



TENNIS

SPORTS COURT DIMENSIONS

Tennis is a game played between either two players (singles) or two teams of two players (doubles). Players used a stringed racquet to strike a hollow rubber ball covered with felt over a net into the opponent's court so that they fail to return the ball.

The court

The court is a rectangle, 23.77m long and for singles matches, 8.23m wide. For doubles matches, the court is 10.97m wide.

The court is divided across the middle by a net suspended by a cord or metal cable attached to two net posts 1.07m high. The net is fully extended and small enough mesh so ball cannot pass through it. The height of the net is 0.914m at the centre, where it is held down tightly by a white strap. A white band covers the cord or metal cable at the top of the net.

For doubles matches the net posts are 0.914m outside the doubles court on each side. For singles matches the centres of the net posts are 0.914m outside the singles court on each side.

Line markings

All court measurements are made to the outside of the lines and all lines of the court are the same colour clearly contrasting with the colour of the surface.

Baselines are lines at the ends of the court. Each baseline is divided in half by a centre mark, 10cm long and parallel with the singles sidelines. The baseline is up to 10cm wide.

Sidelines are the lines at the sides of the court.

Service lines are two lines between the singles sidelines 6.40m from each side of the net, parallel with the net.

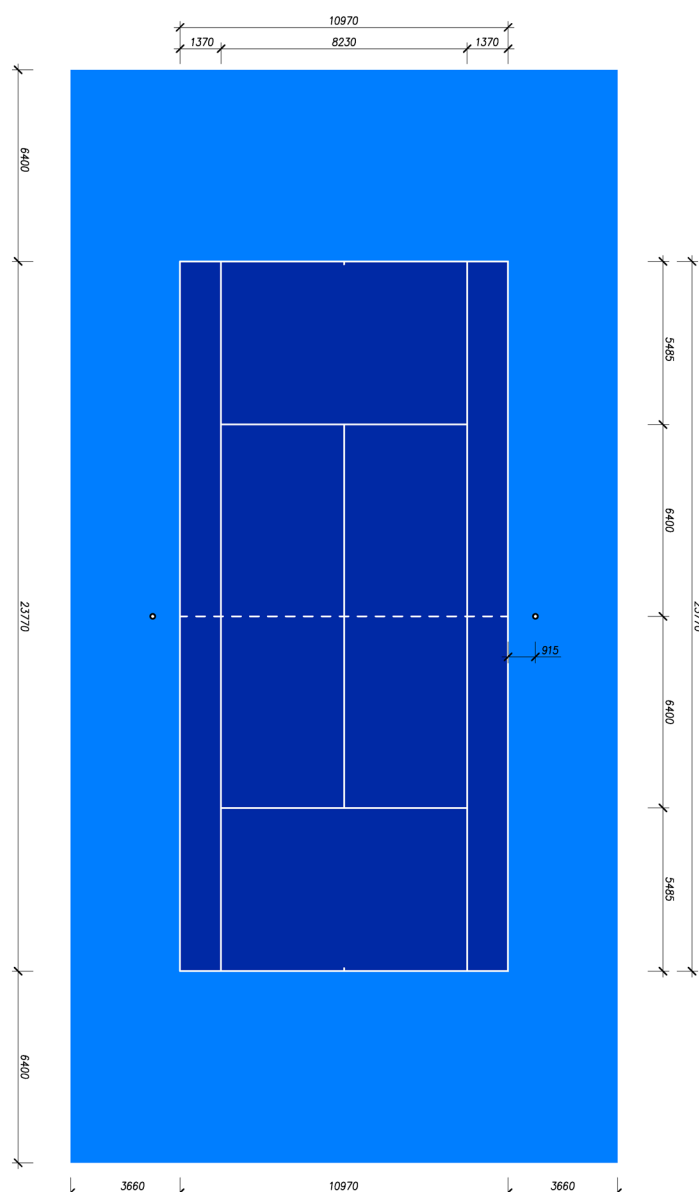
The centre service line is on each side of the net. The area between the service line and the net is divided into two equal parts by the centre service line and is called the service courts. The centre service line is parallel with the singles sidelines and halfway between them. The centre service line and centre mark are 5cm wide.

Space around the court

For international competitions, the minimum distance between baselines and backstops is 6.4m. The minimum distance between sidelines and side stops is 3.66m.

For recreational and club play, the minimum distance between baselines and backstops is 5.48m. The minimum distance between sidelines and side stops is 3.05m.

The minimum height to the ceiling is 9.14m for indoor tennis. Where courts are constructed within the confines of a common enclosure, the distance between sidelines is not less than 3.658m.





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