

# **CROQUET NSW - ASSOCIATION CROQUET PENNANTS 2018**

The Pennants tournament is a friendly, sociable but competitive event and is popular with players who do not play in serious competitions, as well as regular tournament players.

CNSW Association Croquet Pennants for Bronze, Silver and Gold divisions will commence in the week starting **Monday 4 June**. Regional matches will conclude by the week ending **Friday 20 July**. These pennants matches are played in regions at the clubs involved and the number of matches to be played will depend on entries but will normally not exceed 6 in the regional round.

Depending on the number of entries, the winning teams from each region (which includes any single team entries in a region) will be invited to play in a final series to determine the State Champion team. The final series will be at our HQ at Mackey Park, Tempe (Sydney) on **Tuesday 24 July (Silver), Wednesday 25 July (Gold) and Thursday 26 July (Bronze)**.

Matches in the **Premier Pennants** (handicaps up to 4.5) will take place between Friday 20 July and Monday 23 July, and will be played at Tempe.

**The entry fee is \$40 per team. The CNSW AC Pennants entry form (page 2 of this document) is to be used to enter teams. Entries are to be sent to CNSW Office by Friday 18 May. Clubs will be advised shortly after of the draw for their region.**

## **FORMAT OF PLAY.**

For Bronze, Silver and Gold Pennants, each match against another club consists of two team members in a doubles match and the other two team members in singles matches. For Premier Pennants, each match consists of 10 games, 2 doubles and 4 singles, with each player playing in one doubles game and two singles games. For the Bronze Pennants, 18-point level games under Law 44(b)(2) are played. For Silver, Gold and Premier Pennants, 26-point advanced level games, with lifts and contacts as set out in Law 36.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEAM.**

A team must contain 4 players for each match and the players can differ from week to week (there is no limit to the number of club members a club may use over the duration of the competition). A club's team must contain two or more members from that club. Players may be borrowed from other clubs if there are no other players in the club who are qualified, willing and able to play. Therefore if a club has only 2 players able to play they may recruit two players from another club to complete their team (up to a maximum of 4 for the duration of the competition). If a club borrows two players in any one match those players must play in the doubles.

There are special requirements for clubs wishing to enter 2 teams in one division. **A player can only play for one team in a division regardless of how many teams the Club has in the division.** Refer to handbook clause 72.7.

To be eligible to play in the finals series a player must have played for that team at least once in the preliminary rounds. **It is wise to play a fifth player at some stage so that in the event of player illness or unavailability there are still four eligible players for the final series.**

## **ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN A DIVISION**

To be eligible to play in a team a player's handicap must be within the handicap range for that division at the closing date of entries (or be higher than the upper limit). A player can only play matches (including finals) if his/her handicap does not fall two steps on the handicap scale below the minimum handicap for the division.

Example: a club enters the Silver pennants with a player on a handicap of 9 at close of entries. If before the matches start or after they start the player's handicap falls to 8, then the player can still play as that is only one step below the minimum. However if the player's handicap falls to 7 before or during the competition he/she can no longer play in the team as the handicap is now 2 steps below the minimum. A player can play in more than one team if they satisfy the eligibility rules - eg a player on 9 could play in both Silver and Gold teams either for the same club or different clubs.

**It is recommended that the home club organise supervising referees for all Silver and Bronze Pennants Matches especially for the Bronze Pennants where some players may be new to competition play.**

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# ENTRY FORM FOR CROQUET NSW Inc ASSOCIATION CROQUET PENNANTS 2018

NAME of CLUB:

Grade	Number of Teams	Captain/s	Email or Phone	Amt Paid
Premier up to 4.5				
Gold 5 – 8				
Silver 9 – 12				
Bronze 14 – 24				
TOTAL Amount to be paid for Association Croquet				

Name of person completing this form :

Amount Paid :

Cheque / bank transfer

Date :

NOTE :

If you are entering more than one team in any grade, please attach the names of players in those teams.

EITHER

Post your completed entry form  
and cheque to:

The Secretary  
Croquet NSW Inc  
PO Box 5096  
Marrickville NSW 1475

OR

Pay your entry fee by direct credit to the CNSW Account:

BSB 062256  
Account number 0080 0051

Put "ACP" followed by your Club Name in the reference  
field, and email a copy of the transaction, together with  
your completed entry form to [office@croquet-nsw.org](mailto:office@croquet-nsw.org)

**Entries are to be received by Friday 18 May 2017**

**Premier Pennants** matches will be played between Friday 20 and Monday 23 July.

**Gold Pennants** will be played on Wednesdays between 6 June and 18 July, with finals (if required) on 25 July.

**Silver Pennants** will be played on Tuesdays between 5 June and 17 July, with finals (if needed) on 24 July.

**Bronze Pennants** will be played on Thursdays between 7 June and 19 July, with finals (if needed) on 26 July.