

Coach / Player Ratio Recommendations

There are many considerations when setting coach / player ratios. Ultimately the responsibility lies with coaches and their tennis venues. When setting ratios, the coach and venue must ensure;

- On court activity is safe
- On court activity is delivered with quality
- On court activity represents good value for money
- Supervision of children will not be compromised in the event of an emergency (or other situation) that requires the coach to leave the court/club

Coach / player ratios will vary depending on the following factors;

- The age of players
- The facilities available
- The activity taking place
- The level & experience of coach

It is not possible to give definitive guidance on coach / player ratios due to the considerations above. However, as a useful starting point the table below provides general guidance on coach / player ratios for recreational coaching delivered at optimum quality.

When working alone, as a minimum all coaches should be Level 2 qualified and in possession of a valid DBS check.

Activity	Recommended Ratio	Space	Considerations
TOTS (3-4 years)	1:12	Flexible – not necessarily on tennis courts	Assumption parents are providing on court support. 1:4 with no parental support.
Mini Tennis (Programme)	1:8	Relevant size tennis court for stage	Ratio can increase by 4 players for every assistant
Mini Tennis (Taster / School sessions)	1:12	Flexible – not necessarily on tennis courts	Ratio can increase by 8 players for every assistant (school teacher).
U14	1:12	Across 2-3 full size tennis courts	4 players per court
U18	1:12	Across 2-3 full size tennis courts	4 players per court
Adult Coaching / Training	1:12	Across 3 full size tennis courts	4 players per court