

OAHU DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

HEAD-TO-HEAD TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

A team winning the majority of individual matches shall be awarded one team point. The team with the most team points shall be entitled to advance to the next level of competition. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the first of the following procedures that does so. Procedures b) through d) shall apply to the head-to-head matches played by the tied teams.

- a) Head-to-head. Winner of head-to-head match.
- b) Individual matches. Winner of the most individual matches.
- c) Sets. Loser of the fewest number of sets.
- d) Games. Loser of the fewest number of games.

If the tie still exists, then procedures b) through d) shall apply for all matches (including the head-to-head matches) played by the tied teams.

1. What is a head-to-head match?

A head-to-head match is the match played by two teams against each other during the regular season or a flight playoff.

2. How is the flight/playoff winner determined using the head-to-head as the first procedure to break the tie?

When two teams are tied in Team Wins and Team Losses, the flight/playoff winner will be the team that won the match when the two teams played each other.

For example: Team A and Team B are tied with 7 Team Wins and 1 Team Loss. Team B is ranked 1st and Team A is ranked 2nd in the TennisLink Team Standings. However, when Team A played Team B, Team A won the match. Based on this head-to-head result, Team A will be declared the flight winner even though TennisLink ranks Team A as 2nd in the flight.

Because TennisLink ranks the teams based on overall flight match results, the Coordinator will declare the winner using the result of the head-to-head match. In some cases, the team ranked 1st in the TennisLink standings might not end up being the flight or playoff winner.

3. What happens if there are two or more round robins played and two teams are tied? For example, Team A and Team B are tied in Team Wins and Team Losses. Team A wins against Team B in the first round, and Team B wins against Team A in the second round.

The combined match results of the head-to-head matches will be used to declare the winner. Procedure b), winner of the most individual matches, would be used to break the tie.

For example if three individual matches are played in a team match: Team A wins 3-0 in the first round, and Team B wins 2-1 in the second round. Team A would be declared the flight winner because Team A's combined individual wins is 4, compared to Team B's individual wins of 2.

However, if Team B won 3-0 against Team A in the second round, both teams would be tied in the number of individual wins. Therefore, procedure c) will be used to break the tie -- the team that lost the fewest number of sets in the head-to-head matches will be declared the winner. If the tie still exists, procedure d) will be used to break the tie -- the team that lost the fewest number of games in the head-to-head matches will be declared the winner.

If the tie still exists, then the tie-break procedures b) through d) will apply for all matches (including the head-to-head matches) played by the tied teams.

4. What happens if there is a three-way tie and each team won and lost in their head-to-head matches against each other? For example, Teams A, B, and C are tied with 1 win and 1 loss in their head-to-head matches against each other. Team A wins against Team B, Team C wins against Team A, and Team B wins against Team C.

The combined match results of the head-to-head matches of the tied teams will be used to declare the winner. The team with the most individual wins in the head-to-head matches will be declared the winner. If the tie still exists, the team that lost the fewest number of sets in the head-to-head matches will be declared the winner. If the tie still exists, the team that lost the fewest number of games in the head-to-head matches will be declared the winner.

If the tie still exists, then tie-break procedures b) through d) will apply for all matches (including the head-to-head matches) played by the tied teams.

5. How is the third set match tiebreak counted in TennisLink Team standings?

According to USTA League Regulation 201C(3): The tiebreak shall be scored as 1-set and 1-game for tiebreak purposes.

This means the match tiebreak will count as 1-set lost and 1-game lost for the losing team.

6. How does TennisLink count other set and game scores for the Team Standings?

The score for a set other than the match tiebreak set is counted in TennisLink as:

- 1-set lost and 6-games lost (7-games lost for a set tiebreak) for the team losing the set.
- 0-set lost and the number of games lost in the set for the team winning the set.

Example 1: Team A is the winner of an individual match against Team B. Team A's match score is: 6-3, 7-6. This match score will be counted in TennisLink Team Standings "Sets Lost" and "Games Lost" as:

- Team A: 0-sets lost and 9-games lost (3 games in 1st set + 6 games in 2nd set)
- Team B: 2-sets lost and 13-games lost (6 games in 1st set + 7 games in 2nd set)

Example 2: Team A is the winner of an individual match against Team B. Team A's match score is: 6-3, 4-6, 1-0. This match score will be counted in TennisLink Team Standings "Sets Lost" and "Games Lost" as:

- Team A: 1-set lost and 9-games lost (3 games in 1st set + 6 games in 2nd set)
- Team B: 2-sets lost and 11-games lost (6 games in 1st set + 4 games in 2nd set + 1 game in match tiebreak set)