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Kids Characteristics: Ages 5-6

- **1. Great difficulty with fine motor skills**
- 2. Reactions and anticipation skills are very low
- 3. Self-centered, lack of sense of time and are impatient
- 4. Listening and following instructions is very difficult
- 5. Scoring, winning, and losing are not understood
- 6. They throw with limited rotation and catch with two hands
- 7. Rallying over the net can be too advanced
- 8. 30-45 minute periods are optimal for this age
- 9. Sessions should be fun, active, and interesting

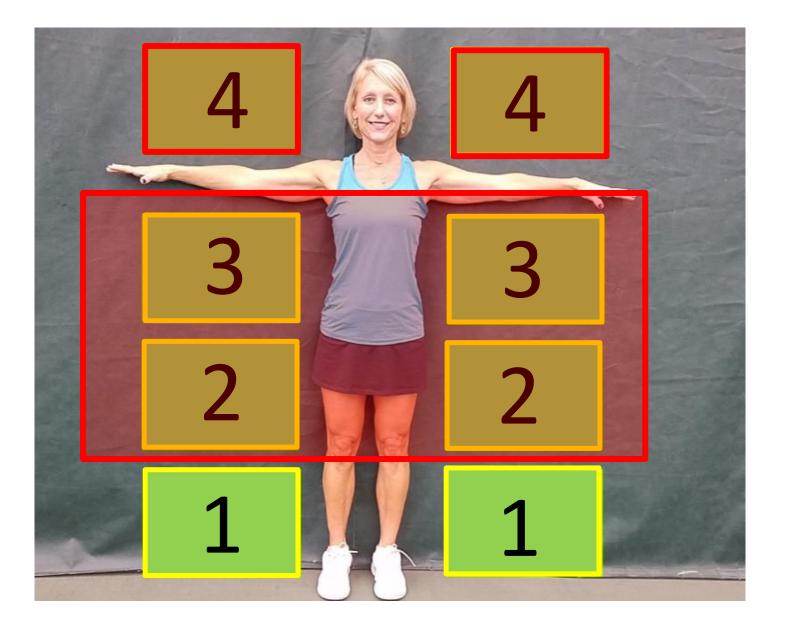
Kids Characteristics: Ages 7-8

- 1. Gross motor skills are developing
- 2. Reaction speed is improving, but tracking is difficult
- 3. Beginning to cooperate and share with others
- 4. Better at following directions
- 5. Learning the concepts of winning and losing
- 6. They throw with more body turn and weight transfer
- 7. Beginning to understand scoring and line calling
- 8. 45 min 1 hour sessions are optimal for this age
- 9. Sessions should be fun, active, and positive

Kids Characteristics: Ages 9-10

- 1. More refined motor skills & fluent with practice
- 2. Reaction and anticipation are getting much better
- 3. More independent and able to share
- 4. Able to concentrate and focus for longer
- 5. Able to understand the concepts of winning and losing
- 6. More rotation in serves and groundstrokes
- 7. Can be taught basic doubles positions and tactics
- 8. 1-1.5 hour sessions are optimal for this age
- 9. Sessions should be fun, active, and rewarding

The 4 Strike Zones in Tennis



Difference between external and internal motivation in sports?

- Athletes who are intrinsically motivated participate in sports for internal reasons, such as enjoyment,
- Athletes who are extrinsically motivated participate in sports for external reasons, such as material rewards. ...
 Extrinsic rewards, when used correctly, can be beneficial to athletes

Dealing with Gamesmanship

EXAMPLES:

Why It Happens:

No Umpire or Referee

Questioning your calls (loudly)

Messing up the score

Bad line calls

Being rude

Dismissive of good shots

Celebrating before your call

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JORGE'S RULE:

No post match complaining

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3 STEPS:

1. Don't rent space in your head

- 2. Discuss things at the Net
- 3. Have a system for calling line judge

How to Call a Line Judge

3 STEPS:

1) Are you sure?

2) How far out was it? (repeat)

3) I'll get some help for us