

**Rover Instructions**  
**USTA National Level 7**

**Match Format:**

**All Divisions:** Singles matches will be two short sets to 4 with a set tiebreak at 4 all and a match tiebreak at one set all (7 pt. tiebreak, win by two). No ad scoring will be used.

**All Divisions:** Doubles matches will play a 6-game pro set; 7-point tiebreak at 5 all.

**Warm up/ Coin Toss:** Five-minute warm-up. Flip coin on as many matches as you can. Have players spin the racket otherwise.

**Scoring Devices:** Tell players to keep up with their scores on the scoring device and to bring in the balls and report scores after the end of their match.

**Rest Periods:** 3-minute mandatory rest period on court for All matches that split sets.

**3-Minute Rest Period:** Treat the break as a set break that is three minutes long, with the exception that coaching is permitted on court. Players should immediately inform the Umpire if there is a need for a toilet/change of attire break and be encouraged to take it after the 3-minute coaching break. There is no coaching allowed during the toilet/change of attire break. No coaching is allowed after the 3-minute Rest Period (even if player is waiting for opponent to return from bathroom).

**On Court:** Only go on court if requested for watching lines, to resolve disputes such as scoring, to issue code/time violations. Be discrete when moving on or around the courts.

If called to court: notify Referee, the first time stay for two complete games, the second time stay for the remainder of the match **if possible**.

**Code Violations:** If Code Violation is given, record name, offense (as detailed as possible) and umpire giving code. Use preventive officiating – caution (if you can) before issuing a Code Violation. If a Code Violation is given, record name, offense (as detailed as possible), penalty and umpire giving code. Notify Referee asap.

**MTO:** Start clock immediately and **notify Referee and Trainer**.

**Trainer: There is NO trainer.** When there is a medical timeout, please radio in **Court # and nature of injury and supplies needed**. Referee will come to court to assist with players, evaluation, and treatment. Supplies must be at court **BEFORE** treatment begins. One player support person (usually a parent) may treat.

**Court Availability:** Radio in immediately when a court becomes available.

**Court Prep:** After every match has ended, prep the court for the next match (clear court all debris, etc. and reset the scoring device to zeros).

**Weather conditions:** Make certain players are okay when conditions are extreme...notify Referee if you suspect that a player is suffering from the elements.

**MOST IMPORTANT: KEEP CONVERSATIONS WITH SPECTATORS, PARENTS AND OTHER UMPIRES TO A MINIMUM. ALL ISSUES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE REFEREE IMMEDIATELY.**