



HIGHLANDS SHORTCOURT TENNIS RULES

as approved by the
Desert Highlands Tennis Committee
on November 14, 2017

The rules and scoring of tennis shall apply to Highlands ShortCourt Tennis with the following exceptions:

1. **Court.** The court shall be comprised of the four service boxes of a full sized regulation tennis court, creating a rectangular playing surface measuring 42 feet long and 27 feet wide with a net height of 36 inches in the center.
2. **Racquet.** The racquet shall be strung and measure no longer than 23 inches in length.
3. **Ball.** The ball shall be a USTA approved low compression stage 2 orange ball.
4. **Service.** Only one service shall be allowed. If the service is a fault, the server loses the point. A let service is in play.
5. **Double Bounce Rule.** No volleys shall be struck until the ball hit by the player receiving the service has bounced on the serving player's side of the net. This means that serve and volley is not permitted.
6. **Underhand Service Rule.** The service shall be made underhand. Racquet contact with the ball must be below the serving player's waist. The service may be hit from a ball that has bounced one time as long as the bounce is behind the service line. A service which is hit from a ball which bounces on or in front of the service line is a fault.