



## MEMORANDUM

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### VIA EMAIL

TO: Conference Commissioners, Head Coaches and Athletic Directors of NCAA Institutions  
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SUBJECT: Seven-Point Dual Match Format Pilot at the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships.

The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committees have agreed to implement a one-year seven-point dual match scoring pilot for the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships. This pilot will extend to all rounds of the team championships. The goal of the pilot is to gather more data regarding the impact of the format change on dual matches and the Division III student-athlete experience.

Seven-point dual match format for NCAA championships will be played as follows:

1. **Dual Match Team Score:** Seven team points. The team that wins two of the three doubles matches receives one point. Each singles match is worth one point. Four or more points are required to win the dual match.
2. **Order of Play:** Three doubles followed by six singles. The format is three six-game set doubles matches with a seven-point tiebreak at six-all. Doubles will be followed by six best-of-three set singles matches.
3. **Clinch-Clinch Format:**
  1. *Doubles* - Once one team wins two of the three doubles matches, doubles play ends.
  2. *Singles* - Once one team has four team points, the match ends.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) has also instituted a mandatory, seven-point scoring pilot for all of Division III tennis for the 2024-25 season. This covers all non-conference dual match play (fall and spring). The ITA will distribute additional information on Tuesday containing further details on this pilot.

The NCAA will accept all team and individual results for championships selection from any conference that chooses to play under the nine-point format.

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

- 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.

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