



## Fall Classic Umpire Role and Responsibilities

### The Umpire....

- is the lead official of the court.
- keeps official score of the match.
- will know and understand the format of play.
  - Sets 1 and 2; typically first to 4 by a margin of 2 games (format indicated on score cards and posted at tournament desk)
  - Set 3 is a 10-point tie-breaker (win by two)
  - No ad scoring (At 40 all format is receivers choice)
- will know and understand the rules of tennis and the guidelines of a unified partner in Unified Doubles match play.
- will make the final call on all balls. An umpire may ask for assistance from the ball person (when he/she feels necessary).
- will allow coaching on change over (after the first game of the first and second set and each change over in that set thereafter). Coaching is not permitted once a tiebreaker begins. A Coach must be seated at courtside during the match he/she is actively coaching.
- will allow coaching by the Unified Partner during his/her match
- will give initial warning to an athlete that foot faults. During Unified Doubles match play the umpire will issue a warning to the unified partner. He/She may then communicate with the athlete as to the violation and recommend corrective action.
- should call all game point results loudly and clearly during the match.
- may slow down the rate of play or stop play as needed due to
  - Positioning of ball persons on the court
  - Need to record and/or correct scoring
  - Player is not aware that other players are not ready for play
  - Player is serving from the wrong side of the court



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- will ensure (in Unified Doubles) that the following are observed. If necessary, the umpire may advise the unified partner to the issues as needed.
  - POINT OF EMPHASIS- Unified partners are playing the ball to the level of the athletes on the court. Unified partners should not dominate play. His/Her role is to facilitate play between athletes. (NOTE: It is understood that the Unified partner will at times hit a winning shot. If this becomes the norm then the umpire should address the situation with the unified partner in a calm and professional manner during changeover.)
  - Unified partners are engaging both athletes in play throughout the match.
  - Spectators are cheering and applauding without coaching from the sideline.
  - Coaches are coaching at the appropriate times during match play.
- will clearly Indicate the winner of the match on the score card
- will contact the Head Umpire with any concerns or issues that he/she is unclear on how to handle.

### Additional Information

#### COURT ASSIGNMENT

- Each Umpire will be assigned a court and will remain on that court for the duration of his/her shift. If a bathroom break is needed the umpire should do this in between matches and as players for new match are warming up.

#### CLIPBOARDS

- Each Umpire will receive a clipboard. Rules and court layout/play area pictures will be taped to each clipboard.
- You will receive the scorecard for your match when you head out for your first match.
- For all consecutive matches the BALL PERSON/ RUNNER will bring you your next card along with all players for your next match.