard tennis court

Using this option makes use of existing lines on the standard tennis court, however additional lines are required to fully mark out the Mini Tennis Red Courts.

These additional lines can be marked using 'throw down' lines, or depending on the surface being used, masking/gaffer tape is also useful to create the additional lines required.


## Option 3: 4 Red courts using length of 1 standard tennis court

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Court 1 \& $4=11 \mathrm{~m} \times 5.5 \mathrm{~m}$ - Mark each red sideline 2.75 m out from the full court baseline.
Court 2 \& $\mathbf{3}=11 \mathrm{~m} \times 5.5 \mathrm{~m}$ - Mark red sideline closest to the full net 0.9 m from the full net.


