

The Coman Tie Break procedure to be implemented in all USTA local league play, Sectional Championships and National Championships.

COMAN TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE

Players will exchange ends after the first point and every 4 points thereafter. This will allow doubles teams to serve from the same side of the court as they had been throughout the set or match.

Set Tie-Break

At 6-all a set tie-break will be played. This is a continuation of the 1st or 2nd set therefore the server and side rotation continues as established for that set.

The individual/team serving the first point in a set tie-break will be the receiver for the first game of the next set.

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Short and to the point – the above is the description of the COMAN TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE.

To provide an example (and I hope I don't confuse anyone)...the first set ends at 6-6. Players are Ann and Alan vs. Betty and Bob. Ann is the first server of the set and therefore is the first server of the tie-break. Ann and Bob have been serving side A of the court (see drawing below). Ann serves once on the deuce side. Switch sides after the first point of the tie-break. Bob (the second server) is now on side A and serves two points – first point serving from the ad court. Alan (the third server) serves two points – first point serving from the ad court. Switch sides (5 points total have been played). Betty (the fourth server) serves the first point from the ad court. After Betty's two serves is now back to Ann. After Ann's two serves, switch sides. Tie-break is played until one team has seven points and wins by 2 points.

At the end of the set tie-break, Ann and Alan will receive serve at the start of the second set after switching sides (a tie-break is considered a 13th [odd] game).

