USTA LEAGUE TENNIS
TIE-BREAK & USEFUL INFORMATION

TIE-BREAK IN LIEU of 3rd SET PLAY:
In a match where players or teams split sets, the match (first to 10 by 2) tie-break in lieu of a third set is preferred. A set tie-break (first to 7 by 2) may be used. The tie-break shall be played according to the current RULES OF TENNIS and TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS:

(1) In a doubles match, partners may change sides of court for service return just as they would be allowed in a third set. Once the change is made, they will continue to play that side of the court for the remainder of the tie-break.

(2) In a doubles match, partners may change order of service just as they would be allowed in a third set. Once the change in order of serve is made, they will continue to serve in that order throughout the remainder of the tie-break.

COMAN Tie-break Procedure
Players exchange ends after the first point and every 4 points thereafter. This will allow doubles teams to serve from the same side of the court as they had been throughout the set or match. May be used in set or match tie-break.

SET TIE-BREAK
At 6-all a set tie-break will be played. This is a continuation of the 1st or 2nd set therefore the server and side rotation continues as established for that set.

The individual/team serving the first point in a set tie-break will be the receiver for the first game of the next set.

SCORING for 3rd Set Tie-break:
At local or championship competition, the scorecard should be recorded in the following manner 6-4, 3-6, 1-0. The winning team should be circled.

The winner of the third set shall be credited with a set won and a game won. (3.03C)

The loser of the third set shall be credited with a set lost and a game lost. (3.03C)

Should the “Procedures in the Event of a Tie” go to GAMES, 3.03I (3), only the actual number of games played will be counted. Example: With a score of 6-4, 4-6, 1-0, the winner shall be recorded with 10 games lost and the loser shall be recorded with 11 games lost.

SET BREAK:
A Set Break of a maximum of 120 seconds may be taken by any of the participants at the conclusion of the first and second sets.

NUMBER OF MATCHES SCHEDULED:
Events using the 3rd set tie-break may schedule no more than three matches per team per day per division.

REQUIRED REST:
A minimum of 30 minutes (1 hour for Senior Divisions) rest will be provided between matches. If a team/player enters more than one division or event then these limitations shall apply separately to each. (i.e. you could be playing back-to-back with no rest.)

COACHING:
Coaching is not permitted at any time during a match that uses the set or match tie-break in lieu of a third set.