**CROQUET NSW - ASSOCIATION CROQUET PENNANTS 2021**

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 7 June**. Regional matches will conclude by the week ending **Friday 16** **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 20 July (Silver), Wednesday 21 July (Gold) and Thursday 22 July (Bronze).**

Matches in the **Premier Pennants** (handicaps up to 4.5) will take place on dates to be determined and will be played at Tempe.

The entry fee is $50 per team. The CNSW AC Pennants entry form (page 2 of this document) is to be used to enter teams. Entries are to be emailed to tournaments@croquet-nsw.org by Saturday 1 May. Clubs will be advised shortly after of the draw for their region. Please also email your entry form to mike.hughes2@bigpond.com.

**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.**

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.**

Any enquiries can be directed to **Mike Hughes 0412 855 982 or mike.hughes2@bigpond.com**.

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| ENTRY FORM FOR **CROQUET NSW Inc** **ASSOCIATION CROQUET PENNANTS 2021** |

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| NAME of CLUB: |  |
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| Grade | Number of Teams | Captain/s | Email or Phone | Amt Paid |
| Premierup to 4.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Gold5 – 8 |  |  |  |  |
| Silver9 – 12 |  |  |  |  |
| Bronze14 – 24 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | TOTAL Amount to be paid for Association Croquet |  |

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| Name of person completing this form : |
| Amount Paid : | (must be paid by bank transfer) | Date : |
| NOTE : | If you are entering more than one team in any grade, please attach the names of players in those teams. |

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|  Pay your entry fee by direct credit to the CNSW Account:BSB 633000Account number 170559793Put “ACP” followed by your Club Name in the reference field, and email a copy of the transaction, together with your completed entry form to tournaments@croquet-nsw.org |
| **Entries are to be received by Saturday 1 May 2021** |

**Premier Pennants** matches will be played on dates to be determined.

**Gold Pennants** will be played on Wednesdays between 9 June and 14 July, with finals (if required) on 21 July.

**Silver Pennants** will be played on Tuesdays between 8 June and 13 July, with finals (if needed) on 20 July.

**Bronze Pennants** will be played on Thursdays between 10 June and 15 July, with finals (if needed) on 22 July.

It is possible that some matches will need to be played on other days of the week to suit playing arrangements at various clubs.

**MIKE HUGHES for the Tournament Committee**