

# **CROQUET NSW - GOLF CROQUET PENNANTS 2017**

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

CNSW Pennants in Golf Croquet **Divisions 2 and 3** will commence in the week starting **March 13th**. Regional matches will conclude by **May 31st**. Please note the early finishing date. These pennants matches are played in regions at the clubs involved and the number of matches to be played will depend on entries. The winning teams from each region will be invited to play in a final series to determine the State Champion team. It is expected that the final series will be at our HQ at Mackey Park, Tempe (Sydney) on **Thursday June 8, Division 2 and Thursday June 15, Division 3**.

The **Division 1** format will be decided on following the closing date, when numbers of teams are known. But, it has been allocated **23-26 May** if we follow a similar format to that used in 2016. Clubs will be advised as soon as possible.

**The entry fee is \$40 per team. The CNSW Pennants GC entry form for 2017 (available as a download from CNSW site) is to be used to enter teams. Entries are to be sent to CNSW Office by WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH. Clubs will be advised shortly after of the teams in their region, and of the suggested playing schedule. Clubs are asked to nominate which day(s) of the week would suit them best for home games.**

## **FORMAT OF PLAY.**

Each match against another club consists of two team members in a doubles match and the other two team members in singles matches. All three matches are best of three 13-point games.

## **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 74.3.

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 Div 2 pennants with a player on 5 at close of entries. If before the matches start or after they start the player's handicap falls to 4, then the player can still play as that is only one step below the minimum. However if the player's handicap falls to 3 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 div 2 & 3 teams either for the same club or different clubs.

## **GC DIVISION 1.**

GC Handicaps 0 to 4. Play will be decided based on number of entries.

## **GC DIVISION 2.**

GC Handicaps 5 to 8. Played as scheduled by the Tournament Committee, or by agreement between allocated clubs.

## **GC DIVISION 3.**

GC handicaps 9 to 12. Played as scheduled by the Tournament Committee, or by agreement between allocated clubs.

**It is recommended that the home club organise referees for ALL Pennants Matches especially for the lower grades where some players may be new to competition play.**

Any enquiries can be directed to **Peter Montague** (0438 346 272) or [peterliz@hotmail.com](mailto:peterliz@hotmail.com).

Peter Montague (for the Tournament Committee)

## ENTRY FORM FOR CROQUET NSW Inc GOLF CROQUET PENNANTS 2017

NAME of CLUB:

Grade	Number of Teams	Captain/s	Email and Phone and Preferred playing days for home matches	Amount Paid
Division 1 0 - 4				
Division 2 5 - 8				
Division 3 9 - 12				
TOTAL Amount to be paid for Golf 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 "GCP" 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 Wednesday 1st March 2017**

**Division 1 Pennants** will be played between Tuesday 23 and Friday 26 May 2017, with some matches (if necessary) being played earlier.

**Division 2 and 3 Pennants** will be played as per the schedule which will be created by the Tournament Committee. Where necessary, clubs can agree to play on a different date to that scheduled, as long as all matches are completed before 31 May. Any such changed dates should be notified to Peter Montague ([peterliz@hotmail.com](mailto:peterliz@hotmail.com)).

Division 2 finals will be played at Tempe on Thursday 8 June, and Division 3 finals will be played at Tempe on Thursday 15 June.