

U8 Red Court Sanctioned Tournament Tips for Success!

Event musts to ensure success:

- Tournament run time should be no longer than 3 hours from start to finish
- Each mini court needs a volunteer junior to help keep track of the score, line calls and balls and to be encouraging. (i.e. 12 mini courts = 12 volunteer juniors)
- Each regular court needs to have 1 coach or more experienced volunteer to ensure the proper matches are on and the scheduling of the court and to keep score on main score. This person gives results to the Tournament Director) **PLEASE SEE DIAGRAM**

Court set up recommendations:

- Use of tape for lines (rather than lay down lines)
- 4 mini courts on 1 regular tennis court
 - 4 matches and 8 kids play on 1 court at same time

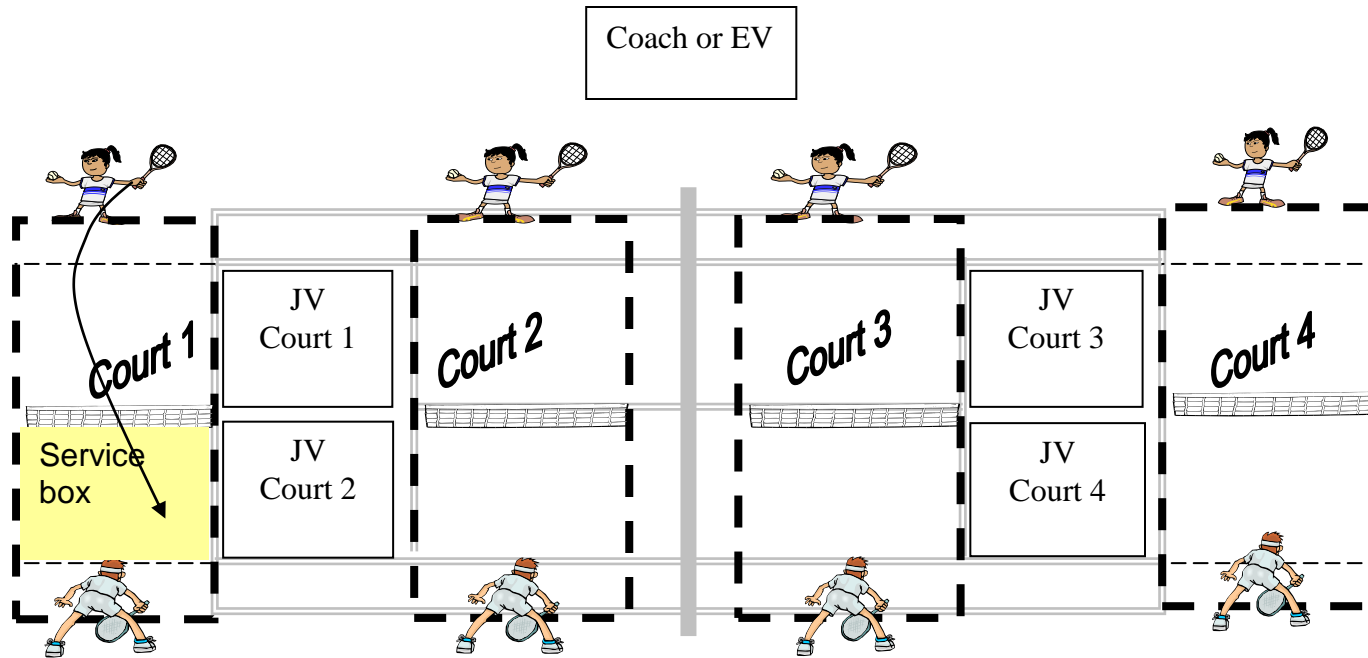
Matches and scoring recommendations:

- Each match should be timed with a 10-15 minute time limit or first to 21 points, counting 1, 2, 3, etc.
 - Serving 2 points in a row each before alternating
- Plan for 5 minutes in between matches for kids to get a drink and rest up for next match
- Each kid should be put in a round robin box of 4 (if possible and know the participants keeping stronger players together and when not knowing putting older players with stronger ones)
 - Once all round robin matches are complete, there is a 10-15 minute break where the tournament director can look at all scores and create playoffs which recreates a round robin box ensuring the levels of play are equal in each box.

Event suggestions:

- Trying to have all kids play at the same time so that they can break together and socialize/make friend
- Good to have all arrive at same time and spend 10 minutes to discuss and educate the parents on the event and what their kids will be experiencing on the day
- Parents recommended to be off the courts and not being involved and relied upon by their kids.
- Fun game at the end to get all the kids together and to get them wanting to come back for another event (e.g. around the world and give out some fun prizes)
- Ceremony at end inviting all the parents down on court
 - Most sportsman prize awarded
 - MVP prize awarded
 - Tough competitor (e.g. diving award)
 - Deliver a speech congratulating all kids and letting them know that competing is fun and best way to get better faster
 - Let kids know to thank their parents for taking them
 - Speech to parents letting them know the importance of fun competition
 - Give out any hand outs you may have (e.g. PT guide, program or camp information. Where to search for more of these events)
 - No emphasis on winning!
 - Let them know of next event

COURT SET UP DIAGRAM FOR 1 REGULAR COURT



JV = Junior Volunteer
EV = Experienced Volunteer