

## COMAN TIE BREAK PROCEDURE

The Coman Tie Break Procedure is used when a set is at 6 games all. 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 (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next), starting with the ad court; after this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting with the ad court), changing ends after every four points, until the end of the tie break game. The winning team must win by two points. The first team to 7 points with a 2 point margin wins. If more points are needed, the tie break continues until one team has a 2 point advantage.

When used in lieu of a third set, the winning point count is 10 points, by a margin of 2.

### Principal Advantages:

1. Fairness – By changing ends more frequently, the effects of the elements (sun, wind, etc.) are Distributed more evenly between the two opponents.
2. In doubles, the serve will always serve from the same end of the court, rather than having to Serve from both ends.
3. When using the tie break in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, servers may change their order of serving the same as when starting a new set.