**INTRODUCTION TO**

**Scorekeeping and Statistics**

The scorekeeping and player/team statistics samples included in this resource offer basic starter versions for you and your students. Needless to say, you can simplify them further by either leaving certain game statistics out or modifying them to suit your students’ level of development.

We have included both print (hard copy) versions and electronic versions. The latter can be used with either laptop computers, and/or tablets that have MS Excel® loaded. And with some creativity and knowledge of using this software, any of the templates can be modified for different activities.

Teaching your students “how to keep score” takes time and practice. When introducing a new sport/activity, we suggest that you use pre-season scrimmages early on in the season for scorekeeping practice. You can have one or two games going on while other, non-playing students get the opportunity to find their way around the scorekeeping sheets. Furthermore, we strongly suggest you introduce the scorekeeping process by using the hard copy (printed) versions included. This will allow more students to practice the scorekeeping skills and may be easier to monitor for you.

Moreover, we urge you to keep it simple. That is, when doing a net-court game season such as pickleball or tennis, start with keeping score on points scored. As students gain more experience, you can add more scoring features such as aces, double faults, and even unforced errors. Each of those are also excellent game-play performance indicators.

Finally, in the spirit of “keeping each other honest”, and as a built-in accountability mechanism for scorekeepers, we have provided space on the score sheets to have players who have just completed a match to sign the score sheet. This serves as their acknowledgment that the final score on the score sheet is correct.

For each sport/activity the templates the following scorekeeping and statistics resources are included:

1. League standings and league statistics.
2. Team and player statistics.
3. Score sheets (with sample completed ones).
4. Team performance summary charts.

Each template has space for 5 teams of 10 students each, thus accommodating most class sizes. When using graded competition, the same score sheets can be used, with fewer players listed. Team statisticians can be directed to merge the results from the different “teams within teams.”

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