



June 2024

**RULES OF PLAY
BRISBANE SENIORS TENNIS CLUB INC.**

	Start Time	Finish Time	Court Usage
Pennant	9am	12 Noon	2 courts
Division 1	12 noon	4:30 pm	2 courts
Division 2	8:30 am	12 Noon	1 court

(A) PLAYING TIME:

In Pennant, if a team does not have 2 pairs available to commence play by 9:15am, any set unable to be started, will be awarded to the opposing team. Match will cease at 12 pm (time to be confirmed by Division Coordinator).

In Division 1, if a team does not have 2 pairs available to commence play by 12:15pm, any set unable to be started, may be delayed and played as the 12th and final set if time permits. Otherwise, this set will be awarded to the opposing team.

In Division 2, if a pair are not available to commence play by the starting time, the first set may be delayed and played as the final set if time permits. Otherwise, this set will be awarded to the opposing team.

If a match cannot be started within 30 minutes of the official start time because of lack of players from one team, the match can be claimed as a forfeit from the opposing team.,

This ruling will also apply to semi-finals and finals.

(B) PLAYING TEAMS:

	Playing Teams	Preferred Rego Number
Pennant	2 men 2 ladies	3 men 3 ladies
Division 1	4 men 2 ladies (3 men 3 ladies can play)	6 men 3 ladies
Division 2	3 players – male or female	4 players any gender

All teams must be submitted to the Committee by the closing date set down by the Committee prior to the commencement of the season.

(C) ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS:

Extra registrations after commencement of season, may be approved by the Committee provided player details are provided and lodged along with all fees due. A player can be used without prior approval provided the player is of a similar standard to the division in which they are playing. In such cases, this must be recorded on the scorecard with details of prior playing experience for committee approval prior to the awarding of points for that match.

To prevent forfeits in matches prior to semi-finals, players in the following categories may be used provided that in any match, at least half of the players in a team are registered members of that team:

- (i) Players registered in a lower section may be borrowed provided the details are recorded on the back of the scorecard.
- (ii) In emergencies, teams may use players from other teams in the same Division, provided they are not required for their own team, or with executive approval, submitted prior to the match.
- (iii) Registered players may play in a higher division as many times as they like provided they are not required to play by their own teams.
- (iv) **UNREGISTERED PLAYERS:** A player may play 2 matches as an unregistered player, provided player details are provided, but on the third match, that player must register either with a team or as a reserve player and must pay the annual membership. If no payment has been received with the score sheets by the third match, points for the sets played by the unregistered player will be deducted.

(D) PLAY:

All matters of precedence of play such as choice of ends and right to service, shall be decided by the toss of a coin. For the first set, the team winning the toss may choose or require their opponents to choose:

- (i) The right to serve in the first game, in which case the other team shall choose the end OR
- (ii) The right to receive in the first game, in which case the other team shall choose the end.

The team serving in the first set will serve in each odd-numbered set (e.g. Sets 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11) and the opposing team will serve in each even-numbered set (e.g. Sets 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12). Players shall change ends on odd games.

If both teams agree, umpires are not required.

In semi-finals and finals, the right to choose to be Home Team or Visiting Team shall be by the toss of a coin.

The BSTC will supply courts, balls and scorecard for each match. Each captain shall collect a playing fee as set by the current Brisbane Seniors Committee.

The BSTC will nominate co-ordinators for each Division.

(E) MATCH:

Order of Play – Pennant

Format for the day will be - 8 sets played on two courts

M1&L1 v M1&L1 M2&L2 v M2&L2

M1&M2 v M1&M2 L1&L2 v L1&L2

M1&M2 v M1&M2 L1&L2 v L1&L2

M1&L2 v M1&L2 M2&L1 v M2&L1

Division 1

A match consists of 12 sets played on two courts. In sets 11 & 12, the Captains may play their players in any combination and each player can only play in one of these sets.

The order of play shall be:

MEN - M1, M2, M3, M4, LADIES - L1, L2

HOME TEAM

M1 & L1

M2 & L2

M1 & M3

M2 & M4

L1 & L2

M1 & M3

M2 & M4

M3 & L1

M4 & L2

L1 & L2

MENS PAIR (ANY COMBINATION) MENS PAIR (ANY COMBINATION)

MENS PAIR (ANY COMBINATION) MENS PAIR (ANY COMBINATION)

VISITING TEAM

M1 & L1

M2 & L2

M1 & M3

M2 & M4

L1 & L2

M2 & M4

M1 & M3

M4 & L2

M3 & L1

L1 & L2

Division 2

The order of play will be

1 & 2 V 1 & 2

1 & 3 V 1 & 3

2 & 3 V 2 & 3

1 & 2 V 1 & 2

1 & 3 V 1 & 3

2 & 3 V 2 & 3

(F) SCORING:

Each set is won by the side first winning 6 games. When the score reaches 5-all in any set, the Seniors tie breaker rule applies. Players change after the first point and thereafter, every 4th point (e.g. change 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th and so on) until one team reaches 7 points with an advantage of 2 points.

(G) WINNING TEAM:

- (i) The match is won by the team winning the greater number of sets and if the sets are equal, the team winning the most games will be the winner. If sets and games also equal, the match will be declared a draw with both teams sharing the points.
- (ii) If the match is not completed, it is won or drawn on the position at the end of play, provided 5 sets have been completed in Pennant, 9 sets in Division 1 and 5 sets completed in Division 2, or unless one team has an unbeatable lead.

(H) SEMI FINALS:

In semi-finals, a result must be obtained. In the case of a draw, a tie break third set doubles must be played where a mixed combination of each Captain’s choice will play until a team has reached 10 points with an advantage of 2 points. That team will then be declared the winner of the tie and the match. In the case of play washed out in the semi-final, the two leading teams will play off in the final. If final is washed out, leading team at the end of the season is the winner.

(I) WET MATCHES:

A decision by Division Coordinators regarding play is to be made one hour prior to play. When a team forfeits, the forfeit shall be cancelled if, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the match could not have been played on account of rain or any other cause.

(J) EXTREME WEATHER:

Please refer to Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy
[TA-Extreme-Weather-Policy-effective-13-Oct-2022.pdf \(tennis.com.au\)](https://www.tennis.com.au/TA-Extreme-Weather-Policy-effective-13-Oct-2022.pdf)

		Temperature (°C)																														
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Note: This table is compiled from an approximate formula which only depends on temperature and humidity. The formula is valid for full sunshine and a light wind

(From: [WBGT-Chart.png \(900x562\) \(uconn.edu\)](https://www.uconn.edu/~uconn/tennis/WBGT-Chart.png))

(K) AFTERNOON/MORNING TEA:

In Division 1, the home team shall supply the cups, milk, sugar, tea and coffee. Afternoon tea is provided by both teams. In Division 2, tea and coffee is supplied by the committee with the home teams providing food for morning tea.

(L) FORFEITS:

Where possible, forfeiting teams should contact the Division Co-ordinator in the first instance and every attempt be made to find a suitable player to fill-in. The forfeiting team must give the opposing team sufficient notice of such forfeits.

The forfeiting team shall meet cost of court hire, if required by Court owners.

(M) PLAYER INJURY:

In the case of injury or illness during a match, a player may be replaced with another player available from the same team, **however the set when injury or illness occurred must be forfeited. The replacement player may play in the remainder of the sets. In Division 2, a player of similar standard may be substituted.**

(N) POINTS FOR MATCH –

All divisions:

Win: 6 points plus 0.1 of a point for each game won

Loss: 2 points plus 0.1 of a point for each game won

Draw: 4 points plus 0.1 of a point for each game won

Wet: Average points at the end of the season

Bye: 0 points

Forfeit: full points for all divisions. Forfeiting team: 0 points

(O) WINNERS:

The leading 4 teams in each Division playoff to determine winners.

Semi-final: Team 1 v Team 4; Team 2 v Team 3

Final: Winners of semi-final matches

(P) FINALS:

To be eligible to play in semi-finals and finals, players must have PLAYED 3 MATCHES WITH THE RESPECTIVE TEAM AND ALSO BE REGISTERED WITH THE SAME TEAM. Wet and forfeited matches are not considered as being a match and therefore do not count towards eligibility to play finals.

In semi-finals and finals, if a team is unable to field a full quota of registered players from their team, players may be borrowed from a team not in the semi-finals/finals and must have the approval of the Committee.

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