Tennis

## Origins

The very first Wimbledon Tennis championship was played in 1877 at the All England lawn tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom.

The use of racquets in tennis came about in the 16th century. It evolved from the French game called Paume, where the game was played in a court and the ball was struck using the palm of the hand. The first tennis balls were made of wood which soon gave way to other materials being used such as cellulose that would make the tennis balls bounce. By the 19th century tennis could be played outdoors on a lawn, where net posts, a net, rackets, and India rubber balls were used.

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