

TAGS RULES

1. Matches may be played at any tennis court and at a time agreed by both players/teams.
2. Any league member may call to arrange a match. When you are arranging your match, try to be as fair and as flexible as you can; work schedules, shift work, vacations or other demands all play hob with a rigid schedule. When canceling a match, please have some consideration and give as much notice as possible.
3. Defaults - if a match cannot be scheduled after three attempts (not all in one day) and you have considered all of the above factors, you are entitled to a default, but only after you have informed the opponent. A default helps no one; let's get the matches played. If you show up for a scheduled match and your opponent is not there 15 minutes after the appointed time, it is a default unless you want to give him/her another chance; it's up to you.
4. Winners of each match are responsible for recording the scores promptly at the web site TennisSpokane.com, or emailing bruce.kuennen@gmail.com. If it is not reported, the match is considered a no-play. As a last resort, you can report a score by leaving a voicemail at 360.515.1134.
5. Official USTA tennis rules apply to all matches. **Matches are played best two out of three sets, regular ad scoring, with a 10-point "Match Tie-break in lieu of a full third set, if necessary.** Players can agree beforehand to a full third set, or other score-keeping, if necessary, for time, weather, or other reasons.
6. TAGS members are reminded that they are responsible for following the court rules of use. Instructions on the city park, club, and school tennis courts must be followed.
7. Results and standings will be posted as they are received at the TAGS Website, TennisSpokane.com. No plays (NP'S) count as losses with a lost match ranking ahead of a NP (score 1 point) and a win (score 2 points). It's better to play and lose than to not play at all.
8. If a two-way tie exists for 1st or 2nd place in the league, the person or team that defeated the other in league play is the winner of the tie. If a three-way tie exists for 1st or 2nd place and the three parties have a 1-1 record against each other, the winner will be the one with the fewest losses of sets, then games.
9. The choice of ends and right to be server or receiver in first game shall be decided by a toss. The player winning the toss may choose or require his opponent to choose: (A) the right to serve or receive, in which case the other player shall choose the end or (B) the end, in which case the other player will choose the right to serve or receive. **The winner of the toss also provides a can of new balls.**
10. No refund, no transfer of league fees from spring to summer league.
11. If a transfer from one level of play to another level of play is made during the season, all previous scores will be deleted.

7-Point or 10-Point Tie Breaks

Sets tied at 6-6 are settled by a 7-point tie break. Matches tied at one set apiece are settled by a 10-point match tie break, unless the players have agreed to a full third set or other arrangement beforehand.

USTA Rules for Tie-Breaks:

During a tie-break game, points are scored “Zero”, “1”, “2”, “3”, etc. The first player/team to win seven points wins the “Game” and “Set”, provided there is a margin of two points over the opponent(s). If necessary, the tie-break game shall continue until this margin is achieved. The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point of the tiebreak game. The following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next). After this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the end of the tie-break game (in doubles, the rotation of service within each team shall continue in the same order as during that set).

Players change ends after every six points and at the end of the tiebreak. The player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of the following set.

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The winner of a 7-point tie-break is the first to 7 (win by a margin of 2). The winner of a 10-point tie-break, also called a “Match Tie-Break” by the USTA, is the first to 10 (win by a margin of two).