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

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(A) **PLAYING TIME:** Division 1 and 2 shall commence at 11.45am. Division 3 shall commence at 12.30pm. In Divisions 1 & 2, if a pair is not available to commence play by 12 noon, the first set may be forfeited, or the set can be played at the end of the match, time permitting. If the match cannot be started by 12.30pm, because of lack of players from one team, the match can be claimed as a forfeit from the opposing team. In Divisions 1 & 2 only, each match is to be played on 1 court as well as a shared court (i.e. 1 ½ courts). This includes semi finals and finals.

(B) **PLAYING TEAMS:** In Divisions 1 & 2, a team shall consist of 4 men and 2 women or team consistency at the discretion of the committee. At the commencement of the season, a preferred registered team may consist of 6 men and 3 women. One woman may substitute for a man making a team of 3 men and 3 women. All teams must be submitted to the Committee by the closing date set down by the Committee prior to the commencement of the season. In Division 3, a team shall consist of three players.

© **ADDITIONAL REGISTRATIONS:** Extra registrations after commencement of season, may be approved the Committee provided player details are provided and lodged along with all fees due. A player may be used without prior approval provided this is recorded on the back of the scorecard.

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.
- (iii) **UNREGISTERED PLAYERS:** A player may play 2 matches as an unregistered player, but on the third match, that player must register either with a team or as a reserve player and must pay the balance of 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.
- (iv) Emergency registered player who plays more than three (3) times are required to register with Tennis Queensland.

- (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 1<sup>st</sup> game, in which case the other team shall choose the end or
  - (ii) The end, in which case the other team shall choose the right to serve or receive.
  - (iii) At the beginning of each match, captains toss for serve. The team serving in the first set will serve in each odd-numbered sets (eg sets 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11) and the opposing team will serve in each even-numbered sets (eg. Sets 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12). Players shall change ends on odd games.
  - (iv) If both teams agree, umpires are not required.
  - (v) In semi finals and finals, the right to choose to be Home Team or Visiting Team will be by the toss of a coin.
  - (vi) 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.
  - (vii) The BSTC will nominate co-ordinators for each Division.
- (E) **MATCH: Divisions 1 & 2.** A match consists of 12 sets. 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 11, 12

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)

VISITING TEAM

M1 & L1  
M2 & L2  
M1 & M3  
M2 & M4  
L1 & L2  
M2 & M4  
M1 & M3  
M4 & L2  
M3 & L1  
L1 & L2

MENS PAIR

(ANY COMBINATION)

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**Divisions 3.**

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, a 12 point tie-break will be played. The first side to win seven points will win the game and set provided they lead by a margin of two points. After 6 points the ends are changed. If the score reaches six points all, the game shall be extended until this margin has been achieved. Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie-break game.

(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. This will not apply in semi final or final matches where a result must be gained. In such cases, a tie break third set doubles must be played where a mixed combination of each Captain's choice will play out until a team has reached 10 points with a winning margin of two. If points are equal at 9 all, play is to continue until one team has a two point lead. That team will be declared the winner of the tie and the match.
- (ii) If the match is not completed, it is won or drawn on the position at the end of play, provided 10 sets have been completed in Divisions 1 & 2 and 4 sets completed in Division 3 or unless one team has an unbeatable lead. This does not apply to semi finals or finals where play must continue until one team has an unbeatable lead.

(H) WET MATCHES:

- (i) A decision regarding play is to be made 1 hour prior to play.

When a team forfeits, the forfeit shall be cancelled if, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, the match could not have been played on account of rain or any other cause.

(ii) AFTERNOON TEA: The home team shall supply the cups, milk, sugar, tea and coffee. Afternoon team provided by both teams. In Division 3, tea and coffee is supplied with the home teams providing Food for afternoon tea.

(J) FORFEITS: Where possible, forfeiting teams must give the opposing team sufficient notice of such forfeits. Forfeiting team shall meet cost of court hire, if required by court owners.

(K) PLAYER INJURY: In the case of injury during a match, a player may be replaced with another player available from the same team.

(L) POINTS FOR MATCH – all divisions same.

Win	6 points plus .1 of a point for each game won
Loss	2 points plus .1 of a point for each game won
Draw	4 points plus .1 of a point for each game won
Wet	Average points at the end of the season
Bye	0 points
Forfeit	average points at end of season of all played matches for winning team; 0 points to the forfeiting team

(M) WINNERS: The leading 4 teams in each Division play off to determine winners.

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

Final              Winner of semi final matches

(N) 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 must be borrowed from a team in the lower division and with the approval of the Committee.