



- **PRE-MATCH:** Verify players. Concise; comprised of BALLS – CALLS – OTHER
- **FORMAT:**
 - MAIN: “Players, this match is best 2/3 sets”
 - FIC: “Players, this match is 2 tiebreak sets with a MTB in lieu of the third”
 - DOUBLES: “Players, this match is 2 tiebreak sets, with a MTB in lieu of the third”
- **BALLS:** “We are using 3 (ball number)”:
 - MAIN-QF: “New balls if you split sets”
 - FIC – not necessary
 - SF→F: “Ball change at 9 and 11”
- **CALLS:**
 - “You are calling your own lines. Make your calls **clear to your opponent and to me.**”
 - “There is no appeal, and I will overrule any clear mistakes.”
 - I will be making all other calls from the chair, including service lets, lets and any stoppage of play.”
- **OTHER:**
 - MAIN: “10-minute rest period, should you split sets”
 - MTB: “3-minute rest period, should you split sets; coaching will be conducted just off court”
 - Weather: e.g.: “wind, threat of rain”
 - Miscellaneous: “Middle court, ceremonial process/pictures, national anthem”
- “QUESTIONS?”
- COIN TOSS → choice, sides, etc.
- “5 MINUTE warm-up, I will count you down”

- “3 minutes”
- “2 minutes”
- “1 minute”
 - Match Intro’ Announcement
- “TIME”

MATCH INTRO’ ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STANDARD 2/3 TIE-BREAK SETS:

“Ladies and Gentlemen this _____ round match, will be the best of three tie-break sets. To the left of the chair from CITY, STATE, Player(s). To the right of the chair from CITY, STATE, _____. _____ won the toss and chose/elected to _____.”

- **When a match has split sets and the winner of the 2nd set has been announced, make this announcement:**

“Ladies and gentlemen, following the 10-minute rest period. the final set will be played to decide the match.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MATCH TIE-BREAK IN LIEU OF A 3RD SET:

“Ladies and Gentlemen, this _____ round match will consist of two tie-break sets. A 10-Point Match Tie-break will be used at one set all. To the right/left of the chair from (City, State), (Player(s)). To the right/left of the chair from (City, State), Player(s)). Player(s) won the toss and chose/elected to _____.”

- **At one set all the umpire should announce:**

“Ladies and Gentlemen, following the 3-minute rest period, a 10-Point Match Tie-break will be played to decide the match.”

- **Match completion:** Game, set, match (Player(s)); 6-2, 1-6, 10-2.”

- **Medical Time Outs (MTD)** – see the “RESOURCES >> GENERAL INFORMATION”

OVERRULE: “Correction, the ball was good”, award the point and give the correct score. *Use the appropriate hand signal.*

DEFAULT:

Use the term “default” when a player fails to appear on time or is guilty of misconduct. *A referee should also be called to court* i.e. Example: “Game, set, match; Jones wins 6-4,2-4, *default.*”

RETIREMENT:

A referee should also be called to court; including but limited to the physio “Mr./Ms. _____ is retiring due to injury (illness). (Opponent) wins, 6-1, 2-4, *retired.*”

SUSPENDED PLAY: “Ladies and gentlemen, play is suspended.”

- Short stoppage (no coaching allowed) – “*Ladies and Gentlemen, Play has been stopped.*”
- Suspension of play (coaching allowed off the court) – “*Ladies and gentlemen, play is suspended.*”

CODE VIOLATION (C.O.R.N.):

- C=“Code Violation”
- O=offense “*Racquet abuse*”
- R=result “*Point Penalty-Game penalty, etc.*”
- N=name “*Smith*”

RESUMPTION OF SUSPENDED MATCH:

Use this announcement if a period of time has elapsed or the spectators have changed since the suspension of play:

“Ladies and gentlemen this is the resumption of a suspended _____ round best of three tie-break set match. To the right of the chair from (city, state) _____, name. To the left of the chair from (city, state) _____ name.

- *“ _____ leads 4-1, in the second set, first set to _____ ”*
- *“ _____ is serving at game score”*
- *“time”*
- *“ _____ to serve”*
- *“play”*

CALLS:

- *“Wait, please”* – to hold or pause play
- *“Let, Replay the point”* – due to a hindrance/interruption of play
- *“Not Up”* – if a player fails to hit a ball in play on the first bounce
- Permanent fixture – *“out”* vs. *“touch”*
 - *“Out”* – if a return hits the ground, a permanent fixture or other object outside the proper court.
 - *“Touch”* – if a player or attire of the player touches the net while the ball is still in play
- *“Let”* – if a serve hits the top of the net and goes over the net and lands in the correct service box of the opponent.
- *“Through”* – if a ball goes through the net.
- *“Foul shot”* – if a ball is struck before it crosses the net, or an illegal carry, or double-hit.

VERBIAGE CARDS

Pre-match announcement

Ladies and Gentlemen this is a ____ round match, best of three tiebreak sets. To the left of the chair from ____ (City/State), ____ (Player). To the right of the chair from ____ (City/State), ____ (Player). ____ (Player) won the toss and chose/elected to ____."

Warm-up completion: "Time"

Pre-match announcement for match tiebreak in lieu of 3rd set

"Ladies and Gentlemen, this ____ round match will consist of two tiebreak sets. At one set all, a ten-point match tiebreak will be played to decide the match. To the left of the chair from ____ (City/State), ____ (Player). To the right of the chair from ____ (City/State), ____ (Player). ____ (Player) won the toss and chose/elected to ____."

Warm-up completion: "Time"

At one set all: "Ladies and Gentlemen, a ten-point match tiebreak will now be played to decide the match."

Announcement at one set all with a 3 minute rest period

"Ladies and gentlemen, following the 3-minute rest period, a ten-point match tiebreak will be played to decide the match."

Match completion: "Game, set, match ____ (Player); 6-2, 1-6, 10-2."

Announcement at one set all with a 10 minute rest period

Ladies and Gentlemen, following the 10 minute rest period, a final set will be played to decide the match.

Match completion: "Game, set, match ____ (Player). Two sets to one: 6-2, 1-6, 6-4."



Trainer/Medical Time Out

"Ladies and Gentlemen, the Trainer/Physio has been called to court."

To the crowd (if MTO taken):

"Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr./Ms. ____ is now receiving a Medical Timeout."

To the players if treatment is given (no public announcement):

"2 minutes remaining; 1-minute remaining; 30 seconds remaining, treatment complete."

Wait for player to gather equipment, put on shoes, etc. then announce **"Time."**

Retirement

"Mr. /Ms. ____ is retiring due to an injury/illness." "(Opponent) wins, 6-1, 2-4, retired."

Suspended Play & Resumption

"Ladies and gentlemen, play is suspended."

If length of suspension warrants an announcement: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the resumption of a suspended ____ round match. To the left of the chair from ____ (City/State), ____ (Player). To the right of the chair from ____ (City/State), ____ (Player). ____ (Player) leads ____ (score). ____ (Player) is serving ____ (game score)."

"Time. ____ (Player) to serve, "Play."

Code violation (CORN)

Code Violation, Offense (Racket Abuse), Result (Point Penalty), Name (Mr. /Ms. ____).

