

The Coman Tiebreak Procedure

The Coman Tiebreak is used in USTA league play for both singles and doubles play in two instances:

1. When a first or second set is tied 6-6 (first to 7, win by 2) – **set tiebreak**
2. When a tie break is used in lieu of a third set. (first to 10, win by 2) – **match tiebreak**

A **set tiebreak** is considered a 13th game of the set, therefore the server and beginning side rotation continues as established for that set. Players will exchange ends after the first point and every 4 points thereafter (after points #1, 5, 9, 13, etc.). This will allow doubles teams to serve from the same side of the court as they had previously.

Who serves after a set tiebreak? The individual/team serving the first point in a set tiebreak will be the receiver for the first game of the next set.

For a **match tiebreak**, in doubles, the order of serving and receiving within the team may be altered, as in the beginning of each set.