



***ITTA Dual Match Format***  
***Mandated Experimental Format for January-February, 2014***  
***Division I Women's Tennis***  
***(effective January 1, 2014)***

The following is the revised mandated experimental "ITA dual match format" for ALL NCAA women's Division I non-conference tennis matches that are played from January-February, 2014 through the 2014 ITA Women's Team Indoor Championships (Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>). This experimental format must be used in dual match competition during this time period, unless both coaches agree otherwise:

- The dual meet will consist of three doubles matches played first (worth a total of one point), followed by six singles matches, each individual match worth one point. Four points are required to win the team match.
- The three doubles matches will each consist of one set, with regular scoring and a tie-breaker at 6-all. Once a team has won two doubles matches, the remaining doubles match shall not be completed. *(NB. this "clinch" policy is the current rule in the ITA Women's Kick-off Weekend, ITA Women's National Indoor Team Championships and the NCAA Women's Team Championships).*
- Six singles matches will follow the doubles. Each singles match is two out of three sets, with each set using regular scoring, and a match tie-breaker in lieu of the third set.
- All singles matches will be played to completion unless both coaches agree to do otherwise. *(NB. the "clinch" policy is the current rule in the ITA Women's Kick-off Weekend, the ITA Women's National Indoor Team Championships and the NCAA Women's Team Championships. Therefore once four points have been reached, the remaining singles matches will not be completed in these events).*
- There will be no warm-up against opponents before the first point is played in doubles and singles: players will be expected to warm-up with their own team prior to the scheduled match time. A written pre-match protocol will be made available in early January.