

## **2022 YRAA Tennis Rules**

The tennis tournament is a **single elimination tournament**. There will be a second “friendly” game for all first round losers (therefore all participants will play a minimum of 2 games) who play in the High School division. All OPEN players are only guaranteed one match similar to OTA tournaments.

**There is no early access to courts** – on-court warmup time is **5 minutes only**. Please do any initial warmup off the court.

### **The NO LET rule is in place**

- If a served ball lands in the correct service box it is a valid serve (whether or not it hits the net)

### **All matches will use no Ad scoring**

- Game scores proceed in the usual manner (15,30,40, game). If a score of deuce is reached, the next point is the game-winning point.
- For singles and same-gender doubles, the RECEIVER will choose which side of the court the server serves to (Deuce or Ad side).
  - In doubles the receiving team cannot change their position to choose the receiver AND the court side. *(In other words in doubles the receiving team does not move, they tell the server which side to serve to)*
- For mixed doubles, the server will serve to the same-gender opponent *(if not already facing the same-gender opponent, the serving team will move so that the correct service takes place – the receiving team does not move)*

### **All matches will play two (2) “short sets” (with tiebreaks if necessary)**

- first-to-four games wins the set
- do NOT need to win by two games
- if the game score is 3-3 in a set, a 5 point tiebreak will be played (see below)
- if the score is 1 set each, a 10 point tiebreak will be played (see below)
- Service order within a team can be changed at the start of each new set, or the start of the 10 point tiebreak. The overall TEAM service order must be maintained.

*In other words, the team that ended serving set 1 would start by receiving in set 2. Either team can change their service order within their team - if player 1 and 2 on a team served 1,2,1,2 in set 1 they can decide to serve 2,1,2,1 in set 2.*

- Water/Rest breaks occur after specific numbers of games overall
  - A short break (do NOT sit) after game 1
  - Up to 90 seconds after every second game following (after 3,5,7 etc.)  
*Don't start counting again at the start of a set – it is the total number of games that is important*
  - In the first 2 sets, the 5 point tiebreak counts as a regular game for total games (in the first set for example there would be no break before the tiebreak but there would be one after it)
  - A 120 second break would also occur before the 10 point tiebreak at 1 set each.
- Players change ends after Water/Rest breaks *(since we are playing inside, the convenors may say you don't need to change ends if both teams agree, but you should still take the breaks)*

### **5 Point Tiebreaks (for set 1 and set 2)**

Tiebreak is first to 5 points. You do NOT win by 2 (so max 9 points will be played).

- The serve continues from rotation in the set
- The first team serving AFTER the tiebreak is the team in the rotation AFTER the first team in the tiebreak, but service order can be changed for either team.

Example: for Team A player 1 (A1) and player 2 (A2), and Team B player 1 (B1) and player 2 (B2)

If A1 was the first server in the set, then the serving rotation would be

A1 – B1 – A2 – B2 – A1 – B1 (this gets to 3-3)

The next server in line is A2

In the tiebreak serves go like this (until 5 points scored by one team)

A2 serves the first 2 points

B2 serves the next 2 points

A1 serves the next 2 points

B1 serves the final 3 points

The next server in regular games is B1 or B2 since (just like a “regular” set) the TEAM rotation continues from who served first in the tiebreak but serving order within either (or both) team can change at the start of a new set. The new order must be maintained for the entire set.

*One change of end will take place after the initial 4 points – (since we are playing indoors, if the players all agree, you don’t need to change ends)*

### **10 Point Tiebreak (played if teams are tied at 1 set each)**

Tiebreak is first to 10 points. Play continues until one team/player has at least 10 points AND wins by 2 (ie if the score is 9-9 the lowest possible score will be 11-9)

- The first TEAM to serve continues in rotation from the final game in the second set
- You can change the serving order for the team at this point if you wish because this counts as the start of a new set

*e.g. if the final service team in the second set was Team A, Team B serves to start the tiebreak. Team B can choose to serve in order B2 followed by B1 for the entire tiebreak (Team A can do the same)*

- The service order is:
  - First server - 1 point
  - Second and subsequent servers - 2 points

*Change of ends every 6 points – since we are playing indoors, if the players all agree, you don’t need to change ends but you should still grab water without sitting down*

**Score reporting:**

You report your scores to the tournament organizers

You must report the scores in each set AND in any tiebreak. Scores will look something like this:

Winner Team A 4-2, 1-4, 10-7 - this means Team A won set 1 4-2, Team B won 4-1 and the 7 means the tiebreak was 10-7 for Team A

Winner Team B 4-1, 4-3(2) - this means that Team B won both sets, and in set 2 Team B won the tiebreak 5-2

Winner Team A 4-2, 4-1 - this means Team A won in 2 sets, with no tiebreaks required

If you are not sure HOW to report the score format, just make sure you have all the information, and the organizers will help you get it in the right order.