

**Parramatta-Baulkham Hills & Districts Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc and
Hills District Tennis Association Inc**

Saturday Afternoon Mixed Competition Rules

(Revised 25/4/2007)

1) Match Format

Each team shall provide 2 male and 2 female players for each match. The match shall consist of 4 Mixed sets, 2 mens sets & 2 ladies sets. Each man shall play 2 mens doubles and one set mixed of doubles with Lady 3 and the other set of mixed doubles with Lady 4 – 4 sets for each player in total.

2) Order of Put-On

The order of play shall be:- Mixed 1, Mixed 2, Mens, Ladies, Mens, Ladies, Mixed 3 and Mixed 4. e.g. M1 & L3, M2 & L4, M1 & M2, L3 & L4, M1 & M2, L3 & L4. . The mixed doubles order of put on may be varied but the 3rd & 5th sets are to be Mens doubles and the 4th & 6th sets are to be ladies doubles. The visiting team will have the put-on for the 7th set.

3) Tie Breaker

A twelve point tie breaker shall be played when games reach five all in any set.

4) Hit-ups

Hit-ups will be allowed for the first two sets and for **three minutes only**.

5) Match Points

Each team receives 1 point for each set won. Points are halved for unfinished sets. 2 bonus points are awarded to the team with the most sets – if sets are equal these bonus points are shared. 2 bonus points are awarded to the team with the most games – if games are equal these bonus points are shared. Total of 12 points are earned per match.

6) Toss

The captains shall toss before the match. The winner shall have the choice of serving or receiving or the choice of ends. The “right to choose” shall alternate each set thereafter.

7) Commencement of Play

Play shall commence at 1:00pm. Any team without the appropriate pair ready to play at the time set down to start shall forfeit the first set. A further set shall be forfeited for each additional ten minutes until thirty five minutes have elapsed from the designated starting time when the match shall be forfeited. Play must be continuous. **A maximum of 3 minutes** must elapse between the end of a set and commencement of play in the next. Play shall cease at completion of the game being played at 5:00pm

8) Excessive Heat

In the event of extreme heat and the temperature reaches 36 degrees play **may** cease without forfeit to either team. Matches cannot be called off without attendance at the court.

9) Home Teams

Are to supply three new balls (Tennis Australia approved), result card and afternoon tea.

10) Team Captains

Are solely responsible to ensure cards are filled out correctly, appropriate fees paid and that the team complies with the Rules and Constitution applicable to the competition.

11) Late Registrations

A late registration form **MUST** be completed and forwarded within four days of the match. If you are unable to contact the Competition Secretary, the Honorary General Secretary can accept the registration. Any player found to be playing out of their grade without specific approval, will forfeit all the affected sets.

12) Pool Players

A team may borrow from the pool as often as is required. Pool players are not allowed to play in grade lower than their current grading without specific prior approval of the grading committee. It is the responsibility of the Captain to ensure the pool player is financial and playing in the correct grade.

13) **Change of Rules**

Hills District Tennis Association and Parramatta Baulkham Hills Tennis Association to be jointly involved in any changes of the Saturday Competition rules.

14) **Borrowed Players**

A team may borrow an unlimited number of players during the rounds of the competition. Borrowing arrangements must be made between team captains. Cards MUST be marked 'BORROWED' or 'POOL' players on the front of the card.

15) **Semi-Finals and Finals**

Players must be registered with the team prior to semi-final/final matches and must have played two competition matches. Wet matches will not be considered. . Semi-Finals and Finals must be completed under artificial light at the discretion of the Competition Secretary or his/her deputy. In the event of a tie in a semi-final or final the last pair shall play a tie breaker to decide the match.

16) **Borrowed Players - Semi Finals and Finals**

In exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the team, a player may be borrowed from the grade below subject to their team not being involved in a semi or final. Such borrowed player must be notified to the Competition Secretary prior to commencement of the match and will be subject to acceptance by the Joint Competition Sub Committee. The lowest grade may borrow from the same grade subject to their team not being involved in a semi or final

17) **Substitute Players**

If a player becomes incapacitated through injury or illness during a match, a substitute player may be allowed. This substitute must be a registered team member, pool player or borrowed player as defined previously. If the substitute is on hand to go onto the court immediately, the set shall be resumed from the position it stood when the player was injured. If a substitute player is not on hand and play cannot be continuous, each set concerned shall be forfeited.

In the event of play being interrupted or stopped for the day during semi-finals and finals a registered and qualified player may substitute when the match is resumed. Notice of any substitution must be given to the Competition Secretary on the result card.

18) **Wet Matches**

A result card must be sent in for all wet matches. If your court is not playable, the match cannot be transferred to another court. Any matches commenced shall keep the points for completed portion and share the points for the remainder of the match. Any match not played shall share the points. Captains are responsible for checking the condition of the court.

19) **Forfeits**

Should any team forfeit or fail to meet its engagements, its opponent shall be awarded the points as for a completed match. In the case of forfeits, notification must be given to their opponents and to their Competition Secretary as soon as the relevant team is aware that it is unable to field a team. ***A team forfeiting a match shall within seven days of the date of the match submit to the Competition Secretary a written report as to the cause of the forfeit.*** The Committee of Management shall consider each report on a forfeited match and if in the opinion of that Committee a team has forfeited a match without reasonable cause then the Committee shall levy a fine of not less than \$20, on the forfeiting team,

1. Disqualify the forfeiting team, or

2. Reject an entry from that team, or any member thereof, for the succeeding competition of that type.

If a team forfeits three matches during the competition, the Committee Management has the power to withdraw the team from the competition and to cancel all points awarded for and against the team up to that stage.

Teams failing to meet their obligations as drawn shall be responsible for all unpaid fees. Players of such teams may be declared unfinancial and ineligible to enter further competitions until such time as their fees are paid.

20) **Result Cards**

Cards must be completed and signed by both team captains. It is the winning teams responsibility to forward the cards.. Cards can be left at CTC courts, Quarry Road Courts or Barton Park Parramatta and must reach the Comp. Sec. within 4 days of the match date or points will be forfeited. Result cards for the last match of the rounds MUST be received the day following the match.

21) **Dress Code**

Appropriate tennis attire must be worn.