FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Welcome to the Mini Tennis Red programme at the University of Warwick Tennis Centre. For many of you, this will be your child’s first experience of tennis and your first experience as a tennis parent, so we would like to make things as easy as possible for you to feel part of our tennis family.

General

- **What equipment does my child need to bring?**
  We have rackets available for children to use when they first start playing. Should you wish to purchase a racket for your child, it is advisable to ask a member of the coaching team about sizes, etc. We work closely with Warwick Sports Shop, Warwick and will be able to obtain a suitable racket with a discount for you.

- **What clothes should my child wear?**
  Anything comfortable and easy to move in. Occasionally, we may have to hold a session outdoors, but you would be notified in advance so that you could make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Layered clothing is advisable.

- **What footwear should my child wear?**
  Please ensure that your child is wearing non-marking trainers. No sandals or open backed shoes please.

- **Does my child need to bring a drink?**
  Yes, they will need a drink. We do have a water dispenser at the Centre, but it is only to fill drinks bottles. We encourage regular hydration during exercise.

Coaching

- **What is the difference between individual sessions and group sessions?**
  The group sessions are perfect to get your child started in this sport. However, should your child show promise and wish to do more, individual sessions with a coach are important to develop the technical and tactical aspects of the game from a young age.

- **What is the duration of the sessions?**
  The group sessions are an hour and the individual sessions can be anything from 30 mins to 60 mins depending on the age and ability of the player.
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- **What are the progressions?**
  A player will be in Mini Tennis Red up to the age of about 8 years of age. They will then move to Mini Tennis Orange for a year and then to Mini Tennis Green before moving on to the hard ball. For further information visit [www.lta.org/LTA-Mini-Tennis](http://www.lta.org/LTA-Mini-Tennis)

- **How do we pay?**
  Fees are paid up front half termly or termly for the group sessions. If you are paying for an individual session, you will pay for the court at Reception and the coach will be paid in cash at the end of the session.

**Competition**

- **At what age is competition appropriate for my child?**
  Whether you are just starting on your Mini Tennis journey or have been playing for a few years, there are lots of opportunities for you to get involved in fun and enjoyable competition. Mini Red, Orange and Green competitions are graded to help you find the right tournaments for your playing standard, starting with local tournaments all the way to a national level. Please ask your coach for advice when considering entering an event. For further information visit [www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Mini-Tennis-Competition](http://www.lta.org.uk/LTA-Mini-Tennis/Mini-Tennis-Competition)

We hope that this will be the beginning of an enjoyable tennis experience for your child and an introduction to a game which they can enjoy for the rest of their lives.

Please do not hesitate to contact **Penny Garbutt (Manager)** on **02476 150687** or by email **Penny.Garbutt@warwick.ac.uk** should you wish to discuss anything to do with your child’s tennis.