

Additional Space Recommended. 4' at sides, 5' at ends. Standard Specifications Deck Tennis Ring—6" in diameter, 1/2" thick, manilla rope.

Net. Height measured to top—4' 8" at posts. Depth 1' 6". Should be tightly stretched.

Posts. Height at least 4' 8". Location—at least 2' outside the court.

Hand Tennis

Dimensions and Specifications of the Chicago Park District and from "The New Play Areas" (See Bibliography)

Over-all Court Dimensions. 16' x 40'.

[Note. The court is the same as the deck-tennis court except in width and net specifications.]

Additional Space Recommended. 4' 6" at sides, 10' at ends.

Posts. Height—at least 3'. Location—at least 2' outside court.

Net. Height, measured to top—2' 6" at center. Depth—2'.

Lawn Tennis

Dimensions and Specifications of the United States Lawn Tennis Association

Over-all Court Dimensions. Doubles—36' x 78'. Singles 27' x 78'.

Additional Space Recommended. 21' behind each base line, 12' beyond each side line. Required in international championships and recommended by the U.S.L.T.A., which also recommends allowing 12' between adjacent courts. Where available space does not permit following these specifications, U.S.L.T.A. recommends allowing 15' to 18' behind base lines and 10' beyond side lines or between adjacent courts. It is not wise to allow more than 21' behind base lines or 12' beyond side lines (if side fencing is used), as larger court area would necessitate too much running after balls going out of bounds.

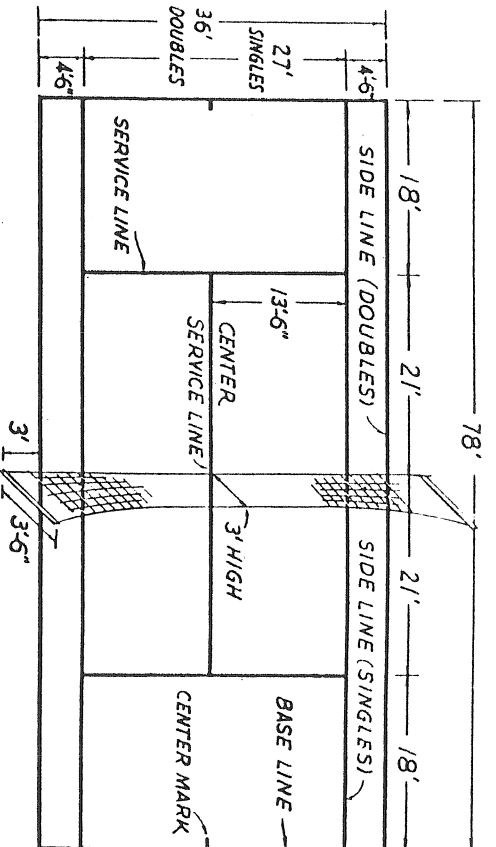
Surface. Clay, stone dust, brick dust, macadam, concrete, grass, etc., or patented fast-drying surfaces. Information on court construction, including the various types of surfaces, on grading, drainage, submaterial cost, and maintenance, is given in official tennis guide.

Posts. Height—3' 6". Location—center of post should be 3' outside court. Should be set 2' to 2 1/2" into ground. May be made of wood or metal.

Net. Height, measured to top—3' at center, where net should be held taut to playing surface by a strap not more than 2" wide. Depth—3'. Length—33' for singles, 42' for doubles. Must be suspended from a cord or metal cable not more than 1/4" in diameter, which, together with top of net, must be covered with a band to a depth of 2" to 2 1/2" on each side. Cord or cable must be fixed to or stretched over the tops of the posts. Net should touch ground along entire length, and ends should be flush to posts at all points.

Marking. Center marks—4" long by 2" wide, drawn from center of each base line into court. Center service line—2" wide. All other lines—not less than 1" nor more than 2" wide, except base lines, which may be 4" wide. All measurements are to outsides of lines, except those involving the center service line, which is equally divided between right and left service courts.

Service Side Lines. Those portions of the singles side lines which lie between the service lines.



The portions of the singles side lines which lie between the base lines and the service lines may be omitted in the doubles court.

Backstops. U.S.L.T.A. recommends that backstops be from 9' to 12' high, and that they be made of 2-in. mesh, if heavy, hard wire is used, or 1 1/2-in. mesh, if light, soft wire is used.

[Note. Courts requiring extensive maintenance and careful use generally are enclosed by a high fence.]

Paddle Tennis

Dimensions and Specifications of the American Paddle Tennis Association
As Given in "Sport for the Fun of It" (See Bibliography)

Over-all Court Dimensions. Doubles—20' x 44'. Singles—16' x 44'.

Additional Space Recommended. No official specifications. (Some authorities recommend allowing 6' at sides, 8' at ends.)

Surface. Wooden platform. (While official game is platform paddle tennis, played on wooden platform, paddle tennis may be played informally on any level surface.)

[Note. Plans for construction of official wooden platforms may be obtained from A.P.T.A. Four paddle-tennis platforms may be superimposed crosswise on a doubles tennis court, and, since platform paddle tennis is an all-year, all-weather sport, the area devoted to a tennis court or courts thus may be kept in almost continuous use. Painting the wooden surface (green preferred) and sprinkling sand over the paint while wet makes it possible to use the court even during a light shower. In winter, snow may be swept off the platform and the court used immediately afterwards.]

Net. Height, measured to top—2' 10" at center, 3' 1" at posts.

Service Lines. Two lines, one on each side of net, parallel to it and a distance of 12' from it, extending across court between singles side lines.

Service Courts. 8' wide by 12' long.

Back Courts. Doubles—20' wide by 10' deep. Singles—16' wide by 10' deep.

Alleys between Singles Side Lines and Doubles Side Lines. 2' wide.