

World Team Tennis guidelines

Order of Play: Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Men's Singles, Mixed Doubles, Mixed Doubles

Warmup: Teams will be allowed a 5-minute warmup prior to all matches. Teams warm up with themselves on one court while their opponents warm up on the other. Once play has begun, a three minute warm-up is allowed between sets.

Line-ups: Teams must submit starting lineup before each set. Teams have until the end of the five-minute break between sets to submit their starting lineup for the next set. Players cannot play in both mixed doubles sets.

Scoring in a Game: In World Team Tennis the scoring is no-ad. This means a game is won by the first team to win four points (15, 30, 40, game). When the game score is deuce (game point), the receiving team chooses which side is to receive the serve. In the mixed doubles set, the serve must be gender to gender at game point.

Score in a set: A match consists of six no-ad sets, which includes one set each of men's and women's singles and doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles (mixed doubles is always played last). Each no-ad set is won by the first team to reach six games but you have to win by 2 games. A nine-point tiebreaker will be played at five games all in any set.

Nine-Point Tiebreaker at five games all: The person who is to serve next begins the tiebreaker. Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. The first team (or person) to score five points wins the tiebreaker. If the tiebreaker reaches 4-4, the person who served the eighth point serves the ninth (final) point. The receiver, however, has the choice of sides (except in Mixed doubles, where the service must be gender-to-gender). The winner of the ninth point is the winner of the set. Note: The tiebreaker CAN be won by one point. The tiebreaker counts as one game in overall match scoring.

Score in a Match: The winner of the match will be the team that wins the most games. After all games are totaled, if the trailing team won set #6, the match goes into Overtime, which is a continuation of Set 6. Mixed doubles play continues until the leading team wins another game or the trailing team ties the overall game score. If a tie occurs, a Super Tiebreaker will be used to determine the winner of the match.

Super Tiebreaker: If the match enters into a Super Tiebreaker, a spin of racquet will decide which team serves first/receives or chooses side in the Super Tiebreaker. The Super Tiebreaker is mixed doubles, and should be treated as a new set where substitutions are allowed. Either player on the serving team may serve first. The receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive. In addition, court positions may be changed (i.e. the person who played forehand position may switch with his/her partner to play the backhand position). Each player serves two points in succession starting from the deuce court. The first team to score seven points wins the Super Tiebreaker. If the Super Tiebreaker reaches 6-6, the person who served the 12th point will serve the 13th (final) point. The final serve will be gender-to-gender. The winner of the 13th point wins the Super Tiebreaker and the match. Note: The Super Tiebreaker CAN be won by one point. The Super Tiebreaker counts as one game in overall match scoring.

Change of Ends: After every four games, players change ends.

Order of Service: Home team serves first in all gender doubles sets and the second mixed doubles set (sets 1, 2, and 6), the away team serves first in the singles sets and the first mixed doubles set (sets 3, 4, and 5). Note: Since the serving order is predetermined, the receiving team selects from which end of the court they want to receive.

The Service Let: When a serve hits the net and bounces within the service court, the ball is playable. In doubles, either player on the receiving side may return the ball after it bounces. If any player on the court calls "let", their team loses the point. If players on both teams call "let" then the point will be replayed.

Coaching: Coaching is allowed throughout the match as long as it does not interfere with continuous play. Coaching is not allowed between first and second serves. Only one member of the team is permitted to go out on the court to coach and the coaching must be completed within the twenty-second time limit allotted between points. We encourage team members to stand along the court and support their team. Coaches and non-participating players must remain in a designated "player's bench" area until the completion of each point. Only the players on the court can make the line calls. T

Substitutions: A team can, at any point (INCLUDING THE SUPER TIEBREAKER), substitute a player (same gender) into a set.. Once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return in that set. If a substitution occurs in doubles, the remaining player cannot change the side on which he/she receives or the service order. Overtime is a continuation of set #6, so if a player was replaced during the set, he/she cannot return in Overtime. The Super Tiebreaker, however, should be treated as a new set, and all substitutions are allowed.