

The Coman Tie-break Procedure

What is it?

In the Coman Tie-break Procedure players change ends after the first point and then after every four points, and at the conclusion of the tie-break.

The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point from the deuce court.

After the first point, the players shall change ends and the following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next) starting from the ad court.

After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting from the ad court); changing ends after every four points, until the end of the tie-break game.

Switch sides after points 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, etc..... and at the conclusion.

When will it be used?

The Coman Tie-break Procedure will be used at all USTA League Tennis National, Sectional and State Championships for all set and match tie-breaks. Use of the Coman Tie-break Procedure will therefore be used during all CORTA local league play.

Principle Advantages

Fairness – By changing ends more frequently, the effects of the elements (sun, wind, etc.) are distributed more evenly between the two opponents as opposed to playing six consecutive points before changing ends. In doubles, the server will always serve from the same end of the court, rather than having to serve from both ends.

The Coman Tiebreak System: Illustrated

