

Make your next court session easier to repeat.

A finished Tennis planning example: keep your racket, try a simple recording setup, and measure the interruption before buying automation.

Illustrative worked example, not a customer result or a hands-on equipment test.

The situation

You have a familiar racket, practice balls, a manual collection basket and a phone. You can book a shared court for 45 minutes, but usually leave without a clear idea of what to repeat next time. Buying a faster ball machine would not solve that missing feedback. Your first requirement is a repeatable session and a short clip you can review afterward.

The decision

Keep your current racket and collection basket. First check court permission and use your existing phone and a suitable secure mount to record a short session. Choose one observable target with your coach or hitting partner, such as how often a ball reaches a marked area. Review a short clip, write down what happened, then decide whether more repetitions, clearer feedback or easier pickup is the real bottleneck.

Current racket and balls / Keep

They let you test the session before changing the equipment. Reviewing video does not require replacing a racket you already know.

Phone and existing suitable mount / Check first

Confirm recording works, the court allows the mount, other players agree, and the phone has enough storage and battery.

Manual collection basket / Keep

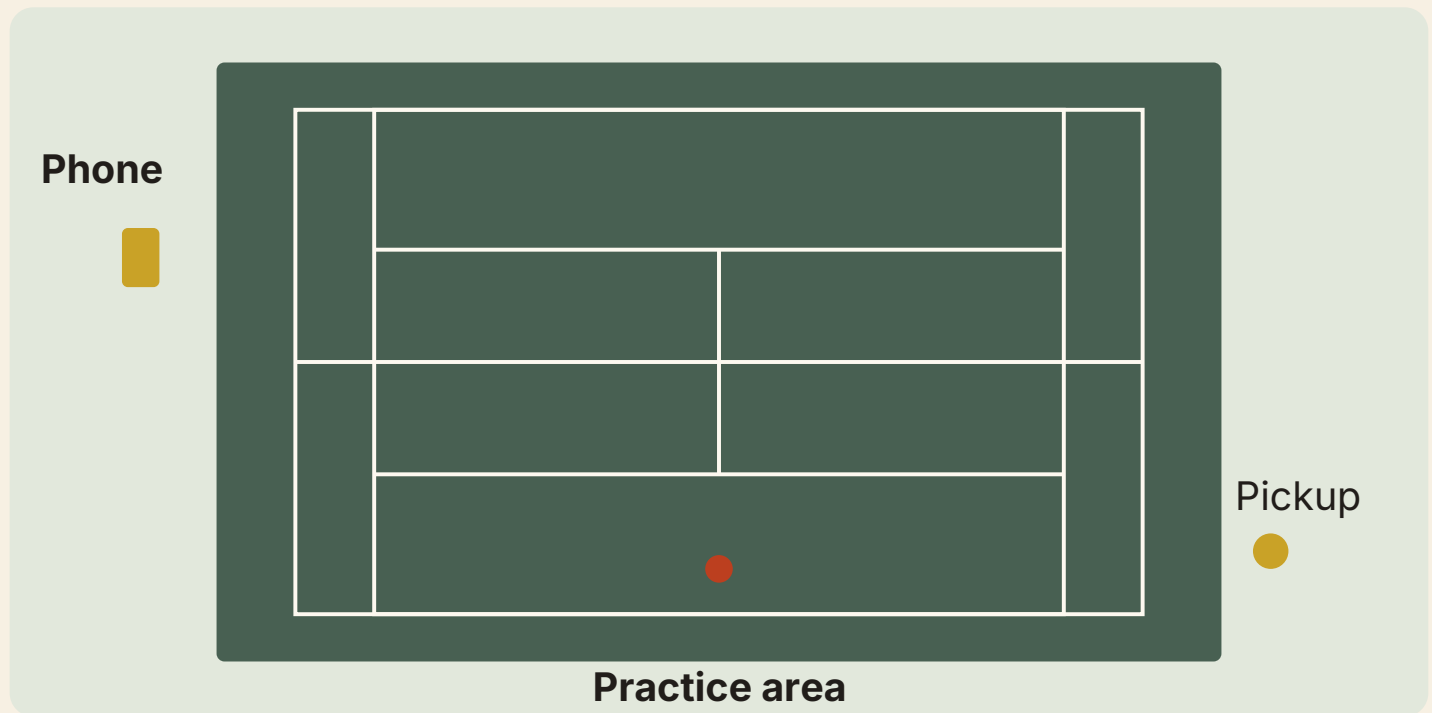
Time the pickup breaks before choosing an automatic collector.

Ball machine or paid video analysis / Investigate after the trial

Try permitted club equipment or a service trial against the specific limitation; record its actual terms and costs before committing.

One simple court setup.

Keep the phone and pickup point out of the practice area, in positions permitted by your venue.



Original planning diagram; positions are illustrative, not mounting instructions, dimensions or a certified equipment layout. Confirm the venue's permitted position.

Check before treating this as your setup

1. Confirm the booking allows the equipment, filming and mounting position before arriving.
2. Get agreement from people who will be recorded; avoid filming adjacent courts.
3. Play back the test clip. Check court coverage, useful detail and whether heat, battery or storage interrupts recording.
4. Include transport, setup, pickup and reset in the booking time. More balls in a hopper do not automatically mean more useful practice.
5. Compare two similar sessions before changing equipment; keep the target and time measurement consistent.

A completed 45-minute plan.

An illustrative allocation of a booked court session.

5 minutes / Set up

Check permission, mount and framing. Record a short test clip and play it back.

15 minutes / Practice and collect

Use your agreed target at your own pace. Include pickup breaks in the time rather than pretending every minute is hitting.

10 minutes / Review and repeat

Review one short clip with your partner, choose one adjustment and try it again.

10 minutes / Play the second block

Repeat the same observation so you have something comparable to review.

5 minutes / Reset and leave

Collect the balls, remove the mount, check the court and save a short note for next time.

When the answer changes

If pickup repeatedly consumes the session, compare a larger manual basket, club equipment and an automatic collector. If you lack enough repeatable feeds, try a permitted ball machine before buying one. If the video exists but takes too long to review, compare analysis software on your actual phone and footage. These are different purchases; buying all three at once makes it harder to judge what helped.

New equipment spend in this keep-existing example is \$0, provided your existing phone and suitable mount pass the checks. That is not a zero-cost tennis session: court fees, replacement balls and coaching may still apply. A missing mount, equipment rental or subscription needs an exact current quote. None of those unknowns is treated as free.

Choose the repeated problem first. Buy more feeds, better feedback or easier pickup only when that is the part holding the session back.

The full Tennis guide and account tools are in development. See the current status at tastytech.com/stacks/tennis.