

Shooting Tennis

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Camera Set Up

- Outdoor Sport
- Day
- F/16 or F/8
- 250-500 Shutter Speed
- ISO 100-400

- Weather and lighting conditions will be the biggest problems.
- 70-300 mm lens



Where To Stand

- Get as close as you can. Stand or sit behind the back line or even sit next to the net (if the judge will let you)
- You may have to shoot practices, since meets are harder to shoot.



Length Of The Game

- Tennis is not a timed game. Players play a set - several matches. Scoring is very unique to this sport.
- Most players will take between 30 min to 1 hour to complete a match.
- Tennis is played by singles or doubles.



Safety

- Tennis is fairly safe, but tennis balls do move very fast and can hurt if you are hit by one.
- Watch out if you shoot near the net.



Gotta Get 'Em Shots

- Tennis can be a very fast sport.
- There are few time outs, so you must shoot constantly.



Backup Plan - aka Plan “B”

- Always get shots of players on their forehand and backhand. Look for players serving and playing both close and far from the net.
- Look for emotion and physical exertion.



Keep A Lookout!

