



TO ALL TENNIS PLAYERS 35 YEARS AND OVER

Tennis Seniors Australia and Tennis Seniors Queensland invite you to participate in the 2013 Australian Tennis Seniors Championships in Perth. You and your friends will enjoy this event if you:

- Enjoy competitive team doubles played in a friendly spirit
- Want to represent your State competing against other States and overseas teams
- Wish to play in your own age group and standard of play
- Like to form your own team of 5/6 players in your age group
- Wish to nominate individually for selection in a team of your age group
- Like to play on excellent lawn and synthetic grass courts
- Like to participate in the many social events that are offered at a cost
- Enjoy competitive individual singles and doubles events in the ITF Australian Tennis Seniors Championships

Tennis Details

<u>Week 1</u>

Teams doubles matches (men and women) from all States, Territories and overseas countries, competing for the Australian Teams trophies. It is anticipated that over 100 teams will <u>compete in age groups 35-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-74, 75 and above</u>. Tennis Seniors Australia has expanded the age brackets to ensure at least two divisions in each age group.

- It is anticipated that teams will play at least 8 matches over the 5 days
- Matches consist of four 2-set rubbers played on 2 courts
- Four time slots of 2.5 hours duration are utilized, commencing at 8.00am
- Captains may play their doubles pairings in any combination, except that in the third and fourth rubbers you cannot play with the same partners as in the first two rubbers
- Individual player ratings will be the major means of grading teams within any age group to determine Division 1 or 2 participation (allocated by the State selectors according to Tennis Seniors criteria)
- With the possibility of playing 8 sets per day, it is recommended that teams consist of at least 5 or 6 players

<u>Week 2</u>

- Individual singles and doubles events in 5-year age groups from 35+ to 85+
- The winners become the 2013 Australian Champions for their age bracket
- Prize money is awarded

Social Activities

- Official Opening Ceremony and welcoming function
- Championships Dinner
- Each State holds a Teams Dinner on Monday night
- Catering and bar facilities available at the venues
- BBQ nights each night at Headquarters except on Monday night (Qld State Dinner) and Friday night (Championships Dinner)

Membership

Team nominees must be members of Tennis Queensland and a member of Tennis Seniors Queensland.

Event Costs

Team fees are set by Tennis Seniors Australia. Tennis Seniors Queensland has kept the cost of team nomination for Queensland players at \$110.00 per person. This covers the week's tennis.

Accommodation/Flights

A list of accommodation venues offering special rates and located centrally to venues is available – refer to Tennis Seniors WA website (via Tennis West) at <u>www.tennis.com.au/seniorswa</u>

Transport

Transport is provided regularly during the day from the Headquarters to and from all tennis venues.

Selection

Teams are selected and graded by Qld State selectors. Whilst every attempt is made to retain teams as nominated, the selectors retain the right to make up the strongest first team of each age group if possible.

Timing

- Team nominations are called for from August and will close on <u>30 September</u> Queensland team nomination form can be found on our website (see bottom of page)
- Individual Championships entries close on 26 December at <u>www.92computing.com.au</u>

Your Next Steps

- Decide to nominate individually or form your own team
- Arrange your holidays around this period; start training now
- Book your accommodation, start looking at flights as there are some good deals now

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