

## Scoring in tennis

The game always begins with the server serving from the right hand side and then the left and then the right again and keeps going like that until the game is over

The server must hit the ball into the opposite side service box over the net, they have two chances to do this before they lose the point. (Can be over or under arm)

The first player to win four points wins a game. So if a player wins four points in a row their scoring will go 15-0, 30-0, 40-0 then game.

The exception is if both players win three points each (i.e. 40-40) which is called deuce.

Once at deuce, one player must win two points in a row to take the game. The word comes from the French phrase à deux - meaning 'at two' (or needing two).

If server wins the next point the score is 'advantage server'.

If receiver (the server's opponent) wins the point the score is 'advantage receiver',  
If the player at advantage wins the point, they win the game. If they lose it, the score goes back to deuce.

To shorten matches, players sometimes opt to play 'no-advantage', where the person to win the first point after deuce, wins the game.