

## Saturday Fixtures Rules for Divisions 1 and 2 (as at Jan 2024)

**Saturday fixtures is a “members only” competition administered by the Management of Gold Coast Seniors Tennis Club. A key object of these rules is to support and promote membership of the club.**

1.	Saturday fixtures is played in 2 seasons-Season 1 between Feb and Jun and season 2 between Jul and Nov. <b>Former Club members</b> must become financial members before playing a match and cannot be placed on the Floaters List until they become financial members. <b>Non-members</b> (who have never previously been a member) may be nominated in a team or placed on the Floaters Lists and may play 2 matches but must become financial members before playing their 3 <sup>rd</sup> match (in any 12-month period). Teams that use players in breach of this rule will have ladder points deducted for all offending matches.
2.	Entries for pairs or individuals will be accepted.
3.	Teams must comprise of 2 players, being mixed or ladies or men’s pairs.
4.	All players must be 30 years and over by 31 December in year of season.
5.	Subject to Rule 1, players can be added to the Floaters List at any time.
6.	After round 5, no new player can be registered in a team.
7.	Players must check in with staff and pay the match fees
8.	Court Captain (captain of the first team named on draw) to collect score sheets, balls, and money container from the clubhouse 10mins before scheduled start time.
9.	Court Captain to collect and hand all match fees to the Pro Shop or bar staff prior to the commencement of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> set.
10.	Order of play to be as per score sheet.
11.	<b>Format</b> Division 1 - Start at 12pm and play the first 2 sets on 2 courts, after that a share court will be used between the 2 matches on a rotational basis organised by the Captains. Division 2 – Start at 12pm and play the first 4 sets on 2 courts, then the next 4 sets on 1 court. If a court from another Division becomes available i.e. Division 3, Court Captains need to get permission from Management to use another court.
12.	Captains to toss for 1 <sup>st</sup> serve. Winner of toss can choose to serve or receive. Loser chooses the end. 1 <sup>st</sup> serve to alternate for the next 3 sets. Order to be reversed after 4 sets.
13.	Before play commences, both captains must write down the names of all players on the score sheet.
14.	5-minute hit up for 1 <sup>st</sup> ladies and men’s sets ONLY. 1 minute hit up allowed for remaining sets if required.
15.	If there is undue delay to a set starting or finishing, the team which has caused the delay will lose the set.
16.	Sets to be played to 6 games with a tie break at 5 all.
17.	Match result decided by sets won. If equal, then games won. If still equal, match is drawn (except for finals matches where Rule 30 applies).
18.	Upon completion of the match, the Court Captain is to ensure the score sheet is completed and handed to the Management, or staff along with the match balls. In the event of an incomplete match, the Court Captain must complete and submit a score sheet providing players names.
19.	Once a match has commenced, and that match gets washed (or heated) out during play, the win/lose points will be shared (see Rule 23). Points will also be awarded to each team for the number of sets completed. The Court Captain must complete and submit a score sheet detailing the scores for sets played (or part thereof) and players names. Such matches count towards matches played for the purposes of Rule 27.
20.	<b>Reserve Players</b> Where registered team members are not available to play, Captains may obtain reserves as follows: a) Use a player on the Floaters List for your (or lower) Division (subject to Rule 1); or b) Use a player from another team in your (or lower) Division.

	<p>If no player is available via a) and b), Captains may, with the approval of the Division Representatives, obtain reserves as follows:</p> <p>c) Use any other financial member of the Club (of appropriate standard); or</p> <p>d) Use a non-member (of appropriate standard and subject to Rule 1).</p> <p>Captains must write names of any reserves used on score sheet.</p>
21.	<b><u>Floater</u></b> Players may be listed as a floater in 2 Divisions with the approval of the Management. If a floater plays 3 or more matches in a higher Division, they are no longer eligible to play in the lower Division. See Rule 1 regarding membership requirements.
22.	<b><u>Duty Roster</u></b> The Managers or staff will now prepare the post-match nibbles. The serving of nibbles will be once all matches in the same Division have finished.
23.	<b><u>Ladder Points</u></b> Winning team receives 3 points. Losing team receives 1 point. Teams will also be awarded .1 of a point for each set won. Bye team receives zero points. Teams that forfeit a match receive zero points with teams receiving the forfeit being awarded 3.8 points. For drawn or washed-out (or heated) matches (that didn't commence), each team receives 2.4 points each. See Rule 19 for washed (or heated) out matches that commenced.
24.	<b><u>Finals</u></b> In the event of equal points at the end of the season, the deciding factor will be results of matches played between tied teams during the season (wins then sets then games for then games against).
25.	For Semi Finals- 1 plays 4 and 2 plays 3. Winners play in the Grand Final.
26.	In the Semi Finals, if there is a wash (or heat) out without a result being achieved, the two teams finishing highest on the ladder will advance to the Grand Final. If the Grand Final is washed (or heated) out, the match will be played the following Saturday. If the deferred match is washed (or heated) out, then the team finishing highest on the ladder will be declared the winner.
27.	All players must have played at least 3 matches in that team to qualify for the Finals. Note-washed (or heated) out matches where players don't take the court do not count.
28.	If a reserve is required for Finals matches, the reserve must have played 4 matches in that Division and be of similar or lesser standard to the player being replaced. Captains <b><u>must</u></b> ensure that <b><u>all</u></b> proposed reserves are approved by Management, via the Division Rep. If the Division Rep (or his/her team) is involved in the match in question, then he/she must ask the Deputy Division Rep to progress the reserve proposal with Management. In the absence of the Deputy Division Rep, or if they (or their team) are also involved in the match, the Management shall progress the proposal. The number of reserves able to be used by a team shall be at the discretion of Management.
29.	For all Finals matches, team Captains must write down the names of all the players on separate score sheets before the commencement of play. The names are then to be transcribed onto one score sheet.
30.	In all Finals matches, if there is a draw at the completion of 8 sets, a tiebreaker will be played by the players who have just completed set 8.
31.	<b><u>Grading</u></b> Teams will be graded based on the strength of the team, not individual members. Further to Rule 7, the Management reserves the right to grade teams as it sees fit. The winning teams will be promoted for the next season at the discretion of Management. Should any of these teams disband and reform with different members, Management will grade such teams accordingly.
32.	<b><u>Disputes</u></b> In the case of a dispute, the decision of Management will be final.
33.	<b><u>Heat Rule</u></b> On days of extreme heat, fixtures can only be commenced in accordance with the Tennis Queensland Heat Policy as determined by the Club Manager, in consultation with the Division Rep, using the Club's temperature and humidity gauge.