

**USTA FAN-FRIENDLY SCORING  
PREFERRED VERBIAGE**

I. USTA SINGLES

A. During warm up:

1. Project your voice with head up and toward spectators so they may hear.
2. Announce
  - a. With 3 minutes left in warm up, *"3 minutes."* (if a 5 minute warm-up)
  - b. With 2 minutes left: *"2 minutes."*
  - c. *"1 minute."*

B. Announcement

1. Time your announcement so that you will finish it with @5 seconds left.
2. For best of 3 set match: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, this (Round) match will be the best of three tiebreak sets. To the left of the chair from NY, Alex Adams. To the right of the chair from NY, Don Dunn. Dunn won the toss and chose to receive."*
3. If the winner of toss defers:
  - a. *"Dunn won the toss and and deferred. Dunn will receive."*
  - b. OR *"Dunn won the toss and deferred. Adams chose the right side and will serve."*
4. For 3-Set Match with a Match Tiebreak in lieu of a Third Set: *"Ladies and Gentlemen, this (Round) match will consist of two tiebreak sets and a 10 point Match Tiebreak played at one set all. To the left of the chair from NY, Alex Adams. To the right of the chair from, NY, Don Dunn. Dunn won the toss and chose to receive."*
5. When warm up time has expired, *"Time."*

C. FIRST SET

1. As the first server steps to the line to serve: *"First set. Alex Adams to serve. Play."*
2. Before the Second Game: *"Don Dunn to serve."*
3. It is acceptable to say the last name only before their first serve. Just be consistent.
4. Announcing Scores
  - a. *"15 - love" "15 all" "15 - 30" "30 all" "40 -30" "Deuce" "Advantage, Adams"*
  - b. At the end of the first game: *"Game, Adams. First game."*
  - c. Second game:
    1. *"Game, Adams. Adams leads 2 love, first set."*
    2. *"Game, Dunn. One all, first set."*
    3. *"Game, Dunn. One game all, first set."*
    4. It doesn't matter if you say *"1 all"* or *"1 game all"* as long as you are consistent throughout the match.
  - d. Changeovers:
    1. *"Game, Adams. Adams leads 3 love, first set."*
    2. *"Game, Dunn. Adams leads 2 - 1, first set."*
    3. *"Game, Adams. Adams leads 2 games to 1, first set."*

4. Always say the name of the leader. It is not acceptable to use pronouns, even if it is a long name or one that is difficult to pronounce.
  - a. *"Game Pavlyunchenkova. Pavlyunchenkova leads two games to one, first set."*
  - b. **NOT** *"Game Pavlyunchenkova. She leads two games to one, first set."*
- e. Subsequent games:
  1. *"Game Dunn. Two **games** all, first set."*
- f. Note: Be sure to include the set number after each game. *"First set"*  
*"Second set"* *"Final set"*
5. At the end of First Set
  - a. *"Game and first set, Adams, 6 - 4."* OR
  - b. *"Game and first set, Adams, 6 games to 4."*
  - c. If a tiebreak was played: *"Game and first set, Adams, 7 - 6."* (Do not say the tiebreak score.)

#### D. SET TIEBREAK

1. At 6-6: *"Game, Adams, Six games all, first set. Tiebreak."*
2. **Note: Say "zero" instead of "love,"** and use the last name of the player leading in the tiebreak."
3. Scores:
  - a. *"1 - zero, Adams."*
  - b. *"1 all."*
  - c. *"2 - 1, Adams."*
4. Continue until one reaches 7 (ahead by 2 points), or leads by 2 points after 7-7.
5. *"Game and first set, Adams, 7 - 6."* OR *"Game and first set, Adams, 7 games to 6."*

#### E. SECOND SET

1. As the first server steps to the line: *"Second set. Dunn to serve."*
2. Only say name of first server in second set, not the 2<sup>nd</sup> server.
3. After first game: *"Game, Adams. First game, second set."*
4. On changeovers
  - a. *"Game Adams. Dunn leads 3 - 2, second set. First set Adams."*
  - b. *"Game Adams. Adams leads 3 - 2, second set and by 1 set to love."*
  - c. *"Game Dunn. Dunn leads 3 games to 2, second set. First set Adams."*
5. At 6-6:
  - a. *"Game, Adams. 6 games all. Second set tiebreak."*
  - b. *"Game, Adams. 6 all. Second set tiebreak."*
6. At the end of Second Set (Winner determined)
  - a. *"Game, Set, Match, Adams, 6-4, 7-6."* OR
  - b. *"Game, Set, Match, Adams, two sets to love, 6-4, 7-6."*
7. At the end of the second set (split sets)

- a. *“Game and second set, Dunn. 6-4. One set all.”*
  - b. If Match Tiebreak in lieu of a third set: *“Game and second set, Dunn. 6-4. One set all. [Pause.] Ladies and Gentlemen, following the set break, a 10 point match tiebreak will be played to decide the match.”*
8. The scores of previous sets are never given.

#### F. FINAL SET

- 1. As the first server steps to the line: *“Final set. Dunn to serve.”*
- 2. Only say name of first server in final set, not the 2<sup>nd</sup> server.
- 3. Scoring:
  - a. *“Game, Adams. First game, final set.”*
  - b. *“Game, Dunn. 1 all, final set.”*
  - c. *“Game, Adams. Adams leads 2-1, final set.”*
  - d. *“Game, Adams. Adams leads 2 games to 1, final set.”*
  - e. *“Game, Dunn. 6 games all. Final set tiebreak.”*

#### G. MATCH TIEBREAK

- 1. As the first server steps to the line: *“Match Tiebreak. Dunn to serve.”*

#### H. END OF MATCH

- 1. Regular (3-Set) Match
  - a. *“Game, set, match, Adams. Two sets to love: 7-6, 6-2.”*
  - b. *“Game, set, match, Adams. 7-6, 6-2.”*
  - c. *“Game, set, match, Adams. 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.”*
  - d. *“Game, set, match, Adams. 2 sets to 1. 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.”*
- 2. Match Tiebreak
  - a. If match tiebreak is played, just say the score of each set.
  - b. *“Game, set, match, Adams. 6-3, 4-6, 10-8.”*
  - c. Never say *“1-Love”* for match tiebreak.

## II. USTA DOUBLES (Three Tiebreak Sets)

- A. Men’s and Women’s doubles teams are placed in the draw alphabetically by last name *“Adams/Dunn.”* In mixed doubles teams, the woman’s name is listed first. Generally, the order of names on the draw should be used in the introduction as well as all announcements throughout the match. The verbiage for all calls and announcements are pretty much the same in singles and doubles.

#### B. INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. *“Ladies and Gentlemen, this (Round) match will be the best of three tiebreak sets. To the right of the chair from, Ga., Alex Adams, and, Donald Dunn. To the left of the chair from Ga., Ethan Evans, and his partner from FL., Felix Fine.”*

2. Choices:
  - a. *"Adams/Dunn won the toss and elected to receive."*
  - b. *"Adams/Adams won the toss and deferred. They will receive."* (If players on a team have the same last name.)
    - 1) It is acceptable here to use pronoun "they".

#### C. FIRST SET

1. As the first server steps to the line to serve: *"First set. Alex Adams to serve. Play."*
2. Announce the name of each player before their first serve. Note: At the start of each subsequent set, announce the name of the first server only.

#### D. SCORING

1. Regular Tiebreak Sets – same as above
2. Game – ALWAYS say the name of both players. Do not use "they".
  - a. First set:
    - 1) *"Game Adams/Dunn. First Game."*
    - 2) *"Game Evans/Fine. 1 all, first set."* Or *"Game Evans/Fine. 1 game all, first set."*
      - i. It doesn't matter if you say "1 all" or "1 game all" as long as you are consistent throughout the match.
    - 3) *"Game Adams/Dunn. Adams/Dunn lead 2 games to 1, first set."*
    - 4) *"Game and first set Evans/Fine, 6-4."* OR *"Game and first set Evans/Fine, 6 games to 4."*
    - 5) ALWAYS announce the set after each game.
      - i. *"Game Adams/Dunn. Adams/Dunn lead 2 games to 1, second set. First set Evans/Fine."*
    - 6) If a team has players with extremely long names such as "Llagostera-Vives/Martina-Sanchez", you should still repeat both names. It is not acceptable to say "Game Llagostera-Vives/Martina-Sanchez, THEY lead 2 games to love." Do not use pronouns.
  - b. Second set:
    - 1) *"Game Adams/Dunn. First game, second set."*
    - 2) *"Game Evans/Fine. 1 all, second set."* Or *"Game Evans/Fine. 1 game all, second set."*
    - 3) *"Game Adams/Dunn. Adams/Dunn lead 2 games to 1, second set. First set Evans/Fine."*
    - 4) *"Game and second set, Jones/Smith, 6-4. One set all."*
  - c. Final set:
    - 1) *"Game Adams/Dunn. First game, final set."*
    - 2) *"Game Evans/Fine. 1 all, final set."* Or *"Game Evans/Fine. 1 game all, final set."*
    - 3) *"Game Adams/Dunn. Adams/Dunn lead 2 games to 1, final set."*

3. Advantage announcements:
  - a. If it is the server's advantage, say his name: *"Advantage Adams."*
  - b. If it is the receiver's advantage, say the name of the player in the ad court, who will be receiving: *"Advantage Fine."*
4. No-Ad Scoring: *"Deuce. Deciding Point. Receiver's Choice."*
5. Set Tiebreak
  - a. *"Game Adams/Dunn, Six games all. First set tiebreak."*  
Always announce leading team first, and say both names of team leading the tiebreak.
  - b. Use "Zero" instead of "Love"
  - c. Scoring:
    - 1) *"1-Zero, Adams/Dunn."*
    - 2) *"1 all."*
    - 3) *"2 – 1, Adams/Dunn."*
    - 4) Continue until one team reaches 7 (ahead by 2 points). Then say, *"Game and first set Adams/Dunn, 7-6."*
    - 5) Do not say the actual tiebreak score.
6. Match Tiebreak
  - a. If a match tiebreak is to be played in lieu of the third set, *"Game and second set, Adams/Dunn. 6-4. One set all. [Pause.] Ladies and Gentlemen, following the set break, a 10 point match tiebreak will be played to decide the match."*
7. End of Match
  - a. *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn. 6-1, 6-1."* OR *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn. 2 sets to love. 6-1, 6-1."*
  - b. *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn. 6-3, 4-6, 6-1."* OR *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn. 2 sets to 1. 6-3, 4-6, 6-1."*
  - c. If match tiebreak is played, just say the score of each set: *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn. 6-3, 2-6, 10-5."*
    - 1) Never say "1-Love" for match tiebreak.

#### E. USTA DOUBLES (Eight Game Pro Set)

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS WHICH DIFFER
  - a. *"Ladies and Gentlemen, this match will be an eight game pro set. "* Do not say that a tiebreak will be played at 8 all.
  - b. *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn, 8-6."*
  - c. *"Game, set, match, Adams/Dunn, 9-8."*

### III. TWINS, SIBLINGS, SAME LAST NAME

- A. The best practice is to repeat the last name. *"Williams/Williams"*
- B. It is acceptable to make the last name plural, but this is not favored.
- C. If they are opponents, then say complete name:
  1. *"Advantage Venus Williams."*
  2. *"Game Serena Williams."*

#### IV. CODE VIOLATIONS

- A. CORN: Announce the CODE, what the OFFENSE was, the RESULT and the NAME offending player.
- B. Titles, such as Mr., Mrs., or Ms., are used when issuing a penalty:
  - 1. *"Code Violation, Ball Abuse, Point Penalty, Mr. Adams."*
  - 2. *"Code Violation, Racket Abuse, Game Penalty, Miss Smith."*
- C. Announce the result of the point, before issuing the CV.
  - 1. Ex. 1: Grant is serving at 40-30. During the point, Grant curses; she ends up losing the point. When the point is over announce *"Deuce."* Pause, then *"Code Violation: Audible Obscenity, Point Penalty, Ms. Grant. Advantage Smith."*
  - 2. Ex. 2: Jones is serving at game point and he trails 3-5. During the point, Jones curses; but he wins the point. *"Game, Jones. Grant leads 5 - 4. First set. Code Violation: Audible Obscenity, Point Penalty, Mr. Jones. 15-Love."*
    - a. When the players get up from the changeover, repeat the score. *"15-Love."*
  - 3. Ex. 3: Holt is serving at deuce; he trails 4 games to 5. During the point, Holt curses. He loses the point. *"Advantage, Williams. Code Violation: Audible Obscenity, Point Penalty, Mr. Holt. Game and first set, Williams, 6 games to 4."*
- D. Default
  - 1. If a Chair Umpire wants the Referee to assess an immediate default, he should announce:
    - a. *"Play is suspended."* OR
    - b. *"Play is suspended. Referee to court."* OR
    - c. *"Code Violation, Audible Obscenity. Referee to court."* OR
    - d. *"Code Violation. Referee to court."*
  - 2. If the referee agrees that a default should be imposed, announce:
    - a. *"Game, set, match, Jones 6-4, 2-4, default."*

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Ball Change
  - 1. If ball change is before 3<sup>rd</sup> set: *"Game and second set, Dunn. 6-4. Ball Change."*
  - 2. If there is a ball change pattern (7/9, 9/11, 11/13), announce the score, then the ball change: *"Game, Dunn. Dunn leads 4-3, first set. Ball Change."*
  - 3. It's ok to say either "Ball Change" or "New Balls".
  - 4. If the server doesn't hold up the new balls to let the receiver know of the ball change, turn towards the receiver and say *"New balls"* but not in a way to embarrass the server.
  - 5. If the server shows the receiver the new balls and the receiver acknowledges, say nothing.
  - 6. Announcements:
    - a. *"Final set. Dunn to serve. New balls."*
    - b. *"Game, Dunn. First game, second set. Ball change please."*

## B. Prematch Conference

1. Keep it short.
2. Give only necessary information.
  - a. What they don't know.
  - b. What is different or unusual.
3. Examples:
  - a. *"Ladies, you are playing with #4 balls. New balls for the third set. You're calling all your own lines. Any questions?"* [Show coin to one player and say] *"Heads or tails?"*
  - b. *"Gentlemen. We are playing with four balls. Ball change at 9 and 11. I'm calling all the lines. Keep playing until you hear my call. Any questions? Heads or tails."*
  - c. Clay court: *"Ladies, we're playing with #3 balls. I'm calling all the lines. Keep playing till you hear my call. If you think a ball is out, you can stop play and circle the mark. I'll be glad to read the mark, but if I have a different mark or if I can't read the mark, my original call will stand. You aren't allowed to go across the net to look at a mark, so if you want me to read one, let me know. I won't take my eyes off the mark till I'm sure you're ok with the call. Any questions? Heads or tails?"*

## C. Suspended Match

1. Inclement weather, darkness, lightning.
2. Announce: *"Ladies and gentlemen, play is suspended."*
3. When play resumes, announce:
  - a. *"Ladies and gentlemen. This is the continuation of a suspended match. The score is 2 all, first set. Dunn to serve."*
  - b. *"Ladies and gentlemen. This is the continuation of a match suspended by rain. To the right of the chair, from the USA, Donald Dunn. To the left of the chair from Canada, Tom Jones. Dunn leads 4-3. Jones is serving at Love 15."* Then just before he serves, repeat the game score *"Love 15"*

## D. Retirement

1. When a player retires due to injury/illness
2. Announce:
  - a. *"Mr. Jones is retiring due to injury (illness). Smith Wins. 6-1, 2-4 Ret."*
  - b. *"Ladies and gentlemen. Ms. Jones has retired due to illness (injury). Smith Wins. 4-6, 3-2 ret."*

## E. Hindrance

1. *"Hindrance. Loss of Point. 40-30."*

## F. Titles

1. Titles, such as Mr., Mrs., Ms., are used when directly communicating with a player or issuing a penalty.
2. Use only the players' surnames for scoring.

## G. Other stuff

1. "Not up" - Double bounce
2. "Foul shot" or "Touch" – Ball is intentionally struck twice or struck before it comes over the net, ball touches a player, or ball touches anything a

player is wearing, or something a player is carrying falls into the opponent's court, or ball touches the ceiling