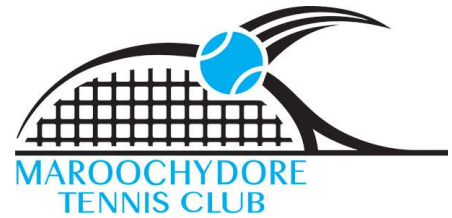


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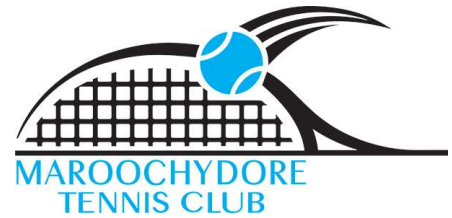


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- 1) The Subcommittee shall be the interpreters of the competition rules.
 - 2) The Subcommittee is to arrange fixture draws; which can only be changed with Subcommittee approval.
 - 3) **Team nominations forms** with player's names etc., is to be lodged with a registration fee of \$40.00 per team.
 - 4) **Player registrations.**
 - a) Players must be registered in a team and play a minimum of 2 matches with that team after registration, to be eligible to play finals for that team.
 - b) New registered player's names are to be clearly written on the score sheet; including, name, address, phone number before commencement of a match.
 - 5) **Fill-in Players.**
 - a) Any unregistered player, playing their first match for any team will be deemed a "fill-in" player, unless the player wishes to be registered on the day.
 - b) A fill-in of a known standard, regularly playing competition tennis within the local area must not play below that standard.
 - c) Any lower grade player can play 3 matches in a higher grade, but must remain in the higher grade, if 4 matches are played; but they are not eligible to play finals in the higher grade without clearance from the Subcommittee.
 - d) Teams may borrow from another team from any club in the same division or lower; however they must only play finals with the team they initially registered with.
 - e) Two registered team members must play each match.
 - f) All fill-in players playing their third match must be registered with a team.
 - 6) **Home team.**
 - a) Two court competition; 4 new balls (approved by T.Q.) must be supplied by the home team.
 - b) The Friday Ladies Tennis Committee have decided to discontinue the practice of the home team supplying lunch. But, the home team will still have to supply morning tea and a platter of fruit. If any team wishes to supply lunch, they may do so by contacting their opposition to see if they are in mutual agreement with this. Especially those that may have a distance to travel.
 - 7) **Starting time.**
 - a) All matches start at 9.30am and any team not ready to play any set by 9.45am is required to forfeit the first set.
 - b) If your home court is not available on the day of play an alternate court must be found or reverse the courts in your draw if possible.

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8) **Forfeits and Weather.**

- a) A team not being able to play must notify their opponents no later than 8.30am on the day of play.
- b) On wet days, the home team captain is to phone by 8.30am either to call off play or negotiate a starting time.
- c) If play is held up prior to play or during play by (rain or heat) the delay shall not be more than 1 hour of total time.
- d) If owing to rain or heat, a match is unfinished, the result shall be based on the number of games played, provided that any 5 sets have been played. If less than 5 sets have been played, the match shall be treated as a wet match.
- e) If both Captains can't agree on the condition of the court the match shall be deemed as a wet match; unless there is another playable court available.
- f) Extreme Heat. In the case of extreme heat conditions and both Captains are agreeable to stop play, then points will be given as per wet matches. *Common sense should always prevail in these matters.* All clubs should have the appropriate thermometer.
- g) In case of an accident or emergency during play, all that person's sets not played shall be forfeited.

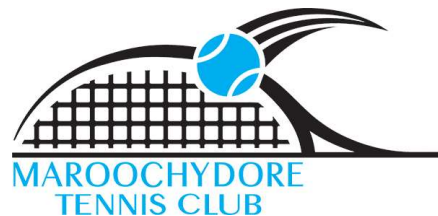
9) **Scoring.**

- a) Sets are played first to 6 games.
- b) The home team must email a score sheet to the recorder on a wet day.
- c) All submitted score sheets must include; date, division, player's names and order of play adhered to.
- d) Matches with drawn games deciding on sets, if sets and games are equal, 2 points each plus .01 per game. 2.24 points for wet matches, 2.24 points for heat matches. 2.24 for bye matches.
- e) Points will be given for all matches played. Point scoring system; 3 points per win _ including a forfeit (3.48) 1 point per loss_ forfeit nil; incentive points_.01 per game won.
- f) The team that receives the forfeit is to email the score sheet.
- g) Division 1: In the case that its 5 games all, the win will be decided by a 7 point tie-break.
- h) If all divisions are equal on games, then the most sets won, decides the winner. If sets and games are equal the match is a draw.
- i) Precedence of play shall be decided by the toss of a coin for all matches. The winner of the toss has the option to serve or receive. Teams alternate serving first in each set. The loser of the toss chooses which end is to be served from in the first set. Subsequent sets commence from the same end.

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10) **Grand Final.**

- a) To be arranged by the Subcommittee. Grand Final will be two courts and played at Maroochydore Club.
- b) 1 verse 2 will play off in the Grand Final.
- c) In the unfortunate circumstance that a team can not field four qualified players for the finals, the Committee should be informed. The team in question will submit to the Committee for approval, three names from teams not involved in the finals. The opposition gets to choose one of these players.
- d) Teams must turn-up for finals on wet days and wait an hour. If rain washes out the final, the team holding the highest position on the points ladder will be deemed the competition winners.
- e) Tie-breaker to be played in the event of a draw for Grand Final.
- f) **The two team's player's names are to be written on a separate sheet of paper and numbered 1 to 4 before play and transferred to the official score sheet. A coin toss will be used between the two Captains to determine who writes their names on the score sheet first.**
- g) For finals, all sets must be completed, unless a team is in an unbeatable position eg: 13 games ahead after 6 sets.
- h) Teams must nominate any two players to play the tie-breaker and write the names on the score sheet prior to commencement of play. If no names have been written on the sheet in case of a tie-breaker, the last ladies in the 8th set will play the tie-breaker. Tie-breaker rules: next person to serve, serves 1st from the deuce court, one service only; the following service by the opposition to the advance court, then to the deuce court, then change ends after 6 points. First to 7 points by a margin of two points wins.
- i) Umpires are allowed in Final matches as long as both teams agree. The Subcommittee is not responsible for finding umpires.
- j) Morning tea and lunch will be provided on finals day and prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up.