

2026 Bergen County Women's Tennis League

12-Point Tiebreaker

The 12-point tie-break is played when a set score is 6-6. Final set score is recorded 7-6 or 6-7.

Even though the tiebreaker is technically played to seven, it's called a "twelve-point tiebreaker" because it's the best of twelve points.

Serving:

The player whose turn it is to serve will be the server for the first point and will serve the **first point** from the **deuce or right side** of the court.

The opponent will then serve the second and third points. The **second point** will be served from the **ad or left side** of the court and the **third point** is served from the **deuce or right side** of the court.

Players will continue by serving alternately for two consecutive points. **Each time the server switches the new server begins serving on the ad or left side of the court.**

Changing Ends: Players **change ends after every 6 points** and at the conclusion of the tie-break game. For example, when the score reaches 4 - 2, the players will switch sides.

Note: The player serving immediately prior to a changeover will take their second serve once the changeover is made.

Scoring: The tie-break winner is the first team to reach seven points provided there is margin of two points. If there is not a margin of two points, play continues until a two-point margin is reached.

Tip:

- When the score total is EVEN, you always serve from the Deuce side.
- When the score total is ODD you always serve from the Ad side.

If service from a wrong half of the court occurs and is undetected, all resulting play shall stand, but the error should be corrected as soon as it is discovered.