

## THE PROGRESS TOUR CHINA MINI CHALLENGER TOUR

## TEAM GREEN

## RULES AND R=GULATIONS

## WHO CAN PLAY?

MATCH FORMAT

The mini challenger tour is open to boys and girls born in 2011 or 2012. We operate events for children of all levels of experience, with an easy to understand scoring format

Phase I of Team Green events are played in a round robin format, with players in each group battling it out for their final group positions. Players are then drawn into shootout draws in Phase II, where they will compete for their final standings in the event. The events provide every competitor with a minimum of six matches over the course of the event

All matches are timed, either 24 or 36 minute matches, split into three equally timed rounds. The player who accumulates the highest number of points in each timed round, wins the set, and with each of the three rounds having equal value! The Mini Challenger Tour uses an easy to understand scoring, i.e. 1, 2, 3, 4 etc.

Players swap serves every 4 points, and change ends every eight points.
If the scores are equal at the end of each timed set, one additional deciding point may be played.
COURT MEASUREMENTS RACKET SIZE Length: $23.77 \mathrm{~m} \quad 63-68 \mathrm{~cm}$ Width: 8.23 m Net height: 91.4 cm


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## TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES

STARTER EVENT ( $~ 55$ events played)

This a Co-Ed event for Team Green players who've participated in less than five events. As in all of the Mini Challenger Tour events, we use a simple scoring format, i.e. $1,2,3,4$, etc. In Phase 1 , participants are split up into groups, playing timed matches against each opponent with three 8-minute 'sets' in a round robin format, with each match being 24 minutes in total. At the end of Phase I, the total number of sets won in all matches will be accumulated and count towards Phase I final standings. In Phase II, players will then be pooled in 8 player compass draws according to their group standing The match duration in Phase Il will remain at 24 minutes and players will compete in a 'shootout'style compass draw.

## PROGRESS EVENI ( $>5$ events played)

This a Co-Ed event for Team Green players who've participated in five or more events. We will follow an identical format to the Starter Events during Phase I, with three timed sets of 8 minutes per match. Phase II will see extended match times with three timed sets of 12 minutes.

COMPETE EVENTS ( $>10$ events played)
This a Co-Ed event for Team Green players who've participated in more than ten events. We will use a simple scoring format, i.e. $1,2,3,4$, etc. We will use a similar format to the Starter and Progress events, albeit with extended match times. During Phase I, the participants will play timed matches of 36 minutes and during Phase II the matches will be 54 minutes long ( $3 \times 18$ minute sets).


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- Matches/Sets are started and finished by a blow of the whistle.
- The nominated person serves for the first point from the right hand side of the court; and alternates in a left-right pattern for four points. The serve swaps every four points between players.
- When serving, the ball must not be bounced before being hit. The serve can be hit either 'over-arm' or 'under-arm'.
- Serves should be hit diagonally, landing anywhere in the opposite diagonal quarter of the court.
- Players change ends every 8 points and at the end of a timed set.
- Each court should have a court supervisor, overseeing proceedings and helping with any on-court issues. At the end of the match, both players must submit their score to the supervisor, who will submit the scorecard card to the Progress Tour China referee for verification.
- Phase 1 will see each player compete against all other players in their group, for a set time ( 24 or 36 minutes)
- Players scores are then tallied at the end of Phase I with players placed in their group according to total number of sets won, rather than wins.
- Phase II groups players into shootout compass draws according to their group standings, and players will play out the event to conclusion in 36 or 54 minute matches.
- Opponents in Phase I become teammates in Phase II with an emphasis placed on support, teamwork and camaraderie.
- Outdoor Mini Tennis Green Balls should be used for all matches.
- Rackets no longer than $\mathbf{2 5 "}$ in length should be used.
- Prizes are awarded for the highest achieving team, shootout winners and 'Sportsmanship' award

