

Polwarth & District Tennis Association

# Division 4 — Note some of these kids wouldn't have played tennis before

- Use green dot lower compression tennis balls
- Play 1<sup>st</sup> to 5

## <u>Serving</u>

- Have 2<sup>nd</sup> ball ready in pocket, or about 1 meter behind the centre mark (not over in the corner so it has to be found between serves)
- NO foot faults to be called until 16<sup>th</sup> November. Then only after 2 warnings from the umpire. Help to correct foot faults should be given.
- Warnings for foot faults are encouraged before 16<sup>th</sup> November, and help to correct foot faults should be given. (eg stand back from the serve line a bit)

#### The server must stand behind the baseline, between the centre mark and the sideline.

A <u>'foot fault'</u> is called if any of the following happens before the ball is struck in the service motion:

- The feet touch the baseline or the court
- The feet touch the wrong side of the centre mark OR
- The feet touch the wrong side of the imaginary extension of the sideline.

A foot fault is the same as a fault on a serve so the player is given the chance of a second serve

### Parents

- Are allowed on the tennis court until December (Younger kids shouldn't be on the court.)
- Should encourage and help all the kids on the court.
- Can help return the balls if required until December.

### **Umpires**

- Need to use a score book to keep score.
- Should guide/help/encourage all players.
- Help everyone with explaining rules etc that kids don't understand.

### Tennis Etiquette

- Should be encouraged
- Return balls under nets (Tricky with low nets)
- Don't return obvious faults
- Don't go on or behind the other court while there is play. Wait until there is a break in play.
- Shake hands at the end of each set.
- Thank umpires at the end of each set.
- Collect balls between points and return them under the net