



THE 7-of-12 TIEBREAKER FOR VHSL TENNIS

WHEN THE SET SCORE REACHES 6-ALL, THE 7-of-12 TIEBREAKER SHALL BE USED. THE PLAYER WHOSE TURN IT IS TO SERVE SHALL PUT THE BALL INTO PLAY FOR THE FIRST POINT OF ANY TIEBREAKER.

SINGLES PROCEDURE

Player A serves Point 1 (from Right court); Player B serves Points 2 and 3 (Left court and Right court); A serves Points 4 and 5 (L and R); B serves Point 6 (L) and, after players CHANGE ENDS, Point 7 (R); A serves Points 8 and 9 (L and R); B serves Points 10 and 11 (L and R); A serves Point 12 (L). If either player wins 7 points, by a margin of 2 points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6 with the score of the tiebreaker shown in parentheses beside the winner's score.

If the tiebreaker score reaches 6-all, the players then CHANGE ENDS, and players shall continue to serve as before until one player establishes a margin of 2 points. Player A serves Point 13 (Right court); Player B serves Points 14 and 15 (Left and Right); A serves Points 16 and 17 (L and R); B serves point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the players then CHANGE ENDS every 6 points and repeat this procedure.

Players shall change sides during the tiebreaker without rest. The tiebreaker counts as one game in reckoning ball changes. If a ball change were called for (on) the tiebreaker game, new balls shall be used. The players shall "change ends for one game" after a tiebreaker.

Player B shall serve first in the set following the playing of the tiebreaker, thus assuring that he or she will be first server if this set also goes into a tiebreaker.

DOUBLES PROCEDURE

(Assuming A and B versus C and D) Same procedure as in singles will apply. Players preserve the sequence of their serving turns. Player A serves Point 1 (Right court); Player C serves Points 2 and 3 (Left court and Right court) B serves Points 4 and 5 (L and R); D serves Point 6 (L) and, after teams CHANGE ENDS, Point 7 (R); A serves Points 8 and 9 (L and R); C serves Points 10 and 11 (L and R); B serves Point 12 (L). If either team wins 7 points, by a margin of 2 points, the set shall be recorded as 7 games to 6 with the score of the tiebreaker shown in parentheses beside the winner's score.

If the tiebreaker score reaches 6-all, teams then CHANGE ENDS, and players shall continue to serve as before until one team establishes a margin of 2 points. Player B serves Point 13 (R); Player D serves Points 14 and 15 (L and R); A serves Points 16 and 17 (L and R); C serves Point 18 (L). If the score is still tied, the teams then CHANGE ENDS every 6 points and repeat this procedure with the continuing sequence of service.

Teams shall "change ends for one game" after a tiebreaker with team (C and D) to serve first.