



Playing Tie-Breaker

What are the rules for a tiebreaker in tennis?

A **tie-break** set is played with the same **rules** as the advantage set, except when the score is tied at 6–6, a **tie-break** game (or **tiebreaker**) is played. Typically, the **tie-break** game continues until one player wins seven points by a margin of two or more points

Who serves first in a set tie breaker?

If you're playing a tiebreaker, follow these steps: The player due to serve the 13th game serves the first point into her opponent's deuce court. After the first point, the serve goes over to the other player, who then serves the next two points, serving first into the ad court and then into the deuce court. An example will help explain this.

Player A is playing Player B in a singles tennis match. The match format they are using is a best of two sets contest with a match tie break (first to 10 points, with a winning margin of 2) to be played at one set all. **Match Scorecard**

Player Name	S	W	Set 1	Set 2	Match Tie Break
Player A	✓				
Player B					

Player A has won the coin toss and has elected to serve. After 12 games in the first set, the games are six (6) games all. To determine who wins the set a set tie breaker is to be played.

Match Scorecard

Player Name	S	W	Game Number												Set 1	TB
			1 C	2	3 C	4	5 C	6	7 C	8	9 C	10	11 C	12		
Player A	✓		1	1	2	2	2	3	4	5	5	5	6	6		
Player B			0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	6		

Note: **C** indicates that players will change ends after the **ODD** game is completed. Players should be able to keep track of their games played if they fill out the scorecard at the change of ends. This avoids any confusion as the match goes on.





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Tie Break Score Card

		Point number																	
Name	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Serving Side		R			L	R			L	R			L	R		L	R		
Player A	✓	1	1	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5						
Serving Side			L	R			L	R			L	R			L	R			L
Player B		0	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7						

Winner: Player B

Score: 7-5

Visually the Tie Break may look like this

<p>1st POINT</p> <p>A: 1 B: 0</p>	<p>2nd POINT</p> <p>A: 1 B: 1</p>	<p>3rd POINT</p> <p>A: 2 B: 1</p>	<p>4th POINT</p> <p>A: 3 B: 1</p>	<p>5th POINT</p> <p>A: 4 B: 1</p>	<p>6th POINT</p> <p>Change ends A: 4 B: 2</p>
<p>7th POINT</p> <p>A: 4 B: 3</p>	<p>8th POINT</p> <p>A: 4 B: 4</p>	<p>9th POINT</p> <p>A: 4 B: 5</p>	<p>10 POINT</p> <p>A: 4 B: 6</p>	<p>11th POINT</p> <p>A: 5 B: 6</p>	<p>12th POINT</p> <p>Change ends A: 5 B: 7</p>

Player A has won the Tie Breaker 7:5 and has won the set 7 games to 6.

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Player B			0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	6	6	5