

TLCA Tennis 2015 - Rules and Regulations

The rules are taken form Page# 207 in the 2015 ATP Official Rule Book

- All the rounds till semifinals shall be single set round.
- Semi finals and Finals will be 3 set rounds
- In a Tie-Break situation (i.e. 6-6), the next serving player gets only one point server, then after both the players will get a chance to serve two points.
- In the Ti-Break situation, the player or the team who get 2 points difference will be the winner.

Advantage Set

The first player/team to win six games wins that “Set”, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If necessary, the set shall continue until this margin is achieved.

Tie-break Set

The first player/team to win six games wins that “Set”, provided there is a margin of two games over the opponent(s). If the score reaches six games all, a tie-break game shall be played

Change of Ends

The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third and every subsequent odd game of each set. The players shall also change ends at the end of each set unless the total number of games in that set is even, in which case the players change ends at the end of the first game of the next set. During a tie-break game, players shall change ends after every six points.

Ball Touches a Line

If a ball touches a line, it is regarded as touching the court bounded by that line.

BALL TOUCHES A PERMANENT FIXTURE

If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture after it has hit the correct court, the player who hit the ball wins the point. If the ball in play touches a permanent fixture before it hits the ground, the player who hit the ball loses the point.

SERVING

When serving in a standard game, the server shall stand behind alternate halves of the court, starting from the right half of the court in every game. In a tie-break game, the service shall be served from behind alternate halves of the court, with the first served from the right half of the court.

The service shall pass over the net and hit the service court diagonally opposite, before the receiver returns it.

FOOT FAULT

During the service motion, the server shall not:

- a. Change position by walking or running, although slight movements of the feet are Permitted; or
- b. Touch the baseline or the court with either foot; or
- c. Touch the area outside the imaginary extension of the sideline with either foot; or
- d. Touch the imaginary extension of the centre mark with either foot.

SERVICE FAULT

The service is a fault if:

- a. The server misses the ball when trying to hit it; or
- c. The ball served touches a permanent fixture, singles stick or net post before it hits the ground; or
- d. The ball served touches the server or server's partner, or anything the server or server's partner is wearing or carrying.

SECOND SERVICE

If the first service is a fault, the server shall serve again without delay from behind the same half of the court from which that fault was served, unless the service was from the wrong half.

PLAYER LOSES POINT

The point is lost if:

- a. The player serves two consecutive faults; or
- b. The player does not return the ball in play before it bounces twice consecutively; or
- c. The player returns the ball in play so that it hits the ground, or before it bounces, an object, outside the correct court; or
- d. The player returns the ball in play so that, before it bounces, it hits a permanent fixture; or
- e. The receiver returns the service before it bounces; or

- f.** The player deliberately carries or catches the ball in play on the racket or deliberately touches it with the racket more than once; or
- g.** The player or the racket, whether in the player's hand or not, or anything which the player is wearing or carrying touches the net, net posts/singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band, or the opponent's court at any time while the ball is in play; or
- h.** The player hits the ball before it has passed the net; or
- i.** The ball in play touches the player or anything that the player is wearing or carrying, except the racket; or
- j.** The ball in play touches the racket when the player is not holding it; or
- k.** The player deliberately and materially changes the shape of the racket when the ball is in play; or
- l.** In doubles, both players touch the ball when returning it.

No shouting when the ball is on the other side of the court.

TLCA Rules:

- 1. This tournament is for "TELUGU SPEAKING/TELUGU ORIGIN/TLCAMEMBERS" only.***
- 2. If you/your teammate arrives the court late by 30mintues (without prior notice), you/your team will be forfeited automatically.***
- 3. Behaving badly/inappropriately is not acceptable***
- 4. Umpire's decision is final. If the umpire cannot take the decision, match referee will take the decision.***
- 5. If you have nay questions, please clarify before the match, not during the match.***
- 6. Before every match there will be 5 minutes practice session.***
- 7. Service/Court will be decided by tossing the coin.***
- 8. New balls will be provided for every match.***

Please co-operate with other teams and make this Tennis tournament as friendly as possible and enjoy the game.