

## 2020 ECT Match Ending Rules

### **How to decide a match winner when match is incomplete and the 2-hour time limit has expired:**

TennisLink requires a declared winner for every individual match played. Use this procedure to determine a winner for incomplete individual matches when time expires. Do not leave the court until both teams acknowledge a match winner. Rules are applied in the order presented. Loss of the match due to lack of knowledge of these rules is not a valid reason for a grievance.

- 3.10.1 The point in progress and the game in progress will count. Play both out.
- 3.10.2 **At 1 hour 50 minutes in the 1st Set:**
  1. The team that is ahead by 2 games will win the set and the match.
  2. If a team is not ahead by 2 games, a 7 Point Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the match.
- 3.10.3 **At 1 hour 50 minutes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Set:**
  1. If the team is ahead in the second set by 2 games, the team wins the second set.
    - i. If sets are then split, a 7 Point Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the match.
    - ii. If a team is not ahead by 2 games, a 7 Point Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by a margin of 2) will be played to determine the winner of the set.
  2. If, after the 7 Point Set Tiebreak, the sets are split, a deciding point will be played.
  3. If teams are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set tiebreak, the players shall complete the 7 Point Set Tiebreak.
    - i. If, after the set tiebreak, the sets are split, a deciding point will be played to determine the winner of the match. The order of service will continue, the serving team can decide which partner will serve and the receiving team can decide which partner will receive.
- 3.10.4 **At 1 hour 50 minutes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set 10 Point Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2):**
  1. If teams are in a 10 Point Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) that has not concluded, the teams shall finish the match tiebreak to determine the winner of the match.
  2. If teams have split sets and have not started the 10 Point Match Tiebreak (first to 10 by a margin of 2) a 7 Point Set Tiebreak (first to 7 by 2) will be played.
- 3.10.5 At the end of the allotted 2 hours, if any tiebreak has not been concluded, the player/team who is ahead by at least two (2) points is the winner of the set. If a team is not ahead by 2 points, a deciding point shall be played to determine the winner of the set. If, after the deciding point, the sets are split, a deciding point will be played to determine the winner of the match. The order of service will continue, the serving team can decide which partner will serve and the receiving team can decide which partner will receive.

**Deciding Point** – For a single point (deciding point) serving rotation continues – for doubles, receiving team chooses which player will receive the deciding point. For singles, receiving player chooses which side to receive the deciding point.