

Tennis Scoring & Tiebreaker Cheat Sheet

Set tiebreak, match tiebreak, Grand Slam and tour rules at a glance

Situation	Rule
Game points	15, 30, 40, then game. 40-40 is deuce (win 2 in a row: advantage, then game).
Winning a set	First to 6 games, winning by at least 2 (6-4, 6-3, etc.).
Set reaches 6-6	Decided by a 7-point set tiebreak (win by 2).
Set tiebreak serving	Server due up plays point 1; opponent serves the next 2; alternate every 2 points.
Change ends	Every 6 points during a tiebreak.
Match / super tiebreak	First to 10 points (win by 2). Replaces an entire deciding set.
Grand Slam final set	10-point tiebreak at 6-6 - all 4 majors, unified in 2022.
ATP / WTA tour	Best-of-3; a 7-point tiebreak at 6-6 in every set, including the decider.
Doubles (common)	No-ad scoring; a 10-point match tiebreak in place of a third set.

Tip: a set tiebreak (first to 7) decides one set; a match tiebreak (first to 10) decides the whole match.