## **Standard Tiebreak for Tennis**

## **Summary**

A **Set Tiebreak** is played when a set reaches 6 games all. A **Match Tiebreak** is played when players split sets and a tiebreak is played in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set to determine the winner.

## **Set Tiebreak**

- The first player to reach 7 points by a margin of 2 wins the set tiebreak.
- Players switch sides of the court every 6 points throughout the tiebreak.
  - There is no break between changeovers in a tiebreak.
- A doubles team <u>may not</u> switch its serving order at the beginning of a **Set** Tiebreak.
- The player who is next in the serving rotation serves the first point from the deuce court.
- The next person in the serving rotation will then serve two points, starting the first point from the ad court.
- Each subsequent server will serve two points, starting the first point from the ad court until the tiebreak is over.
- Once the tiebreak is over, players switch sides to start a new set or a Match Tiebreak.
- The player or doubles team that served the first point of the Set Tiebreak will receive the first point of the new set or Match Tiebreak.

## Match Tiebreak

- The first player to reach 10 points by a margin of 2 wins the match tiebreak.
- Players switch sides of the court every 6 points throughout the tiebreak.
  - o There is no break between changeovers in a tiebreak.
- A doubles team <u>may</u> switch its serving order at the beginning of a **Match** Tiebreak.
- The first player to serve, serves one point from the deuce court.
- The next person in the serving rotation will then serve two points, starting the first point from the ad court.
- Each subsequent server will serve two points, starting the first point from the ad court until the tiebreak is over.