



To: USTA/PNW Board of Directors

From: Adam Hutchinson, USTA/PNW Director of Competition

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RE: One Doubles Tie-Breaker

**BACKGROUND** – In One Doubles Local Leagues there have been some unique tiebreaker scenarios. Because One Doubles only has one individual match per team match, the individual wins tiebreaker below does not apply as it is the same as team wins. In some cases, it has been proven that a team that loses 6-0, 6-0 has a better chance at advancing than a team that loses 6-7, 7-6, 1-0 because the number of sets lost is equal but the number of games lost is technically better when you lose 6-0, 6-0 as opposed to 6-7, 7-6, 1-0. All would agree a team that loses 6-7, 7-6, 1-0 is more deserving of advancing than a team that loses 6-0, 6-0.

**FORMER REGULATION/POLICY** – 2.02A(1)b (PNW REG) - Team Match wins will be used to determine standings. If there is a tie in team match wins, the following shall be used to break the tie in the order listed until the tie is broken: Individual Wins, Head-to-Head, Fewest Sets Lost, Fewest Games Lost, Head-to-Head Individual Wins, Head-to-Head Fewest Sets Lost, Head-to-Head Fewest Games Lost, Coin Flip.

**PROPOSED REGULATION/POLICY** – 2.02A(1)c ONE DOUBLES ONLY - Team Match wins will be used to determine standings. If there is a tie in team match wins, the following shall be used to break the tie in the order listed until the tie is broken: Head-to-Head, Most Sets Won, Most Games Won, Head-to-Head Most Sets Won, Head-to-Head Most Games Won, Coin Flip. (NOTE – 2.02A(1)b would remain in place for all other USTA League as these tiebreaker scenarios do work for all other USTA Leagues because of a larger number of individual matches played).

**RATIONALE** – This proposal awards One Doubles teams that have more sets and/or games won as the typical leagues tiebreaker scenario does not always award the most deserving team to advance to Local League Playoffs or Sectionals.

