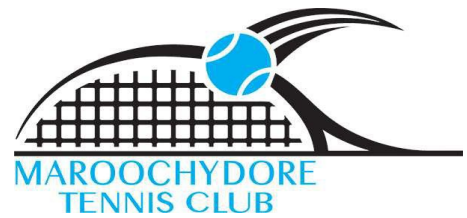


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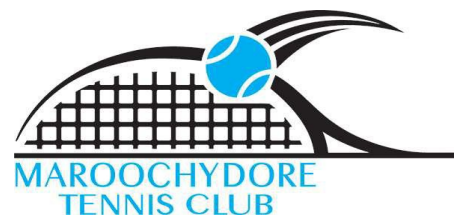
## **MAROOCHYDORE FRIDAY LADIES FIXTURES COMPETITION**



- 1) Friday Ladies (a subcommittee of Maroochydore Tennis Club) referred to as 'the subcommittee' shall be the interpreters of the competition rules.
- 2) The subcommittee arranges fixture draws and oversees the running of the fixture competition.
- 3) Team nomination forms with players' names and details, are to be lodged with the subcommittee by the nominated cut-off date, with the registration fee of \$45.00 per team also paid before the cut-off date.
- 4) **Player registrations**
  - a) All players including fill-in players must have current membership at a Tennis Queensland affiliated tennis club.
  - b) A player may only be registered in one team. They must play a minimum of 2 matches with that team after registration, to be eligible to play finals for that team.
  - c) New registered players' details are to be clearly written on the score sheet including: name; email address; phone number; club of which they are a member; and signature of the player before commencement of a match.
- 5) **Fill-in Players**
  - a) Any player not registered in a team, playing their first match for any team will be deemed a "fill-in" player, unless the player wishes to be registered on the day. Fill-in player's full name, phone number, email, club membership (*see rule 4a*) and signature are to be recorded on the scoresheet.
  - b) A fill-in of a known standard, regularly playing competition tennis within the local area must not play below that standard.
  - c) Teams may only borrow players from other teams in their division or lower divisions. Lowest division: If unable to secure fill-in players from the lowest division, captains may seek permission from the recorder to use a player from the division above.
  - d) Teams may borrow fill-in players from another team from any club in the same division or lower; however players may only play finals with the team in which they are registered (*see 4b*)
  - e) Teams must include at least two players registered in that team for each match.

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### 6) **Match Day**

- a) Two court competition; 4 new balls (approved by T.Q.) to be supplied by the home team.
- b) 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.
- c) If a court is not available on the day of play, the home team is to find an alternate court or arrange to reverse the courts in the draw if possible.

### 7) **Forfeits and Weather**

- a) A team being unable to play must notify their opponents no later than 8.30am on the day of play. **Captains whose home match is affected by a forfeit should also inform their club officials so court bookings and fees can be updated.**
- b) On wet days, the home team captain is to phone the opponent captain 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 (due to 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 team with the most games won shall be deemed the winner, provided that 5 sets have been completed. If less than 5 sets have been completed, the match shall be recorded as a wet match.

- e) **Extreme Heat.** If play is ceased due to extreme heat, either by mutual agreement between captains or when BOM readings are met as below, points will be given as per *rule 7d*. *Common sense should always prevail in these matters.*

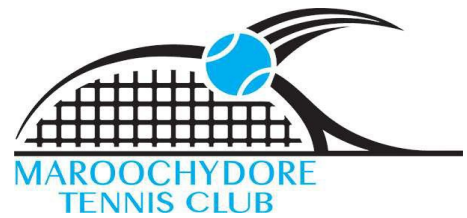
[Tennis Australia's Extreme Weather Policy](#) Nov 2022 states that play must cease when specified thermal comfort temperatures recorded at the closest Bureau of Meteorology station exceed 38.0°C and/or WBGT (in shade) exceeds 32.5°C

The closest BOM stations for each club are:

TENNIS CLUB	WEATHER STATION to consult for WBGT (in shade) and Ambient Temperature readings
Ballinger	Maroochydore - Sunshine Coast Airport
Caloundra	
Coolum	
Gheerulla	
Maroochydore	
Mooloolaba	
Eumundi	Tewantin - RSL Park
Palmwoods	Nambour - Daff - Hillside
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The link for the BOM Thermal Comfort readings at these stations is:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDQ65214.shtml> (NB; It is best to cut and paste this link into your browser, the click function is sometimes disabled by BOM)

- f) In case of an accident, emergency, heat stroke or illness during play rendering a player unable to continue, all unfinished or remaining games and sets for the affected player shall be forfeited. (exception finals – see rule 9j)

### **8) Scoring**

- a) Sets are played first to 6 games. Div 1 teams and those teams in lower divisions whose captains agree to, will play a 7-point tie-break to determine the winner of the set that reaches 5-games all. (see Rule 9g)
- b) The home team must email a score sheet to the recorder on a wet day including names of all intended players for both teams.
- c) All submitted score sheets must include a legible record of: date; division; location; players' names; scores for each set with order of play adhered to; signatures of each captain with final scores, new registrations/fill-in players' details in all columns including signatures.
- d) If matches are drawn on games, then the most sets won decides the winner. If sets and games are equal, 2 points each plus .01 per game are awarded; 2.24 points each are awarded for wet matches; 2.24 points each for heat matches; 2.24 for a BYE.
- e) Point scoring system: 3 points per win plus .01 for each game won; 1 point per loss plus .01 for each game won; forfeiting team 0.00 points; forfeited team 3.48 points.
- f) The team receiving a forfeit is to email the score sheet with their intended players' names.
- g) Precedence of play shall be decided by the toss of a coin at the beginning of each match. The winner of the toss has the option to serve or receive. The loser of the toss chooses which end they wish to start from. Teams alternate the serves/ends for subsequent sets.

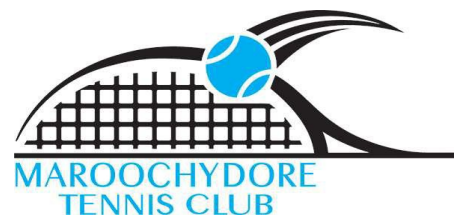
### **9) Semi, Prelim & Grand Finals**

- a) To be arranged by the subcommittee. Finals format is at the discretion of the subcommittee.

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- b) In the unfortunate circumstance that a team cannot field four qualified players for finals, the team in question should inform the subcommittee **before 9.30am on Wednesday** by submitting to the subcommittee for approval, three names from teams who did not qualify for finals. The subcommittee will send the names to the opposition for them to choose one of these players. The subcommittee will then notify the team members involved.

In the interest of competing on finals days, should a team be unable to follow the process outlined above, they may inform the subcommittee of the name of a substitute player for approval. The subcommittee will then notify the opposing team captain prior to the final.

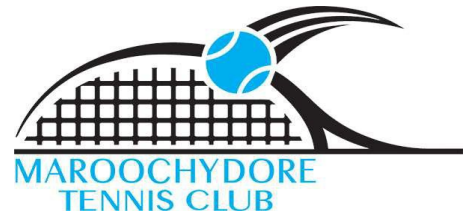
NB. **The substitute player's games however, will be forfeited for that match.**

- c) Teams must turn up for finals on wet days. If rain washes out a final, the team holding the highest position on the points ladder will be deemed the winner.
- d) A 7-point tie-break will be played if, on completion of 8 sets, games and sets are drawn. The names of players nominated to play the tie-break must be written on the back of the score sheet before play commences. Should a team not nominate the tie-break players before commencement of play, their players who complete the 8th set will play the tie-break (see 9g)
- e) On arrival for finals, each team is to write their players' names, numbered 1 to 4, and their nominated injury substitute (see 9j), on a separate sheet of paper. Each captain transfers their team order onto the official scoresheet as listed on the separate sheet of paper in full view of the opponent captain. Substitute player's name is also to be written on the back of the scoresheet.
- f) For all finals, all sets must be completed, unless a team is in an unbeatable position eg: 13 games ahead after 6 sets.
- g) **Tie-break rules:** next person scheduled to serve, serves one point only from the deuce court; the following service by the opposition to the advantage court, then to the deuce court; players serve two points each in turn. Change of ends after every 6 points played. The first team to score 7 points, by a margin of two points, wins. Should the score reach 6-all, play continues as above until a margin of 2 points is achieved.
- h) Finals day format regarding food will be at the discretion of the subcommittee.
- i) Five prizes will be awarded to both winners and runners-up teams in each division.
- j) **Substitute Players for Finals Only:** In all semi, preliminary and grand finals, teams are

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permitted to have ONE qualified substitute per match. If a player receives an injury or suffers an illness during a set and cannot continue, all remaining games in that set are to be forfeited and the injured player shall take no further part in the match. The substitute player must be a registered member of the team, eligible to play finals (see 4b), be present at the match and have her name listed on the back of the scorecard before any play commences.