

# CYO Tennis Tiebreaker Rules

(revised 9/30/08)

## ***FOR WIMBLEDON I THROUGH DAVIS CUP MATCHES:***

### ***“The 9-Point Tiebreaker”***

**When a set reaches 6 games to 6, many times a “tiebreaker” is used.** A “tiebreaker” can be any agreed upon number of points won first. The NVJCYO Tennis League uses the 5 out of 9 points “tiebreaker” for all divisions, as it is the most common in non-tournament play.

**Serving must remain in the same order as used throughout the match. Each server serves 2 points each. The individual or team that wins 5 points first, wins. Change sides after 4 points are played. In the event of 4 points to 4 points tie, the last server serves the final point. Opposing team or player can decide the court side to be served. Home court rules take precedence at all times.**

## ***FOR DAVIS UP MATCHES: (as of the Fall 2008 season, this was eliminated)***

### ***“The USTA 12-Point Tiebreaker”***

#### ***SINGLES:***

- A) **A player who first wins 7 points shall win the game and the set provided he leads by a margin of 2 points.** If the score reaches 6 points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tiebreaker.
- B) **The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point, which is delivered from the right court. His opponent shall be the server for the second and third points (delivered from the left court, then right court), and thereafter each player shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (left court, right court) until the winner of the game and set has been decided.**
- C) **Players shall change ends after every 6 points and at the conclusion of the tiebreaker.** Note that after any change of ends, the server will be serving his second serving point.
- D) **The player who served first in the set that ended in a tie-breaker shall *receive* service in the first game of the following set.**

#### ***DOUBLES:***

- A) **In doubles the procedure for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point. Thereafter, each player shall serve in rotation for 2 points, in the same order as previously served in that set, until the winners of the game and set have been decided.**
- B) **Players change ends after every 6 points and at the conclusion of the tiebreaker.**
- C) **The team that served first in the set that ended in a tiebreaker shall *receive* service in the first game of the following set.**