

TENNIS

Competition Dates & Times

Tennis competition for the 2017 Great Barrier Reef Masters Games will consist of Singles and Doubles and Mixed and will be played at one competition venue – Cairns International Tennis Centre, Sheridan Street, Cairns.

The Tennis competition schedule is as follows:

| GENDER | AGE CATEGORY | EVENT | DATES |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| Men's / Women's | 35 - 39 | Singles | Saturday 27 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am Sunday 28 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am |
| | 40 - 49 | Singles | Saturday 27 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am Sunday 28 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am |
| | 50 - 59 | Singles | Saturday 27 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am Sunday 28 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am |
| | 60+ | Singles | Saturday 27 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am Sunday 28 th May – 8.00 – 11.30am |
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| | 35 - 39 | Doubles & Mixed Doubles | Saturday 27 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm Sunday 28 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm |
| | 40 - 49 | Doubles & Mixed Doubles | Saturday 27 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm Sunday 28 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm |
| | 50 - 59 | Doubles & Mixed Doubles | Saturday 27 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm Sunday 28 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm |
| | 60+ | Doubles & Mixed Doubles | Saturday 27 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm Sunday 28 th May – 1.30 – 6.00pm |
| | | Medal Presentations | End of Play on Sunday 28 th May |

Venue

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| Venue Name | Cairns International Tennis Centre |
| Venue Information | 358 – 362 Sheridan Street (next to Tobruk Pool) Cairns |
| Competition Hosted | All Ages |
| Transport Information | Will be required to arrange own transport. |

Amenities

Cairns International Tennis Centre will have a range of hot and cold food as well as beverage options available.

The Tennis Centre's Pro Shop Café will be open from 8am – 8pm throughout the games.

The Cairns International Tennis Centre building has toilets, changing areas and showers available during tournament operation hours (7am – 9pm). There will be an allocated area near the pro shop for players bags to be placed, however these won't be locked away.

Please keep valuables with you.

Medical Services

Medical services will be provided during all competition times at a level appropriate to the sport being conducted.

Parking

Parking for tennis participants, supporters and public is available at the venue. Access to the car park is via Sheridan Street and Lilly Street.

There will be gate access at the main entrance, and at the back end of the venue from the carpark near Court 12/8 and Courts 7/9.

Competition Format

All age groups for Singles Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be preliminary round robin competition, with pools of four players (four pairs in doubles), followed by championship playoffs.

Top two players (or pairs) from each round robin pool qualify for the championship event. This will be dependent on number of entries.

The championship events will be single elimination (knock out) with any playoffs required for medal positions. Where the number of entries is not a multiple of four, round robin pools may be three players (pairs).

Please note that the competition format may change dependent on final entry numbers. However every effort will be made to provide 3 matches for each competitor (pair) in each event.

Preliminary round robin matches will be best of two sets with a 'match tie-break' to be played if required.

Championship singles matches will be the best of two sets with a 'match tie-break'.

Doubles and mixed doubles matches will use best of two sets to 4 with a 'match tie-break' scoring for all matches. This is two sets and a match tiebreaker at one set all with deciding point at deuce in each game.

For age events 50+, the format will be one standard set to 6, with a tie break at 5 all. Match length may be altered by the event manager depending on circumstances.

Age Regulations

For the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December 2017. In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete can compete in a younger age group, however can only enter one age category and division per event. For doubles events the age of the youngest player in the doubles pair will determine the age category.

Hours of Competition

It is anticipated that competition will start at 0800 hours each day and continue until approximately 1800 (6pm) each day.

Registrations and Medals

Where there are insufficient entries in an age category, the categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, players will still be awarded medals in the age category in which they originally entered.

Competition Standards and Rules

The 2017 GBRMG Tennis event will be conducted according to the Rules of Tennis, in line with the competition rules Tennis Australia, & under the Tennis Australia Code of Conduct.

Player Eligibility

Players are considered eligible to play if they have registered in accordance to the GBRMG.

Registration guidelines.

Any player under suspension by the Tennis Organising Committee or the recognised Tennis association, in which the player is registered, will be deemed ineligible to play until that suspension is served.

Umpires

Athletes will be required to call their own lines and scores.

Disciplinary Committee/Protest Procedures

The TA Code of Conduct will apply. The Tennis Event Delegate will convene a disputes committee to hear any protests or disciplinary matters in accordance with the TA Code of Conduct.

Equipment

Each athlete is required to bring their own tennis racquet. It is the responsibility of each player to bring or hire practice balls.

Match balls will be provided. The Wilson Australian Open ball will be used for all matches. New balls will be provided for first matches in round robin sections and for all Championship knockout matches. (2 balls per match).

Players are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape

Clothing / Uniforms

Players must wear generally accepted tennis attire.

Practice Facilities / Practice Days and Times

The courts at the Cairns International Tennis Centre are available for practice free of charge on Friday 26 May from 0900 to 1500. Courts may be booked for a maximum of ONE hour, one booking per player, four players per court.

A booking sheet will be available at the tournament office on the day.

Advance bookings can be made by email to Nicky at nicky@cairnsitc.com or phone the centre on 07 4041 3383.

Courts may be available for hire for days prior to Friday 26 May. Bookings and payment for days up to and including 25 May, are to be made through the Pro Shop at the Cairns International Tennis Centre 07 4041 3383.

Competition Day Warm Up

Depending on number of entries, two courts may be available during the day for a maximum of 30 minutes for warmup.

Results display

All results will be displayed at the venue on noticeboard and online via the TA Tournaments Website. The TA tournament website will be used to show draws, schedules and results daily. The link will be provided once live.

Medal Ceremonies

Medal ceremonies will occur on Sunday 28 May at the conclusion of the competition.

Anti-Doping

Anti-doping regulations will be in accordance with Tennis Australia's regulations.

Registration / Check-in

Match times will be shown on draws and the match schedule published online at the TA tournaments web site. This link will be updated once live.

<https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/home.aspx>

Please report to the tournament office **15 minutes** before your first scheduled match each day. Other than the first match of the day times are "not before times" and the actual start time depends on the finishing time of earlier matches.