TENNIS

Scoring:

1. Points in tennis are called Love, 15, 30, 40 Deuce, Advantage and Game.
2. 0 or nothing is called Love.
3. First point won by the player is called 15, second is 30, third is 40.
4. Fourth point won by a player gives him the Game, provided his opponent does not have more than 30.
5. In scoring, the first player to win 6 games wins a set.
6. In scoring, the match, the player first winning 2 sets is generally declared the winner.

Rules:

1. Players shall stand on opposite sides of the net. Player who first delivers the ball is called the server, and the other the receiver.
2. On serving, the player serving may not enter the court until after the racket has made contact with the ball.
3. When ball is served, must enter the diagonal service court. The line is declared in.
4. A ball is in play from the moment at which it is served. Unless fault or let is called, it remains in play until a point is declared.
5. If the ball touches the net, posts, cord or band, provided it passes over the net and hits the ground within the court, it is in.
6. If a players racket passes over the net after returning a ball but does not touch it, it is ok. If the player touches the net, opponents point.

Strategy:

1. Keep your eye on the ball at all times.
2. When calling the score, always call the servers score first.
3. Hit the ball squarely on the face of the racket for accuracy.
4. Following through in the direction you want the ball to go is important.
5. After completing each hit, return to ready position.
6. When serving, attempt to get the ball in the proper court as often as possible.
7. The receiver should not return the ball is the opponent’s serve is a fault, but should remain in position for the second attempt.

Etiquette:

1. If one of your tennis balls enters another court, wait until the players finish their rally before getting the ball.
2. Return another’s ball by rolling it to him.
3. Do not walk behind a player while they are playing a point.
4. Do not argue a call.

Terminology

Ace – A ball served and untouched by the opponent’s racket.

Advantage(Ad)-Scoring term: the next point won after the score id Duece.

Alley- the 4 ½ foot strip on either side of the singles court, used to enlarge the doubles court.

Baseline – The end line of the tennis court, located 39 feet from the net.

Center Service Line – The line perpendicular to the net which divides the 2 service courts.

Chop – Stroke hit with an underspin

Drive-Stroke hit off the ground on wither the forehand or the backhand

Drop shot-stroke in which the ball is returned so that it barely clears the net and drops next to the side of the other net

Lob – high stroke which clears the opponent’s reach and drops behind him

Receiver- player whom the ball is served

Server-player serving the ball

Service Line – line 21 feet from the net that bounds the back of the service courts

Sidelines – Boundary lines on both sides of the court which meet the base lines at right angles.