



## MEMORANDUM

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### VIA EMAIL

TO: Conference Commissioners, Head Coaches and Athletic Directors of NCAA Institutions  
Sponsoring Division III Men's and/or Women's Tennis.

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SUBJECT: No-Ad Scoring Pilot at 2023 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis  
Championships and 7-Point Dual Match Format Pilot.

The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees have agreed to implement a one-year no-ad scoring pilot for the 2023 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships. This pilot will extend to all rounds of the individual and team championships. The goal of the pilot is to gather more data regarding the impact of the format change on dual match length as well as on the Division III student-athlete experience.

No-Ad tennis matches are played as follows: If each player/team has won three points, the score is "Deuce", and a deciding point shall be played. The receiver(s) shall choose whether to receive the service from the deuce or the ad side of the court. In doubles, the players on the receiving team cannot change sides to receive the deciding point. The player/team who wins the deciding point wins the game.

No additional changes will be made to the scoring format for the Division III championships. The 9-point dual match format will continue to be played at the 2023 championships. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) will move forward with alternate scoring format pilots at select dual match tournaments in the spring. Additionally, the ITA has instituted a mandatory, no-ad scoring pilot for all of Division III tennis for the 2022-23 season. This covers fall individual play including all ITA sanctioned tournaments, ITA Regional Championships and the ITA Cup. It also covers all non-conference dual match play (fall and spring) and any other conference or association that plays under ITA rules.

The tennis committees will consider results from matches played under the 9-point and 7-point formats for championships selection. All 7-point dual-matches need to be pre-approved by the ITA Division III Operating Committee for the results to be accepted for NCAA championships selections.

As a reminder, the minimum number of contest requirements remain in place for the singles and doubles championships.

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- Doubles teams must have completed a minimum of 10 matches (with a minimum of five (5) matches being dual) as a doubles team to be considered for the individuals portion of the Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.
- Singles players must have completed a minimum of 10 matches (with a minimum of five (5) matches being dual) in order to be considered for the individuals portion of the Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Victoria Lipscomb ([vlipscomb@ncaa.org](mailto:vlipscomb@ncaa.org)) or Lindsey Eldred ([leldred@ncaa.org](mailto:leldred@ncaa.org)).

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