# Tennis - Backhand & Forehand

## **Keywords**

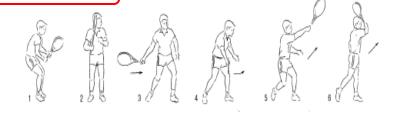
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|----------------|----------|
| Ground Strokes | Volley   |
| Rally          | Baseline |
| Service        | Disguise |
| Return         | Topspin  |
| Coordination   | Slice    |

# Can you think of anymore?



| Making and Applying Decisions | Can you select the correct shot?    |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                               | What is effective grip?             |
|                               | What tactics do you play?           |
|                               | Can you adapt to each opponent?     |
| Developing                    | What type of training method?       |
| physical and                  | How often do you train?             |
| mental                        | Overcoming mental barriers          |
| capacity                      | The will to be successful/achieve   |
|                               | What is your opponents weakness?    |
| Outwitting                    | Can you feint your shot selection?  |
| Opponents                     | What area of court do you aim at?   |
|                               | Can you control the rally?          |
|                               | Can you copy the each shot?         |
| Accurate<br>Replication       | Which foot do you lead with?        |
|                               | Can you strike ball?                |
|                               | Do you flick your wrist?            |
|                               | Did you warm up effectively?        |
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| Effectively                   | What happens to your body during    |
|                               | exercise?                           |
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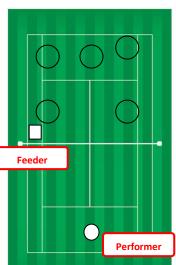
#### **Teaching Points**

- Take racket back early
- Make smooth connection between backswing and forward swing, stepping into the shot
- Swing racket from low to high, through hitting area slightly forward of leading hip
- Firm grip
- Return to ready position

### **Backhand**







#### 10 ball accuracy drill:

Set up a feeder and 5 hoops on one side of a court to aim at. The performer has 10 balls fed to them and must use the hoops as targets.

# Tennis – Serves

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### **Preparation**

- The ball must be hit by the server before it touches the ground.
- The ball must be hit from a specific place behind the baseline.





- Hitting the ball as high above the head as possible.
- Starting the racket and ball together; The ball is placed at the front of the body and the racket moving back behind the body so that it can be thrown at the ball. (Split)

### **Strike**







- Racket and ball meet at the highest point of the throw. As timing improves incorporate a jump.
- Angle of ball trajectory must be downward avoiding the net but landing inside the opponent's service box.

# Tennis – Volleys

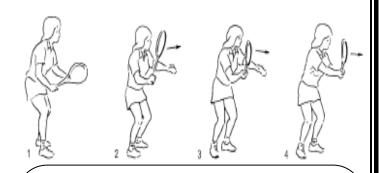
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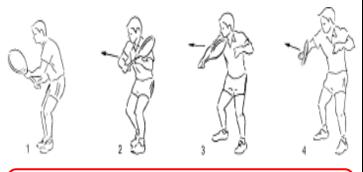


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#### **Teaching Points**

- Take racket back early
- Make smooth connection between short backswing and forward swing, stepping into the shot
- Firm grip
- 'Punch' the racket through the ball angling the shot downwards



This shot can be performed on the forehand or backhand side.

#### **Volley Practice Drill**

Set up a feeder and 3 hoops on one side of a court to aim at. The performer has 10 balls fed to them and must use the VOLLEY shot to hit the targets.

